

GREENS NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING ON MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2024 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: Cllrs Chris Bowmer (Chair), P. Agness, S. Pentland and Cllrs Mrs Caroline Trotter, Mrs Jane Docking and Mrs Joan Brennan McCord

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

24/27	APOLOGIES were received and accepted from. Cllr Hiscock (family commitment), Cllr Collier (family commitment), Cllr Croft (away) and Cllr Foss with apology but no reason stated.					
24/28	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS were noted.					
24/29	i) No DISPENSATION REQUESTS prior to the meeting had been received. ii) No DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were made. iii) The REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS following any changes within 28 days of such changes was stressed					
24/30	MINUTES – Having been previously circulated and duly proposed and seconded it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 5 th February 2024 be signed as a true record in line with Standing Orders.					
24/31	i) There were no MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC present. ii) Cllr Manners as UNITARY MEMBER gave his monthly update covering the major development position with DHL registering for determination by April 23 rd despite all of the current National Highways issues not being determined. He reported that the Budget had now been adopted and explained the position on the requirements to cover funding relating to Adult and Children's Services which amounted to almost 60% of the budgeted figures. He was thanked as ever for his report.					
24/32	There was still no change in the position on filling the two currently VACANT SEATS . The article published in the recent Newsletter had brought forth no response.					
24/33	PLANNING – 33.1-3 No APPLICATIONS, PERMISSIONS or REFUSALS had been received 33.4 There was nothing further to report on the MAJOR PLANNING PROJECTS in the pipeline beyond that earlier given by Cllr Manners on DHL. 33.5 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS – Cllr Trotter and the Clerk had attended the recent online training by Planning on Settlement Hierarchy and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Trotter and Pentland take the consultation papers for early consideration and circulation to Members in time for a response by April 2 nd . Cllr Manners would join with them as available. 33.6 Following a suggestion from Cllr Trotter the Clerk was looking into the position on Housing Needs Survey possibilities.					
24/34	FINANCE – 34.1a) Payment of the following account since the last meeting was noted:					
	Online Ref	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Spending Power
	Multicard	£49.92		Workgloves	Glove for pocket park	Open Spaces Act
	Multicard	£20.38	3.40	Turtle Engineering	Defib sign	GPOC
	(b) To authorise payment of the following accounts online Cllrs Trotter and Bowmer to action:					
	Online Ref	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	
	OL3/1	£1493.81		Linda Paice	Salary & expenses	LGA 1972 s 112
	OL3/2	£383.20		HMRC	Tax & NHI	LGA 1972 s112
	OL3/3	£1200.00	200.00	CGM	Ground work re Cricket Club side screen –	Grant reclaim from GNVHT
	OL3/4	£2820.00	470.00	Durant Cricket	ditto	ditto
	OL3/5	£66.50		Sue Ingram	PF works	Open Spaces Act
	OL3/6	£300.00	50.00	Bubble Creative	Community Engagement	LGA 1972 s111
	OL3/7	£324.00		Mat Webber	Jubilee garden and handyman works	Open Spaces Act

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

Online Ref	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
OL3/8	£253.80	42.30	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
OL3/8	£14.40		GNCCA	Room hire	LGA 1972 s111

(d) To note payments made by Direct Debit

Online Ref	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
Direct debit	£3.00		Lloyds	Multipay card fee	LGA 1972 s111
Direct debit	£162.61	9.23	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act

34.2 **RECEIPTS** - £18.95 - Blakesley Parish Council shared admin costs

34.3 Council's bank balance at 29th February 2024 was noted as £87586.81

34.4 The paperwork to open the agreed Unity Trust Instant Access Account was duly completed in line with the Council's current mandate.

34.5 The 2023-24 AGAR audit papers were still awaited from PKF Littlejohn.

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REPORTS –

35.1 **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** – Latest data from Bubble Creative had been circulated postings were still noted. There was discussion in regard to the content passed to Bubble following the monthly PC meetings and concerns were noted. A Social Media postings Policy will be investigated.

