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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on:
Thursday 16th September 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: Cllr Angharad Garner

Attendees: Cllr Jill Slinn (Chairman) Cllr William Shearer
 Cllr Mick Macmain Cllr Robin Green
 Cllr Stephen Crane Cllr Richard Gent
 Cllr Jason Stather-Lodge Cllrs Margaret Green

2021/58 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest on matters relating to this agenda.

2021/59 Public Session

Chairman invited MOP to address the council. In attendance: Mervyn Robertson, Malcolm Robinson, Michele Brookes & Ian Pratt.

Residents asked the council to take measures to reduce vehicle speeds throughout the village.

Speeding on Golf Lane. Residents report that club members & visitors drive too fast. Mr Robertson reported that some individuals have become abusive as they were held up by delivery vehicles. It was noted that Golf Lane is an unadopted road, it is a bridleway and WNC maintain it to a minimum standard. Council do not need WNC highways authority to add signs. Council resolved to write to the golf club to remind members that the official vehicle access to the club is via Golf House Lane and that members should respect the 20mph limit. They must be aware of riders and pedestrians. Council agreed to buy and install 20mph circular signs along Golf Lane (some residents have agreed to put the signs at the edge of their properties).

Speeding on Harlestone Road. Traffic count has shown that traffic volumes have increased. Council discussed the possibility of an additional VAS. The council has licences to place VAS at the end of Golf House Lane/Sandy Lane and near the war memorial. Clerk direct to get quotes for two solar powered mobile cameras and pole installation by WNC.

Council discussed the feasibility of 20mph designation throughout the village. Clerk directed to follow up on the trial in West Haddon which might permit parish councils to install 20mph designation. In the meantime, Council have requested 30mph signs for the bins. It was noted that some road marking in Church Brampton need renewing.

Council agreed to place additional dog mess signs.

Council agreed to reinforce the 'no dogs' rule on the playing field. Council will add a notice in the newsletter. Cllr RGN provided information on dangers of dog excrement to human and animal health.

2021/60 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July and the planning meeting held on 4th September.

2021/61 Bank reconciliation and YTD budget vs Expenditure review

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

Online Balance as at 10th September	
Current Account (Unity 20415701)	£6,626
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)	£21,787
Balance b/f	£28,413

2021/22 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£1,006
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Council to note that the budget for 2022/23 and precept will be discussed at the October meeting and finalised in November.

2021/62 Accounts for Payment

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

Sarah Stock	August	28.8.21	£xxx.00
J Hawkins	August	28.8.21	£27.50

Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	August	28.8.21	£55.00
YU Energy	554464	2.8.21	£18.04
YU Energy	554463	2.8.21	£37.42
Sarah Stock	September	28.8.21	£xxx.00
J Hawkins	September	28.8.21	£27.50
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	September	28.8.21	£55.00
YU Energy	569050	2.9.21	£37.13
YU Energy	569052	2.9.21	£18.03
PKF Littlejohn LLP	SB20211037	30.8.21	£360.00
LGG Services	INV46 & 47	14.8.21	£1085.00
Maurice Fitch Tree Works	10621	26.7.21	£108.00
PW Warden Environmental	6970	6.7.21	£732.00
Cllr R Green (Chp. Mtg Rm)	n/a	1.9.21	£152.10
Cllr S Crane (Pocket Pk)	n/a	21.6.21	£27.00
The Althorp Estate	14974	29.9.21	£209.42
Cllr R Gent (PF)	n/a	27.8.21	£78.00
Northants CALC	INV-1476	15.9.21	£44.00
Barbara Osborne	6698	30.6.21	£67.50

2021/63 Conclusion of Audit

Council noted receipt of the notice concluding the external audit for YE 2021. There are no matters arising.

2021/64 PCSO

Councillors reviewed notes from the SPOC meeting attended by Cllrs RGn and MM (19th August). No matters arising.

