

# Hunsbury Meadows Parish Council



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Minutes of the councils meeting held on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023** at 7.15pm 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  
Cllr Nathan Stewart  
Clerk: Jennie Allwork

<b>23-24</b>	
073	<b>Invitation:</b> The chair opened the meeting and thanked the councillors and members of the public for attending the meeting.
074	<b>Apologies:</b> no apologies received
075	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None
076	<b>Minutes:</b> The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 were proposed by Cllr Hammond and seconded by Cllr. Tomlin and unanimously approved
077	<b>Matters arising:</b> None
078	<b>Public participation:</b> No public in attendance, nothing raised. Item 064 raised on 4 <sup>th</sup> October – regarding the tree, this has been inspected by the council and there is no further action.
079	<b>Northants Constabulary:</b> No report received
080	<b>Principal Authority Reports:</b> None
081	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Mast complaint response received. It was noted that the team that dealt with the initial application assessed the complaint. In effect they have marked their homework. There is the option to escalate to Stephanie Gibrat (Assistant Director Planning &amp; Development) but in the light of previous correspondence from her on the matter it is felt that we are unlikely to gain a different response. It was decided to close the matter.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii) Dame Andrea Leadsom's Office has responded to our letter. The Chair read the reply out to the meeting. Our queries have been sent on to Michael Gove. For clarity, these questions were:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When will new legislation, which it is understood is to be implemented to ensure that communities <i>are properly consulted and objections considered</i> before approvals are given for these masts, be implemented?</li> <li>• Why is the UK Government apparently so out of step with the rest of Europe and the US in respect of the possible (<i>not certain</i>) long term health impacts of such masts erected close to people and particularly schools and children's playgrounds - as is the case with our mast?</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2) No further progress has been made regarding the bus stop provisions in the planning permission for the 34 houses at the top of Banbury Lane. To keep item open.</li> <li>3) Regarding Planning Application – N-2020-1244-LLFA - 80 houses at Pineham Village - No formal response has been received. However, we are informed that WNC's Surface Water Drainage Assessment Team have objected as they believe the plans are not satisfactory. They have noted a number of drainage assessment requirements should be addressed before permission is</li> </ol>

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granted Cllr. Tomlin suggested that if this land is not viable for development could the parish council acquire for the parishes benefit?

- 4) The Parish Council has objected to application 2023/7072/FULL – the proposal to construct a bridge across the Canal at Wootton Brook. We do not know the reason for the bridge and what is the end objective for the land. If the objective is for residential development, then parish council could hopefully influence the shape of the application and incorporate positive services for the area. It was also noted that no planning notices have been put in the vicinity of the proposed construction as is required.

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**Finance:**

- 1) List of payments for the month of October 2023 was approved. Cllr Caunt asked the clerk to confirm the content and format for subsequent meetings. Proposed Cllr Faulds seconded Cllr Hammond

Name	Inv. Ref	Details	Amount	VAT	Total
Jennie Allwork	Salary	Oct-23	427.28	0.00	427.28
WNC		Litter bin emptying	946.72	189.34	1136.06
					1563.34
WNC	424001705964	Litter bin emptying - Credit	1160.34	232.07	1392.41
<u>Post payment Authorisation</u>					
Pineham barns school	PBSI 2987	Meeting room hire 2023	80.00	0.00	80.00
ICO	ZA560433	Data protection registration			35.00
Babble	4VBPFZW	Office 365	94.00	18.80	112.80
<b>Total</b>			<b>2708.34</b>	<b>440.21</b>	<b>227.80</b>

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**Resolutions and Decisions:**

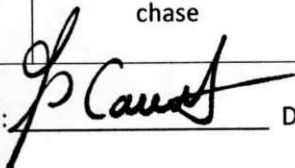
- 1) All in attendance were happy with the proposed budget and associated Precept request for 2024 (£30,000) as presented. Proposed Cllr Faulds seconded Cllr. Tomlin. The required Precept **PR1** form requesting this precept for the Parish, will need to be submitted as soon as it is requested by WNC and by the end of January. Final information regarding the tax base and the equivalent annual payment for a Band D house based on the 2023 Precept for the next tax is scheduled to be sent to us on 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- 2) All in attendance supported the purchase of a smart phone for the clerk to carry out their duties of the role.

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**Reports from the councillors and clerk:**

- 1) Emergency plan update provided by Cllr Stewart. Meeting with Pineham Barns school Headteacher scheduled for next week. East Hunsbury is on board and supportive and happy to work with us. No response from Rothersthorpe. Met with Cineworld but we cannot use their area or building. Still to contact Annie Baillie the WNC Emergency Planning Coordinator who is helping us with our plan. All appendices done. Draft will be circulated for initial review.
- 2) Cross reference to the planning application 081 – 4 earlier in the minutes.
- 3) Section 106 bus allocation queries - No response yet received. Clerk has and will continue to chase

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	<p>4) Cllr. Stewart advised that he has still to action the invitation to Pineham Village volunteers in respect of the possible setting up of a Pineham Village Residents Association.</p> <p>5) Cllr Caunt attended a meeting with West and East Hunsbury and developer Vistry in relation to the potential Wootton Brook flood issues with their development at Collingtree. The Vistry engineer went into detail as to how they will manage the water in the area and showed the modelling work undertaken. All of the Councillors present from each of the attending Parish Councils were satisfied that at present, the works proposed at the Golf Course would or should not impact on our flood risk along the Wootton Brook.</p> <p>6) West Northants council have cut the top of Upton valley way East but a section between the top of Banbury Lane and the bridge over the canal towards Pineham Village, has been missed. This has been escalated within West Northants Council via Helen Howard (the Community Liaison Officer for Highways) and Christopher Carvel (Environmental Services Contracts Manager) to ensure the maintenance map is updated. We will continue to monitor until resolved.</p> <p>7) Thanks were formally noted to the Inland Waterways Association Volunteers (IWA) and also Cummins Power Systems of Daventry for the wonderful work done to upgrade another stretch of the canal tow path towards the motorway.</p> <p>8) Councillor Vacancies - No responses received – to continue to post on social media.</p> <p>9) Cllr. Hammond reported that residents Les and Helen Brinks have kindly assisted her in putting up the double-sided poppies for Remembrance on Banbury Lane. Sharon and friends at Pineham Village are to put up a similar display in Pineham Village. Our thanks are passed to all volunteers who have helped with this.</p> <p>10) WNC have been informed about the blockage in the ditch running adjacent to the canal. Cllr Caunt advised that she attended a site meeting with C&amp;RT engineer and Geof Wood from the Inland Waterways Association Volunteers which, contrary to what Highways had alleged initially, confirmed that the ditch and all culverts are not the responsibility of the Canals &amp; River Trust. The blockage causing the flooding is the responsibility of WNC Highways to address. This information has been passed back to Ward Cllr Nick Sturgess-Alex to liaise with the appropriate people at Highways.</p> <p>11) Cllr Caunt advised that she had had a meeting with Jacob and his mum alongside another DofE candidate, Sam and his mum. Both boys have a Hunsbury Meadows Litter Picking kit including the WNC Guidelines for volunteer litter pickers. As of the date of our meeting, Cllr Caunt has noted purple bags left with some of our bins for collection indicating that they have started their project over half terms. They will be required to do 1 hr per week for three months to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh accreditation. It is possible that other candidates might continue this endeavour when Jacob and Sam complete theirs.</p>
085	<b>Correspondence:</b> None
086	<b>Date: next meeting</b> agreed to be December 6 <sup>th</sup> 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

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