

GREENS NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING ON MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2024 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE****PRESENT:** Cllrs Chris Bowmer (Chair), C. Croft, T. Collier, S. Hiscock, P. Agness and

Cllrs Mrs Caroline Trotter, Mrs Jane Docking and Mrs Joan Brennan McCord

Also present Cllr Charles Manners, Unitary Member for the Ward, Mrs L Paice, Parish Clerk and two members of the public

24/14	APOLOGIES were received and accepted from. Cllr Pentland (away), Cllr Foss (prior commitment)					
24/15	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS were noted.					
24/16	i) No DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were made. REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS following any changes within 28 days of such changes.					
24/17	MINUTES – Having been previously circulated and duly proposed and seconded it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 nd January 2024 be signed as a true record in line with Standing Orders.					
24/18	A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC present reported on the Save Towcester Now response on the latest DHL submission which was due to be submitted later in the week and urged the Council in any response it made to clarify that the recent Supplementary Planning document must be taken into account as a relevant planning consideration. Cllr Manners as UNITARY MEMBER gave his monthly update covering the major development position, clarification that the progress on the Local Plan would be based on a 15 year period rather than the earlier 30 years used. A consultation on this was expected for later in the month. WNC budget proposals were being progressed through the system and an application was about to be progressed on the Relief Road. The was thanked as ever for attending the meeting.					
24/19	There was still no change in the position on filling the two currently VACANT SEATS . An article had been published in the recent Newsletter which might bring forward some response.					
24/20	PLANNING –20.1 The following application was noted and comments would be submitted accordingly:					
	Application No	Details			Comments	
	2023/7557/PIP	Four custom/self build dwellings on land off Towcester Road			No additional comment to be submitted following further discussion on the LPA current position relating to self build applications for more than one property on a site. Progress on this to be monitored	
	20.2 – PERMISSIONS - None to report					
	20.3 No REFUSALS to report.					
	20.4 Cllr Manners as Unitary Member reported on the MAJOR PLANNING PROJECTS in the pipeline.					
	20.5 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS –No issues raised.					
24/21	FINANCE – 21.1 Payment of the following account since the last meeting was noted:					
	Online Ref	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Spending Power
	OL1/1	£900	150.00	MLE Pyrotechnics	Fireworks deposit	LGA 1972 s144
	(b) To authorise payment of the following accounts online Cllrs Trotter and Hiscock to action:					
	Online Ref	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	
	OL2/1	£1494.01		Linda Paice	Salary & expenses	LGA 1972 s 112
	OL2/2	£383.00		HMRC	Tax & NHI	LGA 1972 s112
	OL2/3	£3655.20	609.20	Forde & McHugh	Light repair and testing	Highways Act
	OL2/4	£62.50		Sue Ingram		PF works
	OL2/5	£300.00	50.00	Bubble	Community engagement	LGA 1972 s111
	OL2/6	£45.48	7.58	Printerbase	Shared admin materials	LGA 1972 s111

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

Online Ref	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
OL2/7	£405.00		Mat Webber	Jubilee Garden and Handyman works	Open Spaces Act
OL2/8	£211.80	35.30	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
OL2/9	£14.40		GNCCA	Room hire	LGA 1972 s111

(d) To note payments made in relation to Lloyds Multipay card:
None made this month

21.2 **RECEIPTS** - GNVHT - £1536.98 Defib grant; £15.88 – Blakesley Parish Council shared admin costs

21.3 Council's bank balance at 31st January 2024 was noted as £94304.86

21.4 Having been previously circulated details of Receipts and Payment to December 2023 were noted and several issues raised by Cllr Trotter explained.

21.5 On a recommendation made by the Clerk and supported by the Chairman it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that from April 1st 2024 an interest bearing account with Unity Trust be opened. A formal application would be presented to the next meeting and a decision made at the end of the financial year on the amount to be initially deposited to open the account.

21.6 Information from the School that they were now not intending to take up the Council's match funding from the current year's precept for signage was noted.