2021/65 Playing Field & Pocket Park

Council considered additional measures to prevent people taking their dogs on to the playing field. They resolved to add information in the newsletter outlining the potential for disease from dog excrement and will provide a letter for school to distribute to parents. Cllr MM will get quote for an additional sign which could be placed facing the car park.

Council approved a request to locate a collection van on the PF car park, for charitable clothing donations.

Cllr SC has undertaken some remedial works to help establish the new hedge.

Clerk directed to write to the school as the hedge on Southern boundary of the school needs cutting back, as do the leylandii.

2021/66 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

- Council resolved in principle to purchase an additional Tulip tree for the green in Cedar Hythe. Cllr SC will obtain quote.
- Clerk directed to write to householders or landowners as appropriate requesting the hedges are cut back at the following locations: Welford Road, Althorp Cottages, Land near war memorial Althorp land near war memorial (Church Brampton), left side of Sandy Lane to Northampton Road
- Works on siding-out footpath between the Church and Ten Cottages should start w/b 20th.
- Council has received report that the seat at Chapel Brampton is in a very poor state of repair. Cllr MM will assess the seat and get quote for replacement or repair.
- Council resolved get remaining two benches renovated (opposite post box, Church Brampton and Harlestone Road near Halfway Thorn). Cost anticipated to be £185
- Council noted the digestate spread on fields has created a noxious smell permeating across the village. Council resolved to put information in the newsletter about the rules surrounding the incorporation of this type of fertiliser, the licence conditions that must be adhered to and a note stating that it is the council's understanding that the guidelines are being followed.

2021/67 Highways & Traffic Calming

- Council accepted advice received from Denise Hackett, WNC Community Development Officer regarding the budget for highways work on the A5199 in Brampton (the pedestrian crossing) was no longer required and taken out of the capital and CIL programmes. These funds are no longer available to the council.
- Speeding on Golf Lane: as above
- Notification of works to railway line have been received from Network Rail. Council will liaise with Network Rail and provide a point of contact between villagers and Network Rail. Council will arrange a meeting with residents from Stables Lane, Network Rail and the PC.

- Welford Road Crossing: Resident reported that temporary sign next to crossroads hasn't been repositioned and its absence increases the risk of accidents. Council not aware of temporary signs.
- Council noted that traffic speeds along the Pitsford Road are dangerous and a joint project with Pitsford Parish Council to resolve this issue could be fruitful. Clerk directed to contact Pitsford Clerk about traffic calming on Pitsford Road.

2021/68 Chapel Meeting Room

- Council approved the quote received from Western Power Distribution for rewiring/reconnecting the power supply to the Chapel Meeting Room. Total cost £662.93 (exc. VAT).
- Council agreed to donate skittle table to a Brampton resident.

2021/69 Defibrillator - Update from Cllr RGt

The funds have reached £1,685 and fundraising has concluded. Cllr RGt will source and box & defibrillator and pass the invoice to the council.

2021/70 Communication

- Council has been asked to increase councillors' profiles by including an item on each councillor in the newsletter – a sort of 'who's who' of parish councillors. Council resolved to add names, email address and street address in the newsletter.
- Council has been asked to improve its communication of meeting times and the agenda notices by using social media. Council resolved to put the meeting date and time on the WhatsApp, Facebook & email. Link to website to be provided.

2021/71 Fundraising

The classic car rally will go ahead in April 2022. This is an opportunity for the school and the local Rotary Club to raise funds.

2021/72 Planning matters

Applications Received: No applications received.

Council noted the decision notices provided with the agenda.

Correspondence

- Email from Liz Barrett, WNC Community & Customer Development Manager (24/8). Update about 'call-in' of a planning application for determination by a planning committee. Circulated to councillors.
- Email from Jane Parry, WNC Senior Policy Officer (Planning) (27/8). Notice of commencement of the consultation on Pitsford Neighbourhood Plan. Deadline for comments 15th October.

Meeting closed 21:36