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Minutes of the Meeting of East Haddon Parish Council

held on Thursday 20th January 2022, at East Haddon Village Hall, East Haddon at 7.00 pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs Emma Gibson Clerk and RFO, Cllr Charles Morton (WNC) and one member of the public.

Apologies: None.

2021.94 PUBLIC FORUM:

A member of the public has raised with a Cllr the issue of speeding and parking on Ravensthorpe Road/Main Street. Council to discuss later in the meeting under item 2021.102 (c).

2021.95 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None.

2021.96 NEW CLLR CO-OPTION: Cllr to consider any new applicants and make a resolution regarding co-option. No applicants present for co-option at this time, carried to next meeting.

2021.97 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2021. Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

2021.98 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR RELEVANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

To receive

1. Non-pecuniary: None.
2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: None.

2021.99 RESOURCES

a) Income received:

WNC 2ND Precept Payment: £11,213.50

P Wells Speed camera sale: £100.00

Bank interest: £0.67

b) Payment of outstanding invoices:

Parish Council resolution to approve those listed plus additional received between 14th January 2022 and 20th January 2022.

DATE	PAYEE	DETAIL	PAYMENT METHOD	AMOUNT EX vat	VAT	TOTAL AMOUNT
05/11/2021	2Commune	PC website domain name	BT	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00
25/11/2021	E Gibson	Nov Salary	BT			£229.80
17/12/2021	N power	Streetlighting electricity	DD	£150.15	£30.03	£180.18
24/12/2021	E Gibson	Dec Salary	BT			£279.60
17/12/2021	HMRC	PAYE Q3	BT			£165.40
09/12/2021	2Commune	PC website hosting and email	BT	£435.00	£87.00	£522.00
10/12/2021	Zeta lighting	Streetlight upgrade	BT	£4600.00	£920.00	£5520.00
31/12/2021	Unity bank	Banking service fee	DD			£18.00
10/01/2022	E.On	Maintenance contract	BT	£113.11	£22.62	£135.73

c) Bank balances, Bank Reconciliations and Receipts and Payments report to 1st December 2021 and 1st January 2022:

Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

d) Asset Mapping:

Council to discuss NCALC's Asset Mapping Project (AMP) and consider engaging with the project and nominating two Cllrs and the Clerk to form a working party for the project. Council discussed and **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Cooper to lead this in conjunction with the Clerk, and report to full Council at the March meeting for approval of the list.

2021.100 PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a) Planning applications to consider and make resolution: None.

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

c) Planning appeals for information: None.

d) Planning Committee for information: None.

2021.101 CHURCHYARD CEMETERIES, OPEN SPACES AND PARISH PROPERTY

- a) **Cemetery path:** Path needs sweeping and clearing. Council considered and **RESOLVED** to instruct contractor to undertake this maintenance.
- b) **Electronic Cemetery Records:** Two quotes have been received. Cllrs considered and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should have a demonstration of both software packages and if happy with the cheaper package, then this can be purchased. If the more expensive package is better, then this would need to come back to Council at the next meeting for approval.
- c) **Mowing/Maintenance Issues (if any):** None.
- d) **Village Committee updates:** Cllrs reported on any Committees at which they have been in attendance.
- 1) **Village Hall:** The land sale has gone through at no cost to the Village Hall. The Village Hall have recently reviewed their hire fees and held a fundraising quiz. Suggestion has been made that local organisations such as PC, VH Committee, PCC, and the local school meet to plan any events for the Jubilee. PC are happy to participate in this.
- 2) **PCC:** Meeting attended, fundraising options are being discussed, and PCC are working towards installing Wi-Fi for the benefit of the church and local organisations. Next meeting 14th March 2022.
- e) **Queen’s Jubilee Canopy:** The WNC Co-ordinator has contacted the PC asking to be kept up to date with any plans the Council may have for “Plant a tree for the Jubilee.” There are different opportunities available for funding of planting projects. Council discussed and **RESOLVED** that they did not have space for any trees in the village. They will consider a tree being planted in the Churchyard. **ACTION:** Clerk to make enquiries regarding tree availability. However, the PC hope to have a village event with other organisations for the Jubilee.
- f) **Bus shelter re-painting:** Quotes have been received for the re-painting of the bus shelter after the completed damp proofing work. Council considered the quotes and **RESOLVED** to use local contractor Acorn Landscapes. Clerk to instruct and ensure suitable paint will be used.
- g) **Listed buildings:** Council discussed ways that buildings and important structures in the village could be protected and enhanced in the future. Council **RESOLVED** that a working party was not necessary to look at this issue. This is a matter for WNC and any interested residents to pursue.
- g) **Christmas tree lights:** Suggestion received to up-date the village Christmas tree lights. Council must ensure lights are for the whole village and not just the Church if they are to fund them. Council to consider options. **ACTION:** Cllr Lambert to make enquiries regarding new lights and funding options.

2021.102 HIGHWAYS

- a) **Streetlighting up-grade:** Up-date received. Council discussed current maintenance contract in place with E.On as this should no longer be necessary with new lamps. Council **RESOLVED** to end contract. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact E.On.
- b) **40 mph limit extension:** Request received from a parishioner to have the 40mph speed limit on the A428 near the railway bridge extended to after the 40mph bends. Council discussed and **RESOLVED** to gather more information and contact WNC Highways team before taking a view.
- c) **Speeding and parking issues:** Council discussed parking and speeding within the village. Suggestion received regarding reducing speeding of the use of police silhouettes at the side of the road and on verges. Cllr Wells to make enquiries regarding these although the Council recognise such measures can sometimes only be temporary. Council **RESOLVED** to contact WNC to put in an application for traffic calming measures from the junction A428 to Tilbury Road down to Tilbury Rise.
Local resident raised a concern regarding her parking options. She is finding it difficult to park on her drive due to the speed of vehicles on the road and needing to reverse in or out of her drive is therefore dangerous. This has then led to her parking on the road but on a bend, which other road users view as dangerous. Council suggests that the use of a mirror to enable her to use her drive more safely would be a solution.
- d) **Litter picking:** Council discussed establishing a litter picking group such as the “Wombles” groups, as per other villages. Some litter picking equipment is available to use. Cllr Lambert to co-ordinate litter pick in the village.

2021.103 VILLAGE SURVEY

- a) **Village Survey:** Up-date received, to be revisited at the next meeting.

2021.104 CONSULTATIONS REQUIRING A RESPONSE: Council to consider any additional consultations received between the 14th January 2022 and 20th January 2022.

- a) **WNC Budget Consultation:** West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) are consulting on their budget for 2022/23. The consultation closes on **1 February 2022** details can be found on the following link (<https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/budget-2022-23/>). Council discussed and Cllrs to respond individually.

2021.105 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION AND TO AGREE ACTION (IF ANY) (previously circulated).
None.

2021.106 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Date of next meeting Thursday 17th March 2022 at 7pm T.B.C.

Meeting closed: 20:23

Signed.....
Chair East Haddon Parish Council

Date:

Meeting dates:
Thursday 17th March 2022

Annual Meeting of the PC Thursday 19th May 2022