35.2 **HIGHWAYS** - i) Update on previous reports were noted

ii) In the absence of Cllr Foss there was no update on further vehicle activated sign possibilities.

iii) Following the earlier Highways meeting the 20mph advisory signs were now held by the Clerk and it was determined where and how these would be installed. Discussion of possible self purchase of village gateway and nameplate signage would be carried forward to the next meeting.

iv) The Community Centre had advised that they could not use the spare grit bin and the Clerk reported that she would be applying for a licence to site it at the junction with Calvert Road and then arrange for it to be filled.

v) Following inspection of the seat on Towcester Road and on the advice of a local contractor it was **RESOLVED** that this now be just cleaned up and not replaced.

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

35.4- **LIGHTING** - Nothing to report.

35.5 - **TREES** – Nothing further to report. It was thought that the works to the tree on the edge of the playing field had been completed.

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

ii) Consideration of replacement of the basketball net was ongoing.

35.7 **JUBILEE GARDEN** – i) Regular maintenance continued and Cllr Mrs Brennan McCord had nothing to report.

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

35.9 **VILLAGE GREEN** –i)No further issues to report.

35.10 **ALLOTMENTS** – i)Nothing to report.

35.11. The Chairman gave the latest update on the **GREENS NORTON VILLAGE CHARITABLE TRUST** who at their last meeting had considered and agreed a grant to Bradden Village Hall. The funds continued to be open for applications.

35.12 –In the absence of Cllr Foss as **POLICE LIAISON** Member there was no report.

	<p>35.13 COMMUNITY CENTRE – i) A note from the CCA Trustees regarding traffic management works to the exit gate area including installation of CCTV cameras had been circulated and was noted. ii/iii) A copy of the Accounts to March 23 along with a grant application for release of the Council’s budgeted drawing facility of £800 towards the CCTV element of the project was noted and it was RESOLVED that the Application be granted and the funding released. The security of the cameras would be checked with the Chair of Trustees.</p> <p>iv) There was lengthy discussion in regard to the position of the facility when the current Lease runs out in 2033 especially from the perspective of financial budgeting for 2025-6 onwards when the loan on the building is fully repaid.</p> <p>35.14 OTHER REPORTS –i) The Clerk gave feedback on RBL proposals relating to D DAY 80 and performance at the Clubhouse of ‘O What a Lovely War’ by a travelling theatre group. It was RESOLVED that the Council would support the event as reasonably required and discussed at the last meeting</p> <p>ii) It was RESOLVED that the Council adopt a previously circulated Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan which the Clerk would update and recirculate.</p> <p>iii) The Cuttlefish upgraded new website was well received and the Clerk would forward to them the Logo used on the social media sites to be added.</p> <p>iv) At the request of the Clerk, it was RESOLVED that the Council 2024/5 calendar be varied to accommodate her absence in January 2025. The Council would meet in December 2024 and then not until February 2025. The Clerk thanked the meeting for this consideration.</p> <p>v) The Clerk reported that a free official framed portrait of King Charles III had been ordered and suggested that perhaps this could be accommodated in the Community Centre.</p>
24/36	<p>CORRESPONDENCE – i)Tabled and general correspondence had been circulated and was noted ii) Information from Kier on Pocket Woodland opportunities was advised but no suitable locations came forward.</p>
24/37	<p>CONSULTATIONS – i) Confirmation of submission of a response to the WNC LCWIP Public Consultation was noted.</p> <p>ii)Consultations on the WNC Air Quality Action Plan and Integrated Care Northamptonshire can improve planned healthcare were highlighted to members to follow up on the WNC website.</p>
24/38	<p>ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA - i) May Annual Meeting alert in regard to nominations for Chair and Vice Chair</p>
24/39	<p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING –TUESDAY 2ND APRIL 2024 at 7.30pm in Meeting Room 2 at the Community Centre Monday 1st being a Bank Holiday</p>

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm