

HUNSBURY MEADOWS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 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. Alexis Tomlin, Cllr. Stuart Faulds.

Clerk: Lalitkumar Patel

In attendance: 3 resident.

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029. Invitation: The Chair opened the meeting and thanked the Councillors and members of the public for attending the meeting.

030.. Apologies for Absence: Apology received from Cllr. John Kwijuka, Cllr. Nathan Stewart, Cllr. Imran Choudhury and WNC Cllr. Nick Sturges-Alex and accepted.

031. Declarations of Interests: None.

032. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th June 2023 were proposed by Cllr. Tomlin and seconded by Cllr. Faulds and unanimously approved.

033. Matters arising from the Minutes of past meetings not on the agenda: The following aspects were covered:

- The bench has been ordered and hope to be delivered in a fortnight.
- Road Safety Triangles have been received and 2 installed in Pineham Village.
- The 2 new bins will be installed in Pineham Village since there were no objections received from any of the residents. WNC have also raised no objections.
- Pineham Village Resident's Association: The next steps will be to hold a meeting and officially form the Residents Association. That meeting will need to appoint a Chair, decide upon its constitution and objectives. Pineham Village residents will then need to be informed of the Association. It was agreed that if possible, a Parish Councillor should also be a member.
- WNC had advised that the land at Pineham Lock proposed for a playing field, does not belong to them. Ownership to be investigated through Leicester Land Registry.

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- Planning application for the Mast on Banbury Lane: Over 60 objections including from the Parish Council which were ignored by WNC and approval given.

034. Public Participation: It was reported that Brambles had overgrown on the path within Pineham Lock and agreed that the PC will get work done. The Chair informed a resident that good quality litter picks, gloves, instructions and purple bags are available from the council (Chair) for anyone interested in litter picking.

035. Presentation from potential Clerk(s): One candidate, Ms Jennie Allwork, whose application was circulated, attended the meeting. Having established the reason for her to join HMPC as a clerk, it was agreed to let her know of the Council's decision.

036. Northants Constabulary Report: Cllr. Hammond reported that there was no report from the police. It was agreed that she would write to the newly appointed Sargent.

037. Principal Authority' Report: None.

038. Planning: None.

039. Finance:

1).Cllr Kwijuka the Internal Control Councillor reported, via the Chair, on the financial records up to 30th June 2023 that he had found them satisfactory.

2)Monthly payments: The payment list for June 2023 (below), was proposed by Cllr. Hammond for approval, seconded by Cllr. Faulds and unanimously approved.

Name	Inv.Ref	Details	Amount	VAT	Total	BACS
Lalitkumar Patel	Salary	Jun-23	427.28	0.00	427.28	BT-5/7-01
Barbara Osborne	7402	Payroll-April-June 23	69.00	0.00	69.00	BT-5/7-02
NCALC	3152	Training-CIL-(JK)	42.00	8.40	50.40	BT-5/7-03
					546.68	
<u>Post payment Authorisation</u>						
Techquarter	DD	MS365 subscription	84.60	16.92	101.52	03/06/2023
Access Storage	DD	Storage unit rent	162.50	32.50	195.00	13/06/2023
Printwhizz	59697	10 Lamp post triangles	280.00	56.00	336.00	27/06/2023
Printwhizz		under paid	0.40	0.00	0.40	27/06/2023
WNC	840	Empty 3 bins to march 2024	640.74	128.15	768.89	27/06/2023
WNC	462	Bin supp-Children park BL	69.24	13.85	83.09	27/06/2023
WNC	Jan-21	Floral displays	4731.96	946.39	5678.35	27/06/2023
123 Reg	DD	Domain names reg.	14.39	0.00	14.39	22/06/2023
Total			6522.11	1202.21	7724.32	

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A reconciled Cash book balance of £ 18252.32 was approved.

040. Resolutions and Decisions:

- 1) Replacement of Flower Tubs on Banbury Lane: Decided unanimously to replace with better and larger ones.
- 2) Overgrown hedges and state of roads within the parish: It was agreed that WNC to be informed of the area under their maintenance and the residents to be informed to maintain their hedges.
- 3) Planned Pineham Village Bus Route: It was unanimously agreed that the bus route is essential through the village and plans for it ought not be removed by the bus operator. Cllr Nick Sturges-Alex has already been advised of this view on behalf of Pineham Village residents.
- 4) Formation of Committee to interview applicants for the position of a clerk: The Council, having met Ms. Jennie Allwork and having considered her experience, decided unanimously not to see any more candidates. Cllr. Hammond proposed that Ms. Allwork should be offered the position. This was seconded by Cllr. Tomlin and accepted unanimously.
The Clerk would prepare for the hand-over of the responsibilities from 6th September meeting including preparation of her Contract. He will also look up suitable Council Admin courses for Jennie to attend.

041. Reports from the Councillors and Clerk

- 1) Environmental Issues-Pathfinder III project- Cllr. Stewart away. Deferred until next meeting.
- 2) FOI request for the plot of land and S.106 funds- WNC emailed the clerk that stating that the land does not belong to them and to contact Leicester Land Registry to establish the ownership. The Chair reported that the fence, surrounding the plot, was maintained by WNC.
- 3) Incursion on Council Land- Clerk reported that he has received a response from the "Travellers' Unit" of WNC and the advice was to secure the land. They did not know of any insurance company which would cover the issue of incursion. It was agreed to drop the proposal of the ownership of the field because of high risk.
- 4) Floral display- All the displays are now installed and planting is complete.

042. Correspondence not circulated prior:

- (i) Representation of HMPC regarding the Ladybridge drive bus service.
Majority of the council not in favour. No further action agreed.

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(ii) Flood Risk-

The Chair reported upon her communication with a member of West Hunsbury Parish Council who alerted her to a recent decision that a new housing development at Wootton, will not now have previously planned flood provision installed. This has potential implications for both West Hunsbury and Hunsbury Meadows due to Wootton Brook passing through both parishes with large flood ponds and areas in both parishes at risk of flooding if higher levels of water come down from Wootton.

It was agreed that we shall continue to liaise with West Hunsbury in respect of the flood risk as and when they get further information.

043. Date of next Parish Council meeting: Agreed unanimously as 6th September 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm.

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