



MINUTES ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 6th February 2025 at 07:00pm
Held at The Methodist Chapel, Gynwell, Naseby, Northamptonshire

Present:

Chairman: Cllr Reedman
 Councillors: Cllr Collins, Cllr Aldo Rodi and Cllr Hall
 Public: 2

MINUTES

WELCOME/OPENING PROCEDURES

Chairman Reedman opened and welcomed all to the meeting.

24/512 APOLOGIES

Council received and accepted apologies and reason for absence as follows:

Councillor	Reason for Absence	Accepted/Unaccepted
Cllr David Brodala	Holiday	Accepted
Cllr Steve Davies	Holiday	Accepted

24/513 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

24/514 MINUTES

Council RESOLVED to Chairman Reedman approving the Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes of the 5th of December 2024 as a true and accurate record.

24/515 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (OPEN MEETING)

Council received reports from members of the public as follows:

- a) WNC Cllr Kevin Parker reported that the Devolution Priority Programme to linking up South Midlands to create a Mayoral Authority, but as the various councils voted differently to this and did not agree it is unlikely that this will go through unless authorised by the Government.
 The draft 2025/26 budget of £432m includes a council tax increase of 4.99%. There are concerns about pressure on children's services, adult social care and temporary accommodation. NI increase will also affect service providers. The Period 9 forecast is a £5.1m shortfall at 1.25%.
 West Northants Council will not be deferring their elections.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

24/516 Co-option of Councillor

- a) Council RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Earl Harrison as Councillor to fill one of the vacant seats.

	<p>b) Council NOTED that Mr Harrison and the Proper Officer duly authorised the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.</p> <p>c) Council NOTED all official documentation was handed to Mr Harrison for completion and return to the Chairman/Clerk.</p>	JF
24/517	<p>War Memorial Repairs</p> <p>Cllr Rodi reported that the inscriptions on the war memorial now cannot be read and remedial action needs to be taken.</p> <p>A grant application was submitted to the Wind Farm Grant Fund which was rejected due to the cost of the quote (£5k) issued along with the application but have agreed for another application to be submitted at a later date. Quotes of £7k, £5k and £2k were obtained.</p> <p>The War Memorial Trust previously awarded council with a grant back in 2014 and through pre-application on this occasion, have once again confirmed that Council can apply for a grant for the current repair works. However, they would like for the cleaning element to be removed from all quotes, with Cllr Rodi now seeking to obtain adjusted quotes for this purpose.</p> <p>Cllr Rodi asked Council for confirmation of the exact works that they would like to have completed, i.e. repair or replacement of the stone, as the last grant received was only 50% of the total repair costs. As the average cost of repair is £2k and replacement of stone is £5k, there will still be significant cost to the Council. Cllr Rodi detailed each quote including the cost.</p> <p>Council RESOLVED to replace the section of stone with worn lettering and for Cllr Rodi to progress all grant applications and bring it back to a future council meeting.</p>	AR
24/518	<p>Play Area</p> <p>a) Lease – Council NOTED the Village Hall and Recreational Grounds Committee have agreed that Clause 25 of the signed lease was included in error, enabling the council's solicitors to proceed with the registering of the lease at Land Registry.</p> <p>b) Zip Wire Inspection – Council RESOLVED to approve the Kompan quote of £368.00 exc. VAT, arising from the recent Kompan inspection.</p> <p>c) Lease – Cllr Reedman reported the Village Hall Committee position, which was covered under minute reference 24/518(a).</p> <p>d) Annual Inspection Actions – Council agreed to consider this at the next Full Council Meeting in March.</p> <p>Council also agreed that the inspection company should notify the Clerk as to when the inspections are taking place to allow for Councillors to attend, thus permitting an increased understanding of the inspection process.</p>	PR JF
24/519	<p>War Memorial Repairs</p> <p>This item was null and void due to being a duplication of item 24/517.</p>	-
24/520	<p>Neighbourhood Development Plan</p> <p>a) Draft plan – Council NOTED that the first full draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was considered and discussed by the Advisory Committee on the 14th of January, combining the work of the 3 separate theme groups.</p> <p>b) Draft Community Actions – Council considered and RESOLVED to review this again at the next Council meeting, due to concerns around T11 Traffic Management and T2 Electric vehicle charging points.</p> <p>c) Renewable Energy Policy – Council NOTED that this item will be considered by the Advisory Committee at a meeting being held on the 18th of February.</p> <p>d) Housing Site Assessments – Council NOTED that AECOM have indicated their work will take up to 12 weeks on the Housing Site Assessments to assess the potential</p>	PR

