



MINUTES

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 5th December 2024 at 07:00pm
Held at The Methodist Chapel, Gynwell, Naseby, Northamptonshire

Present:

Chairman: Cllr Reedman

Councillors: Cllr Collins, Cllr Aldo Rodi, Cllr Davies, Cllr Hall and Cllr Brodala

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WELCOME/OPENING PROCEDURES

Chairman Reedman welcomed all and opened the meeting.

24/479 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies to receive.

24/480 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- There were no declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interest reported.
- There were no dispensations or written requests for dispensation of DPI to consider.

24/481 MINUTES

Council RESOLVES to approve the Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes of the 7th of November 2024, as a true and accurate record.

24/482 PUBLIC PARTICPATION (OPEN MEETING)

- Council received a member of public who is interested in becoming a Councillor and filling one of the vacancies in the New Year: Mr Earl Harrison.
- Council received a presentation from John Marton of YourLocale, Council's Neighbourhood Plan Consultants. John reported that in January, the majority of all major items will be brought together to create the first full draft of the Plan. The Environment section is nearly complete with the exception of the renewable energy generation infrastructure policy. A decision needs to be made by Council if this policy is required or not. Background information was given via the presentation concerning turbines, solar and PV generation. The options given were as follows:
 - **Remain silent** – the Council decides against having a policy, but this results in the council not being able to comment on any renewable energy planning applications. WNC will make decisions concerning these types of applications based off their Core Strategy and Local Plan with regard to the National Framework Policy. As the NHP is a statutory planning document it will only be used if it has the relevant policies within it.
 - **Have your own policy** – consider identifying suitable local areas for renewable energy and infrastructure / low carbon energy sources. This gives the Parish Council a chance to include these within its policy which WNC have not yet done. As their will be a new National Framework adopted

by the government in January, it will mean changes need to be made in how the NHP is worded. Evidence can be given to help make the decision.

- The community will have significant control over renewable energy development proposals, as many conditions can be added to the policy, e.g. environmental factors, noise, size of area, including turbine height and tip length. The policy can specify further parameters such as locations and access. A questionnaire can be presented to the public with an interactive display at the next open day concerning this.

If the policy is created the Council can engage the community and it can also be used as evidence that the public have been consulted, which is required for the external examination.

The question was asked if the Battlefield could be developed for renewable energy and the answer was no.

Council considered the options and unanimously agreed to create a policy for renewable energy for the Neighbourhood Plan.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

24/483	<p>2025-26 Budget</p> <p>Council RESOLVED to approve the proposed Budget of £39,710 for the 2025-26 fiscal year as created by the RFO and reviewed and pre-approved by the Finance Working Group at its closed Budget meeting held on the 19th of November 2024.</p>	JF
24/484	<p>2025-26 Precept</p> <p>a) Council RESOLVED to approve the proposed 2025/26 precept of £34,045 as reviewed and pre-approved by the Finance Working Group at its closed Budget meeting held on the 19th of November 2024.</p> <p>b) Council RESOLVED to agree to the Chairman and Clerk/RFO authorising the PR1 WNC Precept form in preparation for submission to West Northants Council. The form was duly signed.</p>	JF
24/485	<p>Play Area Matters</p> <p>a) Annual Inspection – Council considered the annual inspection report and all required actions and agreed that as the majority of items were low risk, there was no rush at present to create an action plan, it could wait until the new year. However, in the meantime, the Clerk is to the send the report to the Village Hall Committee to allow for any remedial works raised, to be overseen by them in relation to the sports court.</p> <p>b) Zip Wire Inspection – it was reported that the date for inspection had been moved several times. The Clerk agreed to chase Kompan for a date.</p> <p>c) Lease (Village Hall Committee Position) – Cllr Reedman reported that he had still not received any update from the Committee and will be attending their next meeting on the 22nd of January to discuss this with them.</p>	JF
24/486	<p>Parking Restrictions – Knight’s Hill/High Street Junction</p> <p>a) WNC Highways Update – Council received and considered the response from the WNC Highways Officer.</p> <p>b) Double Yellow Lines – Council received and considered the diagram received from WNC Highways concerning the location of the double yellow lines.</p> <p>c) TRO Costs – Council considered the response concerning the costs of the TRO and that the total of £4,450 would need to be met by Council to allow for the works to proceed.</p> <p>d) Residents Costs – Council considered the information received concerning the cost of their line painting and invoicing of such.</p> <p>Council RESOLVED that the cost was too expensive and therefore, not take this application any further. Cllr Reedman agreed to update the residents.</p>	PR

24/487	<p>War Memorial Repairs</p> <p>Cllr Rodi reported that he had completed and submitted a pre-application for grant funding to the War Memorial Trust circa 6 weeks ago. That he has chased for an update, but they had not yet managed to review the application, so it is still in abeyance. The Kelmarsh Wind Farm Fund application has also been submitted. The 9th of January 2025 is the next round of applications reviews for the Wind Farm Fund applications, so will have an answer soon.</p>	-
24/488	<p>Neighbourhood Development Plan</p> <p>Cllr Brodala reported that there are 3 groups that make up the NHP Working Group: Housing, Community Assets and Environment. All groups came together on the 12th of November to review all call for site applications. Site analysis was conducted with sites being rated green, amber and red. There were 9 sites in total to review, who will receive a response concerning the outcome of the review by February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All Design Codes are now complete. ▪ The new policy will be added by Environmental as the new NFFP might cover renewable energy when it is issued in January. ▪ The next working group meeting is being held on the 14th of January, where the first full draft of the Plan is to be reviewed. ▪ An open day will be held spring/summer with a view to having the Plan ‘made’ in 2026. 	-
24/489	<p>Market/Whipping Cross Repairs</p> <p>a) Council considered all tenders received and RESOLVED to approve AJ Mills as the contractor for the repair works to the Whipping Cross, at a cost of £xx, subject to storing the stone on Council’s behalf.</p> <p>b) Council RESOLVED to the Clerk ordering the stone from Cumbrian Stone required for the repairs.</p>	JF
24/490	<p>Compass Energy – Naseby Buying Group</p> <p>Council NOTED the annual income of £254.40 generated to the 21st of October 2024, from 36 customers buying 50,847 litres of oil.</p> <p>The Clerk has submitted the invoice to Compass.</p>	JF
24/491	<p>Vegetation – Cottesbroke Road / High Street Junction</p> <p>Council considered the request from residents concerning the vegetation in this location to have this cut back to improve visibility splays and RESOLVED to get a quotation from Treeworx for the cutting back of the hedge. Cllr Collins agreed to contact Treeworx for this.</p>	AC
24/492	<p>Police Road Safety Fund</p> <p>Cllr Brodala reported that the fund is only a total of £5k and this will only cover two Speed Display Devices (SID’s). An application has been submitted to the Kelmarsh Wind Farm fund for one other SID.</p> <p>A meeting is being held on the 13th of December with a WNC Highways Officer to consider the preferred locations.</p> <p>The Police have requested that the Section 50 Licence documents be submitted to the Police Fund with the application.</p>	DB
24/493	<p>Christmas Tree Lighting Event</p> <p>Cllr Reedman reported that the event was held on the 1st of December and was a huge success. Council recorded their thanks to Margaret Diack for organising the whole event.</p>	-

24/494	Grant Applications Updates were given on all applications being made the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Benches – 2nd Life Products the cheapest quote at £1,044 (exc. VAT) for 2 x benches. ▪ Speed Indicator Devices – already reported under minute ref. 24/492. ▪ Church Wall – the application has been submitted. 	-
24/495	Earmarked Reserves Council RESOLVED to Cllr Brodala creating a leaflet to be sent out to residents asking them for their ideas / wish list, to enable council to create a comprehensive list of projects and earmark reserves accordingly.	DB

PLANNING

24/496	Planning Application 2024/4984/FULL – 15 Newlands, Naseby 2 Storey rear extension. Council's no objection to this application was made and submitted between meetings.	-
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24/497 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

Accounts for Payment – Current Account

Council RESOLVED to approve all payments being made via BACS, Standing Order, and Direct Debit, as set out in the table below for the current accounting period.

