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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on:

Thursday 19th July 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 Stephen Crane, Margaret Green

No apologies from Cllr Angharad Garner

Attendees: Cllrs Jill Slinn (Chairman), Robin Green, Mick Macmain, Richard Gent, William Shearer

2022/41 **Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of interest raised on matters relating to this agenda.

2022/42 **Public Session** – No members of the public attending.

Verbal Updates

- Harlestone Road, Black Pines. Request for replanting trees lost to the storm. Referred to Althorp's conservation officer.
- Traffic calming: Payment sent to WNC, install should be 6 weeks (mid-August)
- Tree at Golf Lane: Michael Venton will inspect before works are carried out. Althorp will inspect.

2022/43 **Minutes**

Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16th June 2022. Chairman signed the minutes.

2022/44 **Bank reconciliation and YTD budget vs Expenditure review**

Council accepted the bank reconciliation and 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	£17,589	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & Unauthorised payments)		£18,979
Online Balance 10th June		
Current Account (Unity 20415701)		£7,062
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)		£28,067
Balance b/f		£35,129
YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)		£27,201

2022/45 **Accounts for Payment**

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

West Northants Council	424000864819	11.6.22	£1,198.07
Sarah Stock	July	28.7.22	£441.00
J Hawkins	July	28.7.22	£27.50
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	July	28.7.22	£55.00
YU Energy	853301	1.7.22	£35.93
YU Energy	853302	1.7.22	£17.39
Cllr MM (Abbott Signs)	INV38620	29.6.22	£107.16
West Northants Norse	52IN-000569	28.6.22	£788.76
Northants CALC	INV-1907	20.6.22	£725.25
Eon Energy Solutions	112771	17.6.22	£155.81
ROSPA Play Safety	63560	17.6.22	£126.00
Northants Police	31000058	18.5.22	£3,359.00
Northants CALC	INV-2112	6.7.22	£52.80
A&A Landscapes	9764	31.5.22	£1,513.20
Sarah Stock	August	28.8.22	£441.00
J Hawkins	August	28.8.22	£27.50
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	August	28.8.22	£55.00

PCSO Contribution. Issues regarding the proportional contribution have been resolved.

2022/46 Playing Field & Pocket Park

Gate on pocket park has come off it hinges. Cllr MM & SC will fix it.

NCS Group have volunteered their services and will clear the pond at the pocket park.

2022/47 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

Council has been contacted regarding restricted pavement access due overhanging hedges throughout the village and, along the Pitsford Road, due to the parked cars. Hedges cleared by Althorp. Newsletter will feature a request to residents to keep the pavement clear of parked vehicles.

Jason Stather-Lodge has kindly agreed to continue to manage the speed sign on Sandy Lane.

Fix-my-Street: Outstanding reports

Ash tree on A5199 - outstanding

Overhanging/obstruction on footpath CE6 (nr Halfway Thorn) – outstanding

Footpath Church Lane to Harlestone Road – needs reporting

2022/48 PCSO/NHW/PLR

Cllr MM briefed the council on discussion at the SPOC meeting held on 17th June. Minutes for the meeting failed to include mention of criticisms of the police and will need amending. SPOC meeting noted that PM is redeployed from the Spratton area to cover other areas.

Council noted that Harlestone Parish Council's meeting was attended by Chief Inspector Pete Basham where it was agreed that the PCSO reports need to improve and that to be effective PM must have a marked vehicle. Harlestone & Pitsford are reviewing their commitment to the project.

Council agreed to engage in some public consultation and to monitor PSCO services.

2022/49 Planning matters

WND/2022/0496 Eagles Nest, Golf Lane,
Church Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6
8AY

Demolition of existing dwelling. Construction of
detached dwelling, garage, and detached pool
house building

Rebecca Bates
Deadline: 12th July

Council accepted the comments from the planning advisory group (meeting held 6th July, attended by Cllr JS, WS & MM). Comments were submitted by the clerk under delegated powers on 6th July.

The council makes the following observations and objects to this proposal as follows:

- Golf Lane is subject to Special Planning Guidelines and this application breaches those guidelines as it is:
 - Too close to the boundary of the neighbouring property, a minimum of 5m should be preserved between the boundary of the dwelling and that of the plot.
 - It constitutes an unacceptable amount of back land development resulting in the loss of privacy, outlook, and noise of neighbouring properties.
 - Causes loss of privacy from adjacent buildings from first floor balcony
 - The proposed garage sits forward of the building line and should not.
- This development constitutes overdevelopment of the residential building.
- There is insufficient visitor parking
- The deeds of the building state that the side windows on the southern elevation must be obscured glass (it is unclear from the plans if this measure has been observed)

The council is concerned about the impact the basement excavation will have on drainage in the area. The council is also apprehensive about the excavation works themselves, as the volume of soil that would need to be removed would require very large vehicles for its removal. The house sits on a single-track road which is well below usual highway standards with little room to manoeuvre. It is likely that any very large vehicle would not easily access the property, cause wear to the road and the shrubbery. If vehicles are static in the roadway for longer than a few minutes, it does cause an unacceptable inconvenience all the residents on Golf Lane.

Correspondence

- WNC, email from Danny Moody re: Asset Mapping project (AMP). Informal consultation on draft policy regarding transfer of assets from WNC to a parish or town council Copy available at: <https://www.northantscalc.com/uploads/wnc-adoption-of-assets-policy-v0-2.pdf>. Deadline for comments **5pm on Monday 15 August 2022**.

Meeting closed 8pm

Date of next meetings: September 15th, October 13th (to avoid half term), November 17th.