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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on:

Thursday 16th June 2022 commencing at 7.30PM. Meeting took place at Chapel Brampton Playing Field.

Minutes taken by Sarah Stock, Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies received and accepted from: Cllrs Richard Gent, Stephen Crane

No apologies from Cllr Angharad Garner

Attendees: Cllrs Jill Slinn Cllr Robin Green

Cllr Mick Macmain Cllr William Shearer

Cllr Margaret Green

Cllr Jason Stather-Lodge sent notice to Cllr JS informing the council that he is resigning. Council noted that Jason will be much missed. Formal notice has been received by the clerk.

2022/31 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr MM declared interest relating to item 2022/40, WND/2022/0028 The Old Bakehouse.

2022/32 Public Session

None in attendance.

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

- Harlestone Road, replacement Black Pines. Referred to Althorp's conservation officer.
- Traffic calming: Invoice received, once payment is released installation should be within 6-8 weeks.
- Tree at Golf Lane: Michael Venton has stated that the tree must not be felled. There is no TPO at present, although MV would be prepared to put a TPO on it. Althorp have agreed to inspect. Ownership of the land, and therefore responsibility for the tree, is unclear.
- Cadent: Works completed.
- Harlestone Road Poo Bin: Ordered & should be installed soon.

2022/33 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 19th May 2022.

2022/34 Bank reconciliation and YTD budget vs Expenditure review

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

 Current Account (Unity 20415701)
 £3,467

 Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)
 £25,177

 2022/23 Opening balance:
 £28,644

 YTD Income
 £17,564

YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & Unauthorised payments)	£9,835
Online Balance 10th June	
Current Account (Unity 20415701)	£10,888
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)	£28,042
Balance b/f	£38,931
YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)	£36,373
2022/23 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£848

Receipts - nil

2022/35 Accounts for Payment

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

Cllr Stephen Crane (Trees)	199.75	30.5.22	£199.75
BHIB	LCO01362 - 651711	4.5.22	£679.65
Sarah Stock (expenses)	n/a	22.5.22	£82.30
Sarah Stock	June	28.6.22	£441.00
J Hawkins	June	28.6.22	£27.50
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	June	28.6.22	£55.00
YU Energy	824935	1.6.22	£39.74
YU Energy	824936	1.6.22	£18.75
Warden Environmental	7013	31.5.22	£900.00
B Osborne	7041	30.6.22	£67.50
London Hearts	8905	7.6.22	£46.00

PCSO Contribution. Council received an invoice for £3,359.70. Brampton's contribution should be £3,239.47. Note, the figures provided by John Shephard are correct, it's the invoices that are wrong.

Council received the invoice from WNC for installation of the VAS posts, £1,198.07 exc. VAT after publication of the agenda. As council is keen to progress these works, the invoice will be paid w/b 20th June.

2022/36 Traffic Calming

Council reviewed the response received from Helen Howard, WNC Highways Officer.

I have now had the opportunity to visit Chapel Brampton with our engineer. We attended site on 12th May between 3–4pm, the weather was fine and dry at the time of our visit. The primary purpose of the visit was to reassess your request for a pedestrian crossing. During the time we were in the village 4 crossing movements were observed east to west (towards the school) on the northern side of the crossroads. A further 4 crossing movements were made west to east coinciding the end of the school day, however one of these was made on the southern side of the crossroads. All of those crossing did so with relative ease given large gaps in the flow of traffic.

Given these numbers there is nothing to suggest that the situation in terms of the provision of a crossing has changed from the initial assessment.

Whilst on site we did have a look at the junction, and we noticed that the direction signs opposite the Pitsford Road junction are missing. These were installed to highlight the presence of the junction to drivers travelling west on Pitsford Road. This may give some explanation to the recent spate in minor collisions; however, we are not certain how long they have been missing. We will arrange for these to be reinstated.

The signage at this location should make it obvious to any careful and competent motorist that caution, speed management and observation are required when approaching the crossroads from Pitsford Road. I would suggest that most motorists passing through this junction are law abiding and compliant. There are however a small minority of motorists who are happy to take risks which border upon recklessness and, regardless of whatever safety measure is in place will think nothing of ignoring the rules of the road and cause danger to others.

We also discussed the use of rumble strips on the A5199 and feel that these are not appropriate, however we will arrange for dragon teeth markings (the same as the ones shown in the image below) to be marked on the approach to the 30mph limit at each end of the A5199. Whilst the lining gang are in the village, I have asked that the road markings on Pitsford Road between the 30 sign and the junction with the A5199 are remarked.

Council expressed disappointment that the assessment of the number of children does not include children alighting the Guilsborough school buses. Cllrs will conduct a count and will provide accurate data for HH to consider.

Council noted that vegetation is covering the two GIVE WAY signs on the approach to the Pitsford junction. Reported on FMS.

2022/37 Playing Field & Pocket Park

Council accepted the quote received for second sign from Abbots Signs, £89.30 to be attached to the gate.

2022/38 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

Two trees have been planted to celebrate the Jubilee.

The PC have been asked to consider creating parking bays at the rear of the Church. Previous highways assessment determined that there is not sufficient space to create any parking bays.

2022/39 PCSO

Next SPOC meeting takes place 24th June.

Noted that PCSO is off sick following a motorbike accident. Cover will be provided, and details will be given to the SPOCs at the meeting next week.

2022/40 Planning matters

Council resolved to respond to planning application as follows:

WND/2022/0028 The Old Bakehouse 14, Welford Road, Chapel Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8AF Demolition of existing rear extension. Construction of two storey rear extension. Replace windows throughout.

Tim Cantwell, 24th June

Amended plan has reduced the ridge height and slightly reduced the second-floor window size. However, it is 1.8m wide compared to others in the area which are approx. 1m. Council objects on the grounds that the size of the second-floor rear window negatively impacts the privacy of the neighbour's property.

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

WND/2022/0294 Mulberry House – Single storey side extension. Pending.

Date of next meetings: <u>Tuesday</u> 19th July, September 15th, October 13th (to avoid half term), November 17th.