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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on:  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 commencing at 7.30PM. Meeting took place at Brampton Primary School.

Minutes taken by Sarah Stock, Clerk to the Parish Council

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Apologies received and accepted from: Cllr Richard Gent

Attendees:	Cllr Robin Green	Cllr William Shearer
	Cllr Mick Macmain	Cllrs Margaret Green
	Cllr Stephen Crane	Cllr Jill Slinn
	Cllr Angharad Garner	Cllr Jason Stather-Lodge

District Cllr John Shephard, PCSO Paul Miller. 4 members of the public (Derek Bland, Hannah Hillard, Stacy Tyler, Katie O'Brian)

#### **2021/98 Declarations of Interest.**

No declarations of interest made on matters relating to this agenda.

#### **2021/99 Public Session**

Meeting adjourned for members of the public to address the council.

MOP ask that the Parish Council go back to WNC Highways to request a pedestrian crossing on Welford Road. It estimated 8-10 families cross the road to the primary school and more children cross to use the Guilsborough school bus. Council confirmed their intention to meet with WNC Highway's representatives and will press for a crossing to be installed. Council will not support speed bumps because of the disturbance to nearby homes. HH offered to gather information about patrolled crossing. WNC Cllr John Shephard noted the data will inform highways decisions, both traffic and pedestrian volumes. JS gave strong support for highway improvements in the parish. PC have commissioned a traffic survey for the end of April. PCSO PM explained that the Welford Road did not pass the criteria use of the police enforcement van. However, PM can use the handheld mobile speed camera and issue warning letters. RTC reports are not sent to PM.

PCSO Paul Miller reported that CCB remains a very low crime area. One burglary perpetrated on Golf Lane in last couple of months. Council expressed concern that the village had been featured in the press as a desirable place to live and one or two burglaries happened subsequently. Boughton building site has been targeted. Council advised to get fly tipping signs from WNC.

Cllr John Shephard reported the challenges faced by the WNC UA transition. Much progress has been made and it's hoped that by the end of the year many of the teething problems will have been resolved. NW Relief Road costs have risen from £34 mil to £52 mil, difference will be met using cost savings within WNC and low interest loans. However, much of the road to the A45 is funded by developers. Work is expected to begin March 2022 and last about 18 months.

JS invited community groups to apply for grants from a discretionary COVID recovery fund. The minimum grant is £200 and the maximum £2500. Groups need to contact JS direct.

Spatial strategy consultation resulted in 1600 individual responses which will be analysis over the next few months. The draft strategy will select sites chosen by WNC and further consultation will begin.

#### **Verbal Updates (no decisions will be made on items in this section of the agenda)**

- Playing Field: Play ship wheel. Item ordered not yet installed.
- Jacks Lane tree debris. Cleared.
- Golf Lane tree debris. Cleared. Tree still needs rebalancing and some remedial works. Clerk to contact Althorp. Council is grateful to Keith Archibold for clearing some of the debris.
- Harlestone Road, Black Pines. Request sent to Althorp regarding replanting trees lost to the storm. Matter has been referred to Althorp's conservation officer.

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- Jubilee Tree: Cllr SC to arrange purchase of tree for planting on small green near Jacks Lane and one Tulip Tree in Cedar Hythe. Clerk to confirm WNC Highways will grant permission for these trees.
- Harlestone Road, tree debris. Brian Rice requested to clear debris.
- Railway Cottages, rubble mounds left by Network Rail. Should have been cleared by Althorp. Clerk to report.

**2021/100 Minutes**

Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November. Minutes of past meetings are available from <http://www.churchwithchapelbrampton-pc.gov.uk/agendas-minutes/>

**2021/101 Bank reconciliation and YTD budget vs Expenditure review**

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

<b>2021/22 Opening balance:</b>	<b>£27,768</b>	
YTD Income	£32,229	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & Unauthorised payments)		£30,422
Online Balance 10th January		£30,375
<b>YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)</b>		<b>£29,575</b>
2021/22 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£2,384	
<u>Receipts</u>		nil

Chairman signed Precept Form for 2022/23 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, section 41 to set a precept of £29,000 as agreed at the meeting of the council on October 21<sup>st</sup>, minute refence **2021/78** (detailed budget included with October minutes)

