

HUNSBURY MEADOWS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 7.15 pm at the Pineham Barns School, Dragon Fly Way, Hunsbury Meadows. NN4 9FF.

Present: Cllr. Mandy Caunt (Chair); Cllr. Debbie Hammond; Cllr John Kwijuka
Cllr. Imran Chowdhury

In attendance: WNC Cllr. Brian Sargeant plus 6 residents.

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099. Invitation: The Chair opened the meeting and thanked the Councillors and members of the public for attending the meeting and apologised for cancelling the December meeting due to lack of a quorum.

100. Apologies for Absence: Apology was received and accepted from WNC Cllr. Nick Sturges-Alex., Cllr. Alexis Tomlin, Cllr. Stacey Lloyd and Clerk & RFO Lalitkumar Patel.

101. Declarations of Interests: None.

102. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th January 2023 were proposed by Cllr Imran seconded by Cllr. Hammond and were approved unanimously.

103. Matters arising from the Minutes of past meetings not on the agenda: None.

104. Public Participation: It was reported that a tent has been erected on a private land next to Banbury lane. It was agreed that the land owner should be left to deal with it. However, as a Police liaison officer, Cllr. Hammond would report it to the Police.

105. Northants Constabulary Report: No Police presence nor any report received.

106. Principal Authority' Report: WNC Cllr. Sargeant reported the following:

- Northampton Market would be moved from its town centre location from 1st February 2023.
- The Holocaust remembrance event was held at the Town Hall and was well attended.
- Council tax for the year 2023-24 will increase by 4.99%.

WNC Cllr. Choudhury presented Nicola from Upton Meadows Residents Association (UMRA) who are planning to arrange a 'Coronation celebrations-party in the park' on

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the Sunday 7th May 2023 and would like to know if Hunsbury Meadows to would like to join them and share costs. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

107. Planning: None

108. Finance:

- i) Cllr Kwijuka the Internal Control Councillor reported on the financial records to 30th January 2023 and found them satisfactory.
- ii) Monthly payments: The payment list for January 2023 (below), was proposed by Cllr. Hammond for approval, seconded by Cllr. Kwijuka and unanimously approved.

Name	Inv. Ref	Details	Amount	VAT	Total	BACS
Lalitkumar Patel	Salary	Dec-22	427.28	0.00	427.28	BT-1/02-01
					427.28	
<u>Post payment Authorisation</u>						
Techquarter	DD	MS365 subscription	62.56	12.45	75.01	01/01/2023
Access Storage	DD	Storage unit rent	165.83	29.17	195.00	13/01/2023
Printwhizz	59573	Newsletter etc	544.00	0.00	544.00	23/01/2023
Safety signs		Men at work	21.45	4.29	25.74	
Total			1221.12	45.91	1267.03	

A reconciled Cash book balance of £ 21656.12 was approved.

109. Resolutions and Decisions:

- 1) To consider collaboration with Upton for the Coronation celebrations.
(Covered under item 106 above)
- 2) To consider taking legal advice regarding the Maintenance Contract arrangements for Pineham Village: Cllr. Lloyd was not present to report on this subject. To be discussed at the next meeting.

110. Reports from the Councillors and Clerk

1) Environmental Issues-

- i) Display Sign of Wildflower Meadow-The Clerk to report on this at the next meeting.
- ii) Pathfinder III project-The Chair reported the Grant amount was received and formally thanked the Pathfinder Project organisers for it. It was agreed to be kept on the next agenda but to add 'Emergency Plan' to it.

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- iii) Barrier on Upton Valley Way East-It was reported that the Highways budget for the year 2023-24 did not include any funding provision for the barrier. WNC Cllr. Sargeant, who was present at the site meeting, when he was assured that funding will be provided for the barriers in 23-24 ,is to investigate this further.
- 2) Councillors' Vacancy report-Three potential candidates attended the meeting for Two vacancies. They were: Ms Tiffany Upton-stanley, Mr.Nathan Stewart and Mr.Stuart Faulds. Ms Tiffany agreed to be on a waiting list. The Clerk, who would have received their applications, to circulate these before the next meeting.
- 3) Good Neighbourhood Project report-The Chair reported that ACRE were supporting such a group with a grant of £700. On receipt of the information about this from ACRE the Clerk to prepare documentation for it.
- 4) FOI request for the plot of land and S.106 funds- The Clerk to report on this at the next meeting.
- 5) Legal Insurance cover for incursion on Parish Property- Clerk sent in a report stating that the present insurers do not provide any cover for "traveller incursion" but other insurers may and that he would investigate.
Cllr. Choudhury to ascertain if Upton Parish Council has a similar cover and from whom.
- 6) Application of Ms Tiffany Upton-stanley for Parish Councillorship- (Covered under 110(2) above.
- 7) Report re Notice Board Installation on Banbury lane- Chair reported that the board was received without a header board and legs. It was established that the header board was still with the suppliers and would be sent. It was also established that t he legs would be cheaper by £200 if acquired locally which would be a preferred option.
- 8) Report regarding the injunction for land at Pineham Lock/Banbury lane-The Chair reported that she wrote to WNC for an update and await response by the next meeting.

110. Correspondence not circulated prior: A request was received from parishioners if they can be supported by the Council in acquiring good quality litter-pick tools. The Council agreed unanimously to support the resident volunteers with PPE and tools.. The Council also agreed to purchase 8 good quality litter- pick tools.
Cllr. Choudhury agreed to ascertain the availability of the pink litter bags.

111. Date of next Parish Council meeting: Agreed unanimously as 1st March 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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