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## Minutes of the Meeting of East Haddon Parish Council

held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021, at East Haddon Village Hall, East Haddon at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Marysia Wells (Chair), Cllr Jif Cooper, Cllr Barry Hennessey, Cllr Iain Stewart, Cllr Peter Wells and Cllr Gilly Wrathall.

**In attendance:** Mrs Emma Gibson Clerk and RFO, Cllr Phil Bignell (WNC) and two representatives of the Playing Field Association.

**Apologies:** Cllr Malcolm Longley and Cllr Jonathan Lambert

### 2021.83 PUBLIC FORUM:

Representatives of the Playing Fields Association, Becky Forbes and Chris Tierney, were in attendance to present their grant application and answer questions.

**2021.84 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies given by Cllr Longley due to attendance at a WNC meeting, and Cllr Lambert due to work commitments. Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

**2021.85 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021.** Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

**2021.86 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR RELEVANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

#### To receive

1. Non-pecuniary: Cllr Hennessey declared an interest in item 2021.87 (e) as his wife is a member of the East Haddon Village Society
2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: None.

### 2021.87 RESOURCES

a) **Income received:** None.

b) **Payment of outstanding invoices.** Parish Council resolution to approve those listed plus additional received between 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

DATE	PAYEE	DETAIL	PAYMENT METHOD	AMOUNT EX vat	VAT	TOTAL AMOUNT
10/09/2021	E.On	Streetlighting electricity	DD	£157.99	£31.60	£189.59
28/09/2021	Norse	Replacement bin	BT	£183.30	£36.66	£219.96
24/09/2021	Elm Tree	Mowing	BT			£130.00
	Maintenance					
15/09/2021	E.On	Streetlighting electricity	BT	£113.11	£22.62	£135.73
28/09/2021	E Gibson	Mileage September	BT			£26.64
25/09/2021	E Gibson	Salary September	BT			£229.80
15/10/2021	Go Property Services	Works to bus shelter	BT			£780.00
15/10/2021	Elm Tree	Mowing	BT			£130.00
	Maintenance					
01/10/2021	Spratton PC	1/3 Stationery share	BT			£7.12
15/10/2021	HMRC	PAYE Q2	BT			£152.80
25/10/2021	E Gibson	October Salary	BT			£229.60
13/10/2021	Acorn Landscapes	Bench and noticeboard	BT			£365.00
19/10/2021	N Power	Streetlighting electricity	DD	£106.87	£5.34	£112.21
04/11/2021	2Commune	PC Website	BT	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00
17/11/2021	Npower	Streetlight electricity	DD	£132.95	£26.59	£159.54

c) **Bank balances, Bank Reconciliations and Receipts and Payments report to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021:** Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

d) **Budget and Precept setting:** Council considered and **RESOLVED** to agree the proposed budget. In light of the budget the Council **RESOLVED** that the Precept for year 2022/23 would be set at £22,876 which includes a 2% increase for inflation.

e) **Grant applications:** Council considered and agreed the grant applications submitted. Council **RESOLVED** to agree the following grants payable on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022:

- **The Playing fields Association:** £2000, this has increased from previous years due to the continued impact of COVID. This is likely to reduce to previous levels of £1200 next year. PFA signposted and encouraged to access other funding options locally.
- **East Haddon Village Society:** £200, this amount takes into account last year’s grant which due to COVID disruptions was not paid. Amount to return to £100 next year.
- **Friends of East Haddon School:** £1200.

**2021.88 PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

a) **Planning Applications to consider and make resolution:** None.

Application No.	Description	Location	Respond by	Case Officer

b) **Planning application decisions to report (if any):** None.

c) **Planning appeals for information:** Plot 1 & 2 Tythe Farm, Holdenby Road, East Haddon. Council discussed and confirmed that the matters were following due process and are now in the hands of WNC.

d) **Planning Committee for information:** None.

**2021.89 CHURCHYARD CEMETERIES, OPEN SPACES AND PARISH PROPERTY**

a) **Cemetery Issues:** Up-date from Clerk that one quote had been received for the cemetery mapping and another is to be sought but an estimate for this is £1500. Once the software is agreed a working party may need to be formed to transfer the information, as Clerk will be unable to undertake this task within her current hours.

b) **Mowing/Maintenance Issues (if any):**

1. **Potholes on Mill Lane:** Council discussed and advised that PFA need to try to access other funding and possibly reconsider what funding may pay for which things. PFA can return to Council once explored other avenues as there are options such as possibly accessing some of the PC’s CIL money for the potholes.

c) **Village Hall internet connection:** Council to advise VH of possibility of applying to WNC Community Grants for his work.

d) **Village Committee updates:** Cllrs M Wells reported on Village Hall Committee. Following the easing of the Covid restrictions the village hall has started to return to some form of normality. Although the usage is currently at reduced levels, the hall is working towards attracting more local users. With regards to the development at Rose cottage, the committee has concluded the agreement for the builder to acquire the small dilapidated out building at the rear and the land it sat on. This will enable a clear southern boundary along which a new fence will be constructed, and the land cleared and flattened for use by the hall. The building company is paying all fees to formalise the transfer and the update of official records including the charities commission. The VH committee will consider at its next meeting how this external area might be re-modelled. The hall is also planning to have some minor improvement works conducted, including replacement of outer porch lights, new front door lock and bolts and new fire escape mechanism. Quotes have been sought.

**2021.90 HIGHWAYS**

a) **Streetlighting up-grade:** Council discussed the streetlighting up-grade and cost and financing of it. Three quotes were considered, E.On, Peacocks and Zeta. After consideration the Council **RESOLVED** to instruct Zeta lighting to complete the up-grade work, subject to a few further enquiries. Cllr Cooper to contact Zeta to clarify a few issues before proceeding. Council further **RESOLVED** to fund the project from CIL monies.

b) **Speed indicators:** Council discussed the possibility of re-deploying the old speed indicator. Enquiries have been made regarding the viability of this and it will not be cost effective to continue to use this device due to its age. Council **RESOLVED** to dispose of the camera preferably to sell it.

c) **Bench in Tilbury Road:** Council discussed the possibility of installing a bench on Tilbury Road. This will be revisited after the village survey has taken place.

**2021.91 CONSULTATIONS REQUIRING A RESPONSE:** Council to consider any additional consultations received between the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

a) Cllr Bignell WNC drew Council’s attention to the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan – Spatial Options Consultation. Clerk to forward further information to Cllrs.

**2021.92 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION AND TO AGREE ACTION (IF ANY) (previously circulated).**

**2021.93 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Date of next meeting Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm T.B.C.

Meeting closed: 20:03

Signed.....  
Chair East Haddon Parish Council

Date:

**Meeting dates:**  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Annual Meeting of the PC Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022