**2021/102 Accounts for Payment**

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

Sarah Stock	December	28.12.21	£420.00
J Hawkins	December	28.12.21	£27.50
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	December	28.12.21	£55.00
YU Energy	632502	2.12.21	£20.67
YU Energy	632501	2.12.21	£45.66
YU Energy	663135	2.1.22	£50.01
YU Energy	663136	2.1.22	£22.26
Unity Trust Bank	Statement 16	30.12.21	£18.00
The Althorp Estate	15359	1.12.21	£69.90
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	816139	30.11.21	£1,540.80
Barbara Osborne	6889	31.12.21	£67.50
Sarah Stock	January	28.1.22	£420.00
J Hawkins	January	28.1.22	£27.50
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	January	28.1.22	£55.00
ICO	Z2520159	23.1.22	£40.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	816289	22.12.21	£257.64
Western Power Distribution	4153784	17.11.21	£803.00

**2021/103 PCSO**

Council accepted the 2022/23 charges for the PCSO services. Brampton's share is 16%, £6,479.

Cllr MM queried the PCSO time allocation to each village and requested more detailed reporting. Council is reluctant to increase the amount of admin PM undertakes and considered that Paul allocates his time wisely. PLR/SPOC liaise with Sargent for information.

**2021/104 Asset Mapping Project**

Council resolved not to engage with the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP).

**2021/105 Playing Field & Pocket Park**

Noted that the school has not yet trimmed the leylandii trees back. Clerk to contact school.

Council resolved to coordinate a 'pic-nic in the park' on the afternoon of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to celebrate jubilee. Request for volunteers to be featured in the newsletter.

**2021/106 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)**

The Council reviewed the proposed scheme with Pitsford Parish Council to employ a Lengthsman to carry out works in the parish (i.e. sweeping pavements, weeding, keeping tidy, and other miscellaneous works). Either self-employed or employed by the Council. Will be fully insured by Council insurance when acting on works agreed by Council. Council resolved to collate a list of possible works to assess viability of the scheme.

Council resolved to accept revised quote received from LGG, £1950 for pavement siding out (expenditure budgeted 2021/22). Works to be completed by April 2022.

**2021/107 Traffic Calming**

Accident prevention at A5199/Pitsford Road junction: Council resolved to purchase "Accident black spot" signs to erect near the junction at cost of £7.49 each (400mm x 300mm) or £14.29 each (400mm x 600mm). Cllr JS to action.

Clerk to contact Highways for meeting to discuss traffic calming measures.

**2021/108 Air Quality Monitoring**

Council resolved not to accept the quote for Air Quality Monitoring on the grounds it is too expensive. Cost for two locations: £4,295 exc VAT for 7 days monitoring.

**2021/109 Sandy Lane Footpath**

Council reviewed the route from Sandy Lane to Brampton Crossing and considered that a cycle route would improve Brampton's connection to local services. Council accepted that it is unlikely money would be allocated to this project given the acquisition of land required etc from general taxation, but they may be able to appeal for CIL funding. Council will raise the idea with Highways.

**2021/110 Planning matters**

**Applications Received:** Council to consider and resolve response to each planning application. Applications received after the publication of this agenda may also be included.

Application No: WND/2021/0939

Description: Construction of single storey rear extension

Location: Holm Oak House, Welford Road, Chapel Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8AF

(Deadline for comments RBurton, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb). NO OBSERVATIONS

Council raised concern that covenants on Cedar Hythe are not being enforced by Althorp, hedges being planted in breach of covenants. Clerk to notify Althorp.

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

WND/2021/0616: Salar, H'stone Rd. Demolition of conservatory, replace with single storey extension. Approved

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

**Communication**

- Email from Tracy Tiff, WNC Democratic Services Manager. Council is invited to take part in Tree Policy and Strategy Task and Finish Group 2 February 2022 6pm – remote meeting over Zoom. Core questions can be provided.
- Email from John Shephard (7th Jan) inviting community groups to apply for grants from a discretionary COVID recovery fund. The fund is intended to support local communities recover from the financial impact of covid. The minimum grant is £200 and the maximum £2500. Groups need to contact JS direct. Council will feature this in the newsletter.

All noted.

Meeting closed 21.35

Date of next meetings: **No meeting in Feb.** March 17<sup>th</sup>; April 21<sup>st</sup>.