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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on:
Thursday 18th November 2021 commencing at 7.30PM. Meeting took place at Brampton Primary School.

Minutes taken by Sarah Stock, Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies received and accepted from: Cllrs Jill Slinn, Jason Stather-Lodge, Angharad Garner

Attendees: Cllr Robin Green Cllr William Shearer
Cllr Mick Macmain Cllrs Margaret Green
Cllr Stephen Crane Cllr Richard Gent

2021/89 Declarations of Interest.

Councillors offered no declarations of interest on matters relating to this agenda.

2021/90 Public Session

No members of the public in attendance.

2021/91 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21st October. Vice-Chairman signed the minutes.

2021/92 Bank reconciliation and YTD budget vs Expenditure review

Council accepted the bank reconciliation and the budget analysis provided with the agenda.

YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)		£32,751
2021/22 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£2,077	

2021/93 Accounts for Payment

Council approved the accounts for payment – all payments are inclusive of VAT

YU Energy	610634	2.11.21	£19.52
YU Energy	610633	2.11.21	£41.82
Sarah Stock	November	28.11.21	£420.00
J Hawkins	November	28.11.21	£27.50
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	November	28.11.21	£55.00
Sarah Stock (KPCM Display)	INV-GB-140579851	19.10.21	£61.13
Sarah Stock (KPCM Display)	INV-GB-140579851	1.11.21	£61.13
Sarah Stock (Bright Owl Ltd)	INV-GB-146416041	20.10.21	£20.98
Sarah Stock (Cartridge People)	n/a	5.10.21	£23.94
PW Warden Environmental	6993	30.10.21	£408.00

Clerk advised that October's standing orders to S Stock and J Hawkins failed and have been loaded as bank transfers.

2021/94 Playing Field & Pocket Park

Pirate Ship wheel is broken again. Pentagon have been notified and will make repairs. Council noted that the design is not fit for purpose and will press for a replacement.

Crocuses have been planted at outside the Chapel Meeting Room, school, playing field and at the end of Golf Lane by the Rotary Club of Northampton West as part of their End Polio Now, Purple for Polio Campaign.

Noted that Playing Field rent is due for review in March 2022. Council currently pays £1000 p.a.

2021/95 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

Cllr SC reported that siding out will take place before April 2022. LGG confirmed cost will be held. Cllr SC will confirm the exact dates with Mr Letts.

Village bench at Pitsford Road junction. Council would like to purchase a new bench and improve the look of the area, perhaps with planters either side of the bench. Cost for bench estimated at £800. Councillors noted that there is no budget allocation in 2021/22 or 2022/23 for a replacement bench and BPC might look for sponsorship of the bench. Council resolved to revisit this in Spring 2022.

Councillors noted damage following the storm on 31st October and will approve funds from the Tree works budgets as needed.

- Church Lane, branch loose on tree opposite Croft House. Report to Fix-my-Street.
- Jacks Lane, branches down and partially hanging branches near entry to the lane. Report to Althorp
- Golf Lane/Harlestone Road, branch blocking part of the junction. Report to Althorp. Noted that the tree is very unbalanced, all branches do hang over the road. Needs a weight reduction on the higher branches.
- Cedar Hythe, branches down. MF instructed by Cllr MM.
- Holly Tree Pocket Park – Cllr SC has been able to clear the tree from the bridge
- Willow Pocket Park – Cllr SC has cleared the branches
- Harlestone Road, Pine branches on verge. Report to Brian Rice.

Cllr SC noted that the loss two of the mature Pine trees near Halfway Thorn, Harlestone Road, impacts the unique character of the area. Council has requested Althorp replant these trees, however, to date no action has been forthcoming. Council resolved to press Althorp to replace these trees. Clerk to contact Althorp.

Cllr SC will present costs to the council for a Jubilee Tree, one each in Chapel and Church Brampton.

Council resolved to engage Bruce Hatton to conduct a specialist tree survey of the Cedar Hythe Tulip Tree and Cedar Tree (at entrance).

2021/96 Traffic Calming

Council accepted quote from Tracsis for traffic survey to take place April 2022. Total cost £1450. Council noted that it would be useful to start monitoring for air quality. Clerk asked to obtain a quote.

Council is waiting for quotes from WNC to erect the two poles needed for the additional mobile VAS.

Council noted that installing the 20mph signs in Golf Lane has been effective and are grateful to members of the golf club who do seem to be driving more considerately.

Council noted that at this time there are no avenues to be explored for more traffic calming measures. Highways will not install pedestrian islands, chicanes etc on 'A' roads and have advised that funds are not available for a chicane on Sandy Lane.

2021/97 Planning matters

Applications Received: Council agreed the following responses to each planning application.

Application No: DA/2021/0271 (Amended)

Description: Replacement garage with office/storage above. Demolition of existing single storey link and two barns and replace with part single/part two storey extension.

Location: Brownstones, Harlestone Road, Chapel Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8AW
(Case Officer Rebecca Bates, deadline for comments extended to 22nd November)

Council considered that the extension overshadows the principal dwelling, it is over dominant and that the increased height to roofline of the side elevations compromises the privacy and light into on the adjacent properties.

DECISION NOTICES (received since the date of the last meeting)

WND/2021/0642: Great Close. Demolition of conservatory, replace with two-storey extension. PENDING

WND/2021/0616: Salar, Harlestone Rd. Demolition of conservatory, replace with single storey extension. PENDING

WND/2021/0632: Rydal House, Golf Lane, Church Brampton. Removal of tree. PENDING

Contact: The Clerk, 9 Lower Harlestone, Northamptonshire, NN7 4EW.

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Council reviewed proposals for development at Smith Farm Shop which includes three new business units. Council noted how valued this local business is to the local community and has no observations on the development.

WNC Spatial Option Planning Consultation. Council resolved to approve the letter drafted by Cllr WS (circulated by email prior to the meeting). Cllr WS will supply a summary for parishioners to use for their own letters of objection. Deadline for responses has been extended to 24th December.

Meeting Closed 20:40

Date of next meetings: No meeting in December 2021. January 20th; February 11th (avoiding half-term); March 17th; April 21st.