24/22

REPORTS –

22.1 **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** – Latest data from Bubble Creative had been circulated and the number of Facebook and Instagram followers noted.

22.2 **HIGHWAYS** - i) Update on previous reports were noted.

Issues on School Lane down to the junction with Florence Place would be reported.

ii) In the absence of Cllr Foss nothing further was available to report on the Police Camera Van position.

iii) Following the highways meeting in Duncote the Clerk had arranged for free signage to be delivered to her for distribution as agreed. Purchase of possible other signage would be raised at the next meeting.

iv) The issue of a missing lock on the bin at the top of School Lane had been followed up and a free replacement grit bin provided as a 'gesture of goodwill'. After consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the faulty bin remain in position on School Lane and the new lockable bin be offered to the CCA for the front car park area.

22.3 **RIGHTS OF WAY** – Nothing further had been reported.

22.4- **LIGHTING** - i)[. Testing of lights had been completed and new certificates issued.

22.5 - **TREES** – Nothing further to report.

22.6 - **PLAYING FIELD** - i) Regular checks continued.

ii) Consideration of replacement of the basketball net was still to be determined.

iii) The preparation works for siting of the cricket side screens had been carried out and after discussion on the extent of the extra field width removal of the hedge had created it was **RESOLVED** that a quotation be sought from CGM to similarly cut back the hedge behind the CCA back buildings and the neighbouring field.

iv) The defibrillator was now installed and working and being checked weekly by the CCA. Cllr Brennan McCord advised that training in the use if the associated bleed kit was recommended and the Clerk would follow up on this.

iv) There had been further contact from the new resident to Towcester Road with reference to CCTV/lighting coverage of the PF carpark. The CCA position on traffic management at the exit only gate was detailed by Cllr Collier and noted.

22.7 **JUBILEE GARDEN** – i) Regular maintenance continued.

22.8 **POCKET PARK**- i) The latest report had been circulated.

	<p>22.9 VILLAGE GREEN –i)No further issues to report.</p> <p>22.10 ALLOTMENTS – i)Nothing to report.</p> <p>22.11. The Chairman gave the latest update on the VILLAGE HALL TRUST who were due to meet later in the month.</p> <p>22.12 –In his absence Cllr Foss as POLICE LIAISON Member had circulated information.</p> <p>22.13 OTHER REPORTS –i) The 2024 FIREWORKS deposit had been paid. The gates this year would be opened at 6pm for a 7.17pm start ii) The Clerk apologised for the error made when seeking a replacement for the seat on Towcester Road and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk seek a quotation from Carey Bayliss to supply a suitable one removing the existing seat and installing the new one in due course. Removal of the other seat on Braden Road would again be followed up with the Village Handyman. iii)The Clerk gave brief feedback on the British Legion’s current position on D Day celebration. She would keep the Council updated as support had been agreed. iv) A report from the CCA had been circulated . v) Details on the requirement for a Council Biodiversity policy would be re-circulated. vi) Details of the Contract for a move to Cuttlefish for the website would be passed to the Chairman before signature and processing by the Clerk.</p>
24/23	<p>CORRESPONDENCE – i)Tabled and general correspondence had been circulated and was noted The bi-monthly NCALC Update newsletter being highlighted. This had been circulated and members alerted to certain sections. ii) Edition 21 of the West Northants Town & Parish briefing had been circulated</p>
24/24	<p>CONSULTATIONS –Members had been alerted to the Towcester Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) by Save Towcester Now especially with reference to a section relating to Towcester Road from beyond the Towcestrians Sports Field and on through the village. The proposals relating to a 3m wide footpath and moving/lowering of speed limits was regard as being somewhat fictitious – a wish rather than a possibility especially with clarification that no funding was available. Members were urged to respond to this consultation.</p>
24/25	<p>ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA - None requested</p>
24/26	<p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING –Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.30pm in Meeting Room 2 at the Community Centre</p>

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm