

**GREENS NORTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Chris Bowmer (Chair), C. Croft, T. Collier, S. Pentland, A. Foss and Cllr Mrs Caroline Trotter.

Also present Cllr Charles Manners, Unitary Member for the Ward, Mrs L. Paice, Parish Clerk and one member of the public

24/01	<b>APOLOGIES</b> were received and accepted from. Cllr Mrs Docking (family commitment), Cllr Hiscock (family commitment) and Cllr Agness(unwell) Cllr Mrs Brennan McCord was absent from the meeting.					
24/02	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> were noted.					
24/03	i)No <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> were made. <b>REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS</b> following any changes within 28 days of such changes.					
24/03	<b>MINUTES</b> – Having been previously circulated and duly proposed and seconded it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Novmber 6 <sup>th</sup> 2023 be signed as a true record in line with Standing Orders.					
24/04	There were no issues raised by the <b>MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC</b> present. Cllr Manners as <b>UNITARY MEMBER</b> would later give an update on major applications under Item 8.4 on the Agenda					
24/05	The Clerk reported back to the meeting following the two currently <b>VACANT SEATS</b> which were being advertised and had again been sent forward for the next edition of the Village News. Members were urged to speak to anyone they knew who might be interested in taking up a seat on the Council.					
24/06	Having again been circulated a proposed <b>SUBJECT ACCESS REQUEST PROCEDURE</b> was considered and it as <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be formally adopted by the Council.					
24/07	<b>PLANNING</b> –07.1 The following application was noted and comments would be submitted accordingly:					
	Application No	Details		Comments		
	2023/7447/PIP	Four custom/self build dwellings on land off Towcester Road		Object. Full response attached		
	07.2 – <b>PERMISSIONS</b> were noted for 50 Home Close , The Lakes, Duncote Hall and Lumentum					
	07.3 No <b>REFUSALS</b> to report.					
	07.4 Cllr Manners as Unitary Member reported on the latest Highways information position with the <b>MAJOR PLANNING PROJECTS</b> at DHL and Bells Plantation.					
	07.5 <b>OTHER PLANNING MATTERS</b> –No issues raised.					
24/08	<b>FINANCE</b> – 08.1 Payment of the following accounts since the last meeting was noted:					
	Online Ref	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Spending Power
	OL11/13	£1886.00	311.00	Turtle Engineering	Defib & cabinet	Grant funded
	OL11/14	£75.00		First Responders	Fireworks attendance	LGA 1972 s144
	(b) To authorise payment of the following accounts online Cllrs Trotter and Bowmer to action:					
	Online Ref	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Spending Power
	OL12/1	£3073.69) £82.94. ) <b>£3156.63</b>		Linda Paice	Salary Expenses	LGA 1972 s112 LGA 1972 s111
	OL12/2	£906.16		HMRC	Tax & NHI	LGA 1972 s111
	OL12/3	£552.00) £810.00) £528.00)£ 2736.00) <b>£4626.00</b>	162.00	CGM	Christmas trees Tree assessment Mowing Grit bins	LGA1972 s144 Open Spaces Act Highways Act
	OL12/4	£46.40		GNCCA	Room hire	LGA 1972 s111

OL12/5	£600.00	100.0	Bubble Creative	Fireworks tickets, banners etc..	LGA 1972 s111
OL12/6	£100.00		Sue Ingram	PF works	Open Spaces Act
1OL12/7	£253.80	42.30	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces act
OL12/8	£138.61		Anglian Water	Allotment water	Allotments Act
OL12/9	£192.00	32.00	Forde & McHugh	Light repair	Highways Act
OL12/10	£149.00		SLCC	Share membership	LGA 1972 s143
OL12/11	£36.00		Jane Docking	Christmas tree decorations	LGA 1972 s144
OL12/12	£38.11	6.35	Printerbase	Shared admin costs	LGA 1972s111
Direct Debit	£145.51	8.31	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act
Direct Debit	£157.35	8.93	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act
	£18.00		Unity Trust	Charges	LGA 1972 s111

c) To further approve the following additional payments under Financial Regulation 6.5:

Online Ref	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Spending Power
OL12/7	£211.80	35.30	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open spaces Act
OL12/13	£648.00		Mat Webber	Jubilee garden and handyman work	Open Spaces Act

(d) To note payments made in relation to Lloyds Multipay card:

Online Ref	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Spending Power
24.11.23	£53.37	8.90	Screwfix	Grit bin padlocks	Highways Act
26.11.23	£35.58	5.93	Screwfix	Grit bin padlocks	Highways Act
Direct Debit	£3.00		Lloyds	Multipay card fee	

08.2 **RECEIPTS** - WNC Mowing grant - £754.15; Newt Conservation Partnership - £200.00:

08.3 Council's bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 was noted as £104914.86

08.4 The defibrillator, cabinet and bleed kit had been received and the grant of £1536.98 from the GNVHT claimed. Installation was being researched.

