



Full Council Meeting 9th April 2024 Minutes

Date: 9 th April 2024 Time: 7:30pm	
Venue: The Annexe, Hackleton Village Hall	
Parish Councillors In attendance: T Barwick, F Billingham, W Blake, T Charteress, S Coombes, C Lloyd, D Noble & G Ward. Also in attendance: One member of the public, Unitary Councillor F Cole & Parish Clerk A Benson	
058/24	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Councillors J Clark, R Hawkesford & P Heap
059/24	Approval of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 12th March 2024 RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting 12th March 2024 be approved
060/24	Matters arising from the last minutes None
061/24	Declarations of Interest – Councillors Blake and Coombes declared a personal interest in agenda item 075/24
062/24	Dispensations – No requests for dispensation had been received
063/24	Public Time <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole provided an updating report b. A member of the public spoke on behalf of Hackleton Football Club asking for support for a shower/changing facility on the recreation ground
064/24	Clerk's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A second sinkhole has opened up directly above the same culvert which has caused issues for our resident in The Choakles • Our complaint about the handling of the original sinkhole is being investigated by the ombudsman • Street Light HA56 opposite the entrance to Carey Rd on Main Rd is out. Our contractor has attended but it is a supply issue so I have instructed Western Power to attend and their expected date is 2nd May • The green bin subscription for the Cemetery has been renewed although the sticker has not been received • Highways have been chased regarding the flooding near the Raceway on Brafield Rd and they confirm that they are in discussion with third parties regarding remedial works • Shade tolerant plants for the Meadow are on order • We have been randomly selected for an HMRC Employers Duties review • Dog Bin Usage 2023 - all bins are at a minimum of 50% capacity when emptied and the following are at 100% capacity: Clover Lane, Snowdrop Close, Piddington Lane, Chapel Lane, Longland Meadow & Denton Rd • The Village Hall has provided the details requested regarding the increase in its utility bills
065/24	To receive reports from Councillors attending outside meetings Councillors T Charteress, C Lloyd & the Clerk attended a meeting regarding the WNC Local Plan

	Councillor T Charteress & the Clerk attended a meeting with two residents and the planning enforcement department
066/24	<p>Finance & Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. RESOLVED: To ratify payments made out of meeting and approve payment of outstanding invoices/accounts as per the schedule circulated. Councillor Barwick had completed the ICC monthly check of invoices b. The accounts for the full financial year 2023/24 were received and compared to budget. RESOLVED: The figures presented represent the current financial position of HPC. The bank reconciliation as at 31st March 2024 was received. RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation as presented current account £31,624.38 deposit account £146,930.34 c. The report of the Internal Control Councillor was received with no items outstanding or to bring to Council's attention RESOLVED: To accept the report d. The governance statements in Section 1 of the Annual Return were read out by the Chairman and considered. RESOLVED: To approve and sign Section 1 of the Annual Return 2023/24 e. The figures presented in Section 2 of the Annual Return were reviewed. RESOLVED: To approve and sign Section 2 of the Annual Return 2023/24 f. The dates for the exercise of public rights were considered. RESOLVED: The dates for the exercise of public rights will be 3rd June 2024 – 12th July 2024 g. The CIL Monitoring Report 2023/24 was reviewed. RESOLVED: To approve the CIL Monitoring Report 2023/24 h. RESOLVED: To submit an insurance claim for street light HO22 i. RESOLVED: To adopt the Safeguarding Policy as circulated j. RESOLVED: To adopt the Equality and Diversity Policy as circulated
067/24	<p>West Northamptonshire Local Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The draft Local Plan was considered and our consultant has been appointed. Action: Response to the draft Local Plan to be agenda item at next meeting b. The Rural Areas Settlement Hierarchy – Response Form Technical Engagement with Parish councils draft response was received. RESOLVED: To approve the response for submission to WNC with one amendment
068/24	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>Remedial works to the play equipment remain outstanding</p>
069/24	<p>Longland Meadow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complaints from four residents regarding the installation of a gate at the bottom of the Meadow were received and noted b. One of the wooden gates held in storage is suitable for the bottom entrance to the Meadow. Action: Councillor Ward to install c. RESOLVED: To take on some of the footpath mowing as requested by the volunteer group d. RESOLVED: Once the ground dries up to install mesh, topsoil and grass seed so to prevent further mud issues in the bottom gateway
070/24	<p>Wildlife & Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A request from the Churchyard Volunteer Group for an additional unmown strip of 1m along the southern boundary wall was considered. RESOLVED: To give the original strip one further year to see how it develops and then ask the Volunteer Group to approach Council again with their request b. RESOLVED: To agree funding of £245.00 for the Churchyard Volunteer Group to plant herbs in a curbed grave and as a screen for the bins

	c. A request for funding for 10 hedgehog houses to be located in green spaces on St George's Fields was considered. RESOLVED: To agree the funding up to a maximum of £350.00 subject to prior approval of locations by the developer
071/24	D-Day 80 Beacon Lighting Event Next meeting Tuesday 16 th April 7pm in the Annexe of the Village Hall. All welcome to attend
072/24	Annual Parish Meeting 23rd May 2024 at 7pm Arrangements were put in place for the meeting
073/24	Proposed Land Transfer from Grand Union Housing RESOLVED: To move forward with the land transfer
074/24	Exclusion of the press and public RESOLVED: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the next agenda items
<i>Councillors Blake & Coombes left the meeting for agenda item 075/24</i>	
075/24	Honorary Freedom of the Parish One nomination was received. RESOLVED: To grant the nominee Freedom of the Parish at the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd May 2024
076/24	Staffing The clerk provided an update
077/24	Next meeting Full Council Meeting Tuesday 14th May 2024 7:30pm Members are requested to forward any items for the agenda to the Clerk by 2 nd May 2024

The meeting closed at 9:05pm