	<p>housing sites. Requested that Councillor reports back to Planning department on the housing assessment and provision of information and guidance.</p> <p>e) Housing Requirement – Council NOTED that WNC are to be pressured by our NHP consultants (YourLocale) to provide a housing number requirement figure for Naseby. WNC are considering implications of increased housing targets by 10,800 and whether village confines should be extended.</p> <p>f) Asset of Community Value – Council considered and RESOLVED to agree to apply to designate the Royal Oak pub as an Asset of Community Value.</p>	
24/521	<p>Market/Whipping Cross Repairs</p> <p>Council agreed to defer this item to the March Full Council Meeting.</p>	JF
24/522	<p>Compass Energy – Naseby Buying Group</p> <p>Council NOTED the annual income of £254.40 generated to the 31st of October 2022, from 36 customers buying 50,847 litres of oil, which was also reported at the December meeting under minute reference 24/490.</p>	-
24/523	<p>Vegetation – Cottesbroke Road / High Street Junction</p> <p>a) Cllr Collins reported that the contractor, Jonathan of Treeworx, attended a site visit and quoted for the overall job due to uncertainty over volunteers timescales and extent of works.</p> <p>b) Council RESOLVED to approve the quote received from Treeworx for the works to be completed, at a cost of £680.00 exc. VAT, with the works being completed before the end of March.</p>	-
24/524	<p>Police Road Safety Fund – Speed Indicator Devices (SID)</p> <p>a) Grant Funding – Council NOTED that the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner have awarded council with a grant of £4,991.00 from the 24/25 Road Safety Fund, to be used towards the purchase of 2no. solar powered radar speed indicator signs.</p> <p>b) Grant Funding Authorisation – Council RESOLVED to the Chairman and Clerk authorising the associated funding agreement.</p> <p>c) SIDs Order – Council RESOLVED to approve the retrospective order of the SIDs with Elan City for 2no. Evolis Vision Solar Version Radar Speed signs at a cost of £4,158.98 exc. VAT.</p> <p>d) SID Locations – Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the locations for the 2 SIDs as follows: Cottesbroke Road near Catton Close (onto the existing steel mounting pole), and the junction of Church Street and Nutcote (onto the existing Police ANPR mounting pole. There will be additional costs for the mounting of both signs.</p> <p>e) Section 50 Licence – Council NOTED that the licence to cover the installation of these signs was originally negotiated with Northamptonshire County Council in 2017/18, along with a draft agreement and the fee of £260 made at that time. Due to being unable to locate a copy of this licence. Council RESOLVED to approve the signing of an updated copy of this licence.</p> <p>f) Third SID – Council RESOLVED to postpone the decision concerning the purchase of a third solar powered SID for Clipston Road.</p>	JF/DB
24/525	<p>Existing Speed Display Sign</p> <p>Council received a report that the existing speed display signs are not working and that the resident who currently oversees their maintenance is currently unwell.</p> <p>Council agreed to defer this item to the next Full Council meeting.</p>	JF
24/526	<p>Grant Application Outcome/Progress Report</p> <p>To receive a progress report on the following grant applications:</p>	

	a) Benches – additional information needs to be submitted to the Wind Farm Trustees. b) Speed Indicator Devices – Agreed. c) Mounting poles for Speed Indicator Signs – Council NOTED that a grant may not be needed. d) Church Wall – Council NOTED this application was successful and a grant of £5k has been awarded for the wall repair costs. e) War Memorial – please refer to minute reference 24/517.	-
24/527	Parking High Street / School Lane Junction Council RESOLVED to apply for an extension to the parking restrictions (double yellow lines) currently in place; to minimise legally parked vehicle and the fact the school bus has been blocked on several occasions. Cllr Hall agreed to progress this matter.	DH

PLANNING

24/528	Planning Application 2025/0311/LBC – Manor Farm, Newlands, Naseby Listed Buildings consent for conversion and remodel of existing single and two storey service buildings and garages, conversion and extension of existing two storey link building, rebuilding of ruined barn and rebuilding of part demolished workshop farm. Council NOTED the decision to not object to this application between meetings.	-
24/529	Planning Application 2025/0311/FULL – Manor Farm, Newlands, Naseby Conversion and remodel of existing single and two storey service buildings and garages, conversion and extension of existing two storey link building, rebuilding of ruined barn and rebuilding of part demolished workshop farm. Council NOTED the decision to not object to this application between meetings.	-
-	Planning Application 2025/0307/FULL Manor Farm, Newlands, Naseby Construction of 3 bay garage and associated driveway. Council NOTED the decision to not object to this application between meetings and that this application came in after the agenda had already been published but was associated to the prior two applications and therefore considered at the same time.	-

24/530 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

Accounts for Payment – Current Account

- a) Council RESOLVED to ratify the payments highlighted in green, made between meetings due to having no meeting in January.
- b) 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, and for Maragret Diack of All Saints Church be reimbursed £14 for costs in association with the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony.

