

EAST HADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of The Meeting of East Haddon Parish Council

On Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7.00pm at East Haddon Village Hall.

In attendance: Cllr Jif Cooper (Vice Chair), Cllr Barry Hennessey, Cllr Maggie Marsh and Cllr Gilly Wrathall.

WNC Cllr: Cllr Phil Bignell

Clerk and RFO: Mrs Emma Gibson

Public: 5 members of the public.

2023.59 PUBLIC FORUM:

- Members of the public in attendance to raise concerns regarding the crossroads at East Haddon and the accidents that have taken place there. Reported that there have been a number of accidents in this location. Residents raised that the crossroads were not visible to drivers and needed better signage such as illuminated signs. Other suggestions for improvements would be a staggering of the crossroads. Landowner willing to meet with WNC highways to discuss options available to improve the safety of the area.
- Residents also raised concerns regarding the Long Buckby turning on the A428 and the speed of traffic along that route. Request was put to Council to support a proposal to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph from the railway bridge before East Haddon to past the Long Buckby turning.
- WNC Cllr Bignell reported to the Council that WNC intend to increase the Council Tax level by 2.99% with a 2% increase for the social care budget. Reminder that the boundary review was still open for comments. Residents also advised that Covid 19 jobs are available until end of Jan to those that are eligible. WNC are using the new pothole repair machine in the area which should speed up repairs. Cllr Bignell to contact WNC highways regarding the traffic and speeding concerns raised by local residents.

2023.60 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies received from Cllr M Wells, Cllr P Wells, Cllr M Longley and Cllr J Lambert. Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

2023.61 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2023. Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

2023.62 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR RELEVANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

To receive

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

2023.63 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR: Council to consider any applications for the Cllr Vacancy. No applications received.

2023.64 RESOURCES

a) Income received:

b) Payment of outstanding invoices: Parish Council resolution to approve those listed plus additional received between 19th January 2024 and 25th January 2024

| DATE | PAYEE | DETAIL | PAYMENT METHOD | AMOUNT EX vat | VAT | TOTAL AMOUNT |
|------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|---------------|---------|--------------|
| 06.12.2023 | Connolly Accountant | Payroll Dec 23 | DD | £15.98 | £3.20 | £19.18 |
| 08.12.2023 | Yu Energy | Streetlighting Nov 23 | DD | £18.88 | £0.94 | £19.82 |
| 22.12.2023 | Clerk | Dec 23 Salary | BT | | | ----- |
| 22.12.2023 | HMRC | PAYE Dec 23 | BT | | | ----- |
| 11.12.2023 | PC Website | Website domain name | BT | £88.00 | £17.60 | £105.60 |
| 18.12.2023 | Hilltop Audio Visual | Hearing Loop | BT | £3000.00 | £600.00 | £3600.00 |
| 02.01.2024 | Kilsby PC | Office phone share | BT | | | £4.72 |
| 25.12.2023 | Connolly Accountant | Payroll Dec 23 | BT | £15.98 | £3.20 | £19.18 |
| 03.01.2024 | Scribe | Burials records | BT | £273.60 | £54.72 | £328.32 |
| 03.01.2024 | Yu Energy | Streetlighting energy | DD | £38.02 | £6.58 | £44.60 |
| 03.01.2024 | Yu Energy | Streetlighting energy | DD | £19.50 | £0.98 | £20.48 |
| 04.01.2024 | Kilsby PC | Printer cartridge share | BT | | | £5.37 |
| 16.01.2024 | Clerk | Jan 24 Salary | BT | | | ----- |
| 16.01.2024 | HMRC | PAYE Jan 24 | BT | | | ----- |
| 18.01.2024 | Parish Council Websites | Website hosting and support annual fee | BT | £228.00 | £45.60 | £273.60 |
| 23.01.2024 | Grenadier Grounds | Cemetery hedges | BT | £550.00 | £110.00 | £660.00 |
| 23.01.2024 | Kilsby PC | Office phone share Jan 24 | BT | | | £4.72 |

c) Bank Balances, Bank Reconciliations and Receipts and Payments report to 1st January 2024. Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

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2023.65 PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

| Previous Applications | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Application No. | Description | Location | Decision |
| 2023/5900/FULL | Change of use from open field to railway land to facilitate regrading of the railway embankment. | Land off Brington Road, Great Brington. | Approved |
| 2023/7946/MAF | Construction of coffee shop, gymnasium, offices, flexible office space and associated car parking. | Land at Grovelands Business Park West Haddon Road East Haddon NN6 8FB | Outstanding |
| 2023/7811/PA | Prior Notification Enlargement of dwelling house | 39 Holdenby Road East Haddon NN6 8DH | Prior approval not required |

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

c) Planning appeals for information: None.

d) Planning Committee for information: None.

2023.66 CHURCHYARD CEMETERIES, OPEN SPACES AND PARISH PROPERTY

a) Cemetery Issues: None.

b) Mowing/Maintenance Issues (if any): None.

c) Churchyard: Council considered the quote for clearing weeds and ivy from the churchyard that are encroaching on the neighbour's property. Council **RESOLVED** to get the work completed.

d) War Graves Commission request: Councillors considered the installation of a sign to the cemetery to highlight that war graves are situated there. Council **RESOLVED** to complete the application for the sign.

2023.67 HIGHWAYS (Council agreed to discuss after item 2023.63 item moved up agenda)

a) Speeding and parking issues: Council discussed the speeding in and around the village. The Council's Police Liaison Cllr Lambert has raised the issues with the local PCSO who has agreed to look at the concerns regarding the A428 junction. Road markings that are faded have been reported to highways and are due to be repainted. Cllr Hennessey advised the PC that the whole of the village was not covered by the speed survey conducted by WNC Highways only either-end of the village. Cllr Hennessey to see if the survey can be extended.

b) General Highways issues up-date: Council to discuss any other highway updates on village issues.

c) Brington Crossroads: Council discussed residents' concerns regarding this stretch of road. Council agreed to meet with WNC Highways to discuss and see if concerned residents can also attend. Options such as an illuminated sign for the crossroad and staggering the junction to be proposed.

d) A428 from East Haddon crossroads to Sandy Lane/Long Buckby: Council discussed residents' concerns regarding the speed limit on this stretch of road. Council **RESOLVED** to support proposed reduction in current speed limit to 40 mph. Clerk to inform Highways of this.

2023.68 POLICING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

a) Up-date from Police Liaison Representative: (PLR). Not in attendance at the meeting.

2023.69 CONSULTATIONS REQUIRING A RESPONSE: None.

2023.70 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION AND TO AGREE ACTION (IF ANY) (previously circulated).

a) Ashes plots: Clerk advised Council she had been approached regarding the purchase of an ashes plot in the cemetery. At present there was no separate plot for ashes. Council to consider at next meeting a separate area for ashes plots, fees for such plots and agreed tablets/markers for the plots.

2023.71 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Date of next meeting Thursday 28th March 2024 at 7pm.

Meeting closed: 19.56.

Signed.....
Chair East Haddon Parish Council

Date:

Meeting dates 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024
Thursday 9th May 2024

Thursday 25th July 2024
Thursday 26th September 2024
Thursday 28th November 2024