Ref.	Payee	Description	Amount
ONLINE PAYMENTS VIA BACS TRANSFER & CHEQUE			
BACS	DCK Payroll Solutions	DECEMBER Payroll Service Fee – Inv. 24914	£18.00
BACS	E.on Energy Solutions	Install light shield Inv. 125487	£54.00
BACS	Naseby Methodist Church	Hall hire fees – NHP Meeting October Inv. 50	£18.00
BACS	Naseby Methodist Church	Hall hire fees – PC Meeting November	£18.00
BACS	Naseby Methodist Church	Hall hire fees – NHP Meeting December	£18.00
BACS	Welford Christmas Tree Farm	Supply and delivery of annual Christmas tree (18 ft spruce). Inv. 20200836	£335.00
BACS	Thompson Ground Care	Grass cutting fees October – Inv. 0853	£587.28
S/O	Josie Flavell	Clerk's December Salary and home working allowance (Salary £629.78 – Allowance £37.50)	£629.78
BACS	Josie Flavell	Reimbursement for payment of monthly mobile phone fee (Vodafone December)	£25.98
BACS	HMRC	December 2024 Tax and NI	£157.70
BACS	The Play Inspection Co.	Annual play area inspection fee – Inv.	£81.00
BACS	Paul Reedman	Reimbursement for refreshment for the Christmas Tree Lighting Event.	£89.82
Direct Debit Payments			
BACS	Information Commissioners Office	Annual data protection fee. Ref. ZA299742	£35.00

24/498 RECEIPTS

Council NOTED all income.

Date	Account	Income Received	Amount
29/11/24	Business Reserve A/C	Bank Interest - November	£50.17
31/10/24		Bank Interest - October	£61.59
29/10/24		Q2 VAT Claim	£1,134.16

24/499 BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS & EARMARKED RESERVES

a). Council NOTED all balances.

Balance as at 29th November 2024

a). Current Account	£45,510.60
b). Business Reserve Account	£0.00

b). Council NOTED all reserves.

General reserve	£31,260.00
Whipping Cross	£3,750.00
Play Area	£1,000.00
Add. Street Lighting	£800.00
2025 Elections	£700.00
NHP Grant	£8,000.00
TOTAL	£45,510.60

COUNCILLORS AREAS OF INTEREST

24/500	HIGHWAYS - Reported a gully on the High Street WNC are investigating. Pothole to be reported again – Cllr Hall.	DH
24/501	STREET LIGHTING – light no. 9 on Newlands has now been fixed, it was an electricity supply issue.	-
24/502	POLICE & FIRE LIASON – Cllr Brodala reported he attended the first meeting with the new Commissioner Danielle Stone, which was well attended. The main aspects of the meeting were Visibility, Accessibility and Professional Standards. Ms Stone is aiming for close working partnerships. Lots of complaints regarding speeding was also reported at the meeting.	-
24/503	VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE – there were no new reports to receive.	-
24/504	CCTV – there were no new reports to receive.	-
24/505	PLAY AREA – please refer to minute reference	-
24/506	MOWING WARDEN – Cllr Hall reported that he had written to Thompson Ground Care concerning the employers NI increase in April and they had responded confirming that they are happy to complete the final year of the contract at the prices agreed.	-
24/507	TREES AND FOOTPATHS – there were no new reports to receive.	
24/508	DEFIBRILLATOR – there were no new reports to receive.	
24/509	WELCOME BOOKLET – there were no new reports to receive.	-
24/510	WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND – there were no new reports to receive.	-
24/511	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA	

- **NB:** Council agreed that the Naseby School PTA can use the remaining balance of £240 grant towards hall hire and that they did not want to apply for a Ninja Trail via the Finding Fitness due to lack of space in the play area.

In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 20:39pm

Signed:
Paul Reedman - Chairman

Date: 06 February 2025