Ref.	Payee	Description	Amount
ONLINE PAYMENTS VIA BACS TRANSFER & CHEQUE			
BACS	DCK Payroll Solutions	JANUARY Payroll Service Fee – Inv. 25087	£18.00
BACS	Rugby Pest Control	Quarterly contract fee – Inv. 13159	£82.80
BACS	Naseby Methodist Church	Hall hire fees – PC Meeting February	£18.00
BACS	Naseby Methodist Church	Hall hire fees – NHP Meeting February	£18.00
BACS	James Best Ltd	Repair works to Council laptop. Inv. 19/01/25	£35.00
BACS	Kompan	Inspection of Zip Wire (play area) – Inv. 0853	£480.00

S/O	Josie Flavell	Clerk's January Salary and home working allowance (Salary £583.02 – Allowance £37.50)	£620.52
BACS	Josie Flavell	Reimbursement for payment of monthly mobile phone fee (Vodafone January)	£25.98
BACS	HMRC	January 2025 Tax and NI	£145.80
BACS	Viking Direct	Stationery/consumables – Inv. 5225470	£93.55
S/O	Josie Flavell	Clerk's February Salary and home working allowance (Salary £583.02 – Allowance £37.50)	£620.52
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BACS	HMRC	February 2025 Tax and NI	£145.80
Direct Debit Payments			
BACS	Tomato Energy	Unmetered supply fee November AC 1. Inv.	£5.10
BACS	Tomato Energy	Unmetered supply fee November AC 2. Inv.	£150.02
BACS	Tomato Energy	Unmetered supply fee December AC 1. Inv.	£2.04
BACS	Tomato Energy	Unmetered supply fee December AC 2. Inv.	£154.79

24/531 RECEIPTS

Council NOTED all income.

Date	Account	Income Received	Amount
31/12/24	Business Reserve A/C	Bank Interest - December	£51.65
24/12/24		WNC Mowing Grant 2024	£770.21
30/01/25		Bank Interest - January	£46.76
30/01/25		Road Safety Fund Grant Award	£4991.00

24/532 BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS & EARMARKED RESERVES

a). Council NOTED all balances.

Balance as at 1st February 2025

- a). Current Account £45,939.82
- b). Business Reserve Account £0.00

b). Council NOTED all reserves.

General reserve	£31,689.00
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	£45,939.00

COUNCILLORS AREAS OF INTEREST

24/533	HIGHWAYS – the condition of Sibbertoft Road and the eastern end of Carvells Lane are awful. Council agreed to write a letter of complaint to WNC Highways and to also request that road signage at the A5199 end of Carvells Lane is improved to discourage HGV's mistakenly using Carvells Lane to reach Naseby.	-
24/534	STREET LIGHTING – light no. 17 opposite the Royal Oak has a broken bracket.	PR
24/535	POLICE & FIRE LIASON – due to the absence of Cllr Brodala, this item was deferred.	-
24/536	VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE – the committee is still without a Chairman.	-
24/537	CCTV – there were no new reports to receive.	-

24/538	PLAY AREA – please refer to minute reference 24/518.	-
24/539	MOWING WARDEN – there were no new reports to receive.	-
24/540	TREES AND FOOTPATHS – there were no new reports to receive.	-
24/541	DEFIBRILLATOR – there were no new reports to receive.	-
24/542	WELCOME BOOKLET – there were no new reports to receive.	-
24/543	WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND – please refer to minute reference 24/526.	-
24/544	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA	
There were no items reported for inclusion on the next full council meeting agenda.		

NB:

- 1) The church clock is being serviced on the 11th of February.
- 2) Construction of the new digester has commenced in Clipston, which will create traffic within Naseby.
- 3) Meeting Dates – the Annual Parish meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th of March. A budget of £100 has been agreed for refreshments, with a venue to be agreed. The Annual Parish Council meeting has been moved to Tuesday the 13th of May to ensure elections regulations are adhered to with the elections taking place on the 1st of May.
- 4) W.I. Gazebo on Hammonds Mews – council agreed to the WI putting up a gazebo on Hammonds Mews for an event in the summer.

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

Signed:
Paul Reedman - Chairman

Date: 6th March 2025