



**Full Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Minutes**

Date: 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 Time: 7:30pm	
Venue: The Annexe, Hackleton Village Hall	
Parish Councillors In attendance: T Barwick, F Billingham, W Blake, S Coombes, R Hawkesford, P Heap, C Lloyd & G Ward. Also in attendance: One member of the public & Parish Clerk A Benson	
<b>042/24</b>	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Councillors T Charteress, J Clark & D Noble
<b>043/24</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b> <b>RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be approved</b>
<b>044/24</b>	<b>Matters arising from the last minutes</b> Maintenance in Cemetery outstanding – final quote awaited Dog signage for Recreation Ground should be in place next week Dog Waste Bin licence for the top of Forest Road approved – bin now on order
<b>045/24</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest – None</b>
<b>046/24</b>	<b>Dispensations – No requests for dispensation had been received</b>
<b>047/24</b>	<b>Public Time</b> A member of the public spoke in support of the grant application at agenda item 050/24c
<b>048/24</b>	<b>Clerk's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three new trees in the Cemetery and hedging plants on the Recreation Ground have been planted</li> <li>• Our complaint regarding WNC's handling of the sinkhole adjacent to The Choakles has now been escalated to the Ombudsman</li> <li>• Broken nameplate sign in Pinetrees Close reported to WNC</li> <li>• Street Light HO22 in Regent Way was damaged and has had to be cut down</li> <li>• I continue to chase GUHG over the transfer of open spaces. I have also asked them to maintain a tree on Carey Road which is smothered in ivy as it was planted by local children to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Coronation</li> <li>• Following complaints from residents on Lyne Walk regarding speeding Highways were approached for assistance. They conducted a speed data capture which recorded – 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed 17-19 mph highest speed recorded 32 mph</li> <li>• I have approached the football club regarding concerns about parking on a match days</li> <li>• The new gate on the pedestrian entrance to the Recreation Ground has been installed</li> </ul>
<b>049/24</b>	<b>To receive reports from Councillors attending outside meetings</b> Councillors T Barwick & T Charteress attended a Highways working party meeting Councillors W Blake, T Charteress & R Hawkesford attended the local councils planning meeting and Planning update from WNC Councillor W Blake attended LAP meeting

050/24	<p><b>Finance &amp; Governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>RESOLVED: To ratify payments made out of meeting and approve payment of outstanding invoices/accounts as per the schedule circulated.</b> Councillor Barwick had completed the ICC monthly check of invoices</li> <li>b. The receipts and payments account for month 11 of 2023/24 was received and compared to budget. <b>RESOLVED: The figures presented represent the current financial position of HPC.</b> The bank reconciliation as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 was received. <b>RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation as presented current account £48,119.00 deposit account £145,929.82</b></li> <li>c. A grant application from Hackleton and District WI in the sum of £580.00 was considered. <b>RESOLVED: To approve the grant</b></li> <li>d. <b>RESOLVED: To renew the subscription to Scribe Accounts from 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 on an annual basis with review in 3-years</b></li> <li>e. The Granting of the Honorary Freedom of the Parish Policy was reviewed. <b>RESOLVED: To re-adopt the policy with no amendments with review in 3-years</b></li> <li>f. The Death of a Senior National Figure Protocol was reviewed. <b>RESOLVED: To re-adopt the protocol with amendments, further review in 3-years</b></li> </ul>
051/24	<p><b>West Northamptonshire Local Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Local Plan has been released in draft format <a href="https://westnorthants.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=392&amp;Mid=1174&amp;Ver=4">https://westnorthants.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=392&amp;Mid=1174&amp;Ver=4</a> We will be consulted in due course</li> <li>b. The Rural Areas Settlement Hierarchy – Response Form Technical Engagement with Parish councils was discussed and considered. <b>RESOLVED: To arrange a zoom meeting with WNC planning policy team to obtain further information. To delegate to Councillors Hawkesford, Lloyd and the Clerk to draft a response</b></li> <li>c. <b>RESOLVED: To appoint Michael Wellock as our consultant to consider the Hackleton Neighbourhood Development Plan in light of the draft Local Plan</b></li> </ul>
052/24	<p><b>Recreation Ground</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Remedial works to the play equipment remain outstanding</li> <li>b. The maintenance and safety inspection reports for the whole site were received and reviewed. The School and Football Club to be contacted regarding issues raised regarding their equipment</li> </ul>
053/24	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Highway issues around the School were discussed. The lollipop cut out signs are on order. <b>Action: Councillors Coombes &amp; Ward to place postcards under windscreens of cars parked inconsiderately</b></li> <li>b. <b>RESOLVED: To purchase six Community Speed Watch signs and six “Drive Like Your Kids Play Here” signs for use around the parish</b></li> </ul>
054/24	<p><b>Wildlife, Biodiversity and Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An updating report was received following the last open meeting. <b>Action: Report to be published in the Parish Mag’ and upload to the Council website</b></li> <li>b. A request for funding was considered for hedgehog houses and bat boxes on St George’s Fields. <b>Action: Clerk to contact Morris Homes for agreement to locate the houses/boxes on open green spaces</b></li> </ul>
055/24	<p><b>Health and Wellbeing Working Group</b></p> <p>An updating report was received following the launch event which was attended by over 35 residents. The working group is looking to set up a Dementia Group. <b>RESOLVED: To apply for a grant from NACRE to set up the group and fund required equipment</b></p>

<b>056/24</b>	<b>Coffee@Carey Community Hub</b> An updating report was received
<b>057/24</b>	<b>Next meeting</b> <b>Full Council Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 7:30pm</b> Members are requested to forward any items for the agenda to the Clerk by 31st March 2024

**The meeting closed at 8:30pm**