08.5 The 2024-25 Precept Demand had been submitted to WNC in the sum of £96206.00

24/09

**REPORTS –**

09.1 **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** – Data from Bubble Creative would be circulated and the Chairman considered that he was broadly happy with what they were doing.

09.2 **HIGHWAYS** - i) Cllr Foss would set up the offered meeting with Cllrs Trotter and Croft with representatives from Highways and traffic concerns would be raised with the Police/Mel Carter.

ii) There was no feedback on previous reports to note but the report of a broken drain cover close to the A5 junction would be followed up.

iii) Consideration of installation of further VAS was still open and the Police continued to carry out checks. The Clerk had been unable to get a response from Mr Selby regarding use of the entrance to his field as a site for a Police speed camera and it was suggested that Cllr Foss go back to the Police and offer their second choice of site by the CCA exit gate of Highways land.

iv) The new grit bins had now been installed and refilled and padlocks purchased for them to be locked from early Spring to late Autumn. Cllr Trotter undertook to oversee this ensuring that the padlock access code was passed to the Clerk and Chairman in case of her absence.

09.3 **RIGHTS OF WAY** – Nothing further to report by Path Warden

09.4- **LIGHTING** - i) No issues to report. Testing of lights had been started.

	<p>09.5 - <b>TREES</b> – i)A quotation for work to the highlighted tree on the Towcester Road edge of the playing field would be circulated for approval. Presentation of this was overlooked at the meeting.</p> <p>09.6 - <b>PLAYING FIELD</b> - i) Regular checks continued.  ii) Consideration of replacement of the basketball net was still to be determined.  iii)A defibrillator update had already been given.  iv)A new resident to Towcester Road who was not yet fully in residence had requested consideration of CCTV/lighting coverage of the PF carpark. As there was currently no available power supply to consider this a reply would be sent accordingly but also advising the resident that major investigations were underway by the PC and the CCA for the whole of the parking/road issues on the total site. In the meantime any concerns relating to activity at the site should initially be reported to the Police  v) The Clerk raised concerns relating to the payment made to Mrs Ingram for the stalwart work she did at the Playing Field site. Following discussion it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that an annual increase be made to the payment for which she invoiced monthly and this would be advised in writing.</p> <p>09.7 <b>JUBILEE GARDEN</b> – i) Regular maintenance continued but in the absence of Cllr Mrs Brennan McCord as Lead Member there was no further report.</p> <p>09.8 <b>POCKET PARK</b>- The latest report had been circulated.</p> <p>09.9 <b>VILLAGE GREEN</b> – i) No further issues to report.  ii) Christmas trees had been installed but issues of the security of the tree holders had been raised with the Clerk following at issues at the Pub. The Clerk would follow up on this.  iii)The Carols by the tree with the Community Choir had been well supported.  iv) For various reasons there had been very limited support for the decoration of the tree event which may need to be readdressed going forward. Thanks went to Cllr Docking and her daughter for what they did.</p> <p>09.10 <b>ALLOTMENTS</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p>09.11. The Chairman gave the latest updated on the <b>VILLAGE HALL</b> Trust. Several Grant Applications had been received and determined by the Trustees.</p> <p>09.12 –Cllr Foss as <b>POLICE LIAISON</b> Member had circulated an e mail from the Police, Fire &amp; Crime Commissioner relating to the budget proposals and he urged members to respond to the attached questionnaire. This would be passed onto Bubble for the media pages.</p> <p>09.13 <b>OTHER REPORTS</b> –i) Final figures for the 2023 Fireworks event had been circulated. Cllr Trotter reported that the current suppliers were not intending to continue and she was following up on other options preferably for November 2<sup>nd</sup> but it may be necessary to put this back to November 9<sup>th</sup>. Should the latter be the only option she would advise the CCA accordingly as they were looking at future possibilities for their 2024 fund raising programme. Consideration would be given to an alternative method of recording Stripe payment monitoring for purchasing tickets.  ii) The Clerk reported that a presentation by the Emergency Planning team at WNC had been arranged for the 2024 Annual Village Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April  iii) The suggested Council Succession Plan had been recirculated and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be formally adopted by the Council. The Clerk would tailor the document accordingly.  iv) Determination for a replacement seat on Towcester Road was reached and the Clerk would place an order and arrange removal of the existing seat and installation of the new one. The Village Handyman had suggested that he should be able to remove the Bradden Road seat and this would be followed up.  v) Cllr Trotter had requested consideration of D DAY 2024 and after discussion in was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council liaise with the Royal British Legion as the obvious body to arrange the marking of this event.</p>
24/10	<p><b>CRRESPONDENCE</b> – i)Tabled and general correspondence had been circulated and was noted.  ii) A request from Senbotex regarding siting of a clothing bank was considered not something the Council would wish to do.</p>
24/11	<p><b>CONSULTATIONS</b> – None reported</p>
24/12	<p><b>ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA</b> - None requested</p>

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**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024** at 7.30pm in Meeting Room 2 at the Community Centre

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm