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Minutes of the councils meeting held on **Wednesday 5th June 2024** at 7.15pm at the Pineham Barns School, Dragon fly way, Hunsbury Meadows, NN4 9FF

Present: Cllr Caunt (Chair)
Cllr Stuart Faulds
Cllr Jim Keary
Clerk: Jennie Allwork

5 members of the public

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157	Invitation: The chair opened the meeting and thanked the councillors and members of the public for attending the meeting.																								
158	Apologies: Cllr Hammond and Cllr Tomlin apologies received and accepted																								
159	Declarations of interest: None																								
160	Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1 st May 2024 were proposed by Cllr Keary and seconded by Cllr Caunt and unanimously approved																								
161	Matters arising: None																								
162	Public participation: Issue of ownership of the trees next to a residents house was raised again. Both David Wilson and WNC say the other has ownership. Cllr Caunt will try to speak to the tree officer to assess for safety.																								
163	Northants Constabulary: None																								
164	Principal Authority Reports: none																								
165	Planning: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2020/1244 – 80 houses Upton Valley Way North - No further update other than to confirm that the PC have objected. A number of residents attended the meeting specifically to discuss this planning application. The residents have confirmed that they have objected to the planning application on H&S grounds. The council will continue to monitor and will consider what further action may be needed, once a Planning decision is made. 2) 2023/7072 – Erection of canal bridge over grand union canal. No further progress to date. The Chair has however added a comment noting the Parish Council's proposal submitted to the Nothampton Local Plan consultation for the field to which it will link, to be designated Community Green Space. 																								
166	<p>Finance:</p> <p>I. Both the list of payments and financial records for the month of May 2024 were approved. Proposed Cllr Faulds seconded Cllr Keary</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Inv. Ref</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jennie Allwork</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>May-24</td> <td style="text-align: right;">452.88</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">452.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PAYE</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE month 12</td> <td style="text-align: right;">113.20</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">113.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jennie Allwork</td> <td></td> <td>Clerks expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">21.84</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">21.84</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Inv. Ref	Details	Amount	VAT	Total	Jennie Allwork	Salary	May-24	452.88	0.00	452.88	PAYE	HMRC	PAYE month 12	113.20	0.00	113.20	Jennie Allwork		Clerks expenses	21.84	0.00	21.84
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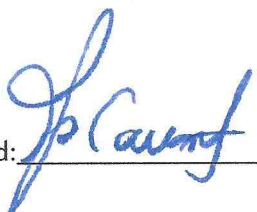
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drainage and ground levels and constructional details of the highway improvement works, consisting of the following works: - A half on half off the carriageway lay-by on the south side of Upton Valley Way East. - Lining works for two bus stops on Upton Valley Way East. - Any associated footway works to link the bus stops to the existing highway infrastructure. have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No part of the development shall be occupied until the works outlined and subsequently agreed in detail have been constructed on site and opened to traffic, subject to any changes arising from the appropriate technical and safety audit process. Reason: In the interests of highway safety in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework. This is a pre-commencement condition in order to allow submission of details in a timely manner. Regarding Pineham Village, I have been unable to locate the planning documentation, except that this Application was made by the Northampton Development Corporation. It appears that there is an issue with providing a bus service along Mayfly Road and Dragonfly Way, as there appears to be many parked cars along these roads, which would cause delays to any scheduled bus services. Any solution would require West Northampton Council, the Bus Operator, and the Parish Council to work together to resolve these issues, as well as looking at the resourcing issues to provide an attractive bus timetable. I regret that it has not been possible to date to resolve all the issues raised in your letter. But I thought it better to send an acknowledgement of the issues and to explain the limited progress that it has been possible to make to date.

- 8) It was agreed that Cllr Keary should now approach the press regarding the failure of the developer Future Housing Group to install the two bus stops on Upton Valley Way East at the top of Banbury Lane, especially as the Planning Application for the 34 houses, required that these bus stops were put in place before the development was built.
It was further agreed that his contact with the press might include the issue of the no 55 bus being routed via Pineham Village as under item 7)
A discussion regarding the number of Campion children now accessing the school bus from one location on Banbury Lane becoming dangerous resulted in an agreement that Cllr Keary would also contact the school bus liaison officer at Campion School to see what might be done to alleviate this issue.
- 9) WNC have accepted that the culvert under Upton Valley Way and associated ditches, need substantial work. However, part of the ditch is owned by Prologis, so WNC need to liaise with them in respect of work needed on their stretch of the ditch. The Chair follow up with the West Northants Council contact if there is no progress within 1 week.
- 10) It was agreed that owing to the election and the forthcoming change of MP if not government, this item relating to queries in respect of the erecting of 5G masts would be closed. No response is ever likely in the current environment.
- 11) The Chair attended the Local Plan Consultation briefing on behalf of the Parish Council. A draft submission to request that land adjacent to the canal, Wootton Brook and the A5123 should be designated Community Green Space under the Northampton Local Plan consultation had subsequently been prepared and circulated to Councillors for consideration. Approval was given for this to be submitted to the consultation in time for the deadline of the 2nd June. The meeting confirmed its agreement to this submission.
- 12) It was noted that W Hunsbury and Upton Parish Councils have apparently asked for changes under this review. According to the documentation circulated for Stage 2 of this Review, their requests will have no impact on our Parish.
- 13) The meeting noted the issues experienced and complaints received from, residents of Pineham Village in relation to a Charity race held on 26th May which resulted in them being effectively blocked from getting in to or out of their homes for some time. The meeting noted that we had received a letter in March which communicated the event and the route, but crucially, it did not show road closures. Indeed, it was noted that when this event has been run in previous years, we have few if any complaints. Cllr Nick Sturgess-Alex has subsequently met with the organisers regarding the issues. An apology was received from them with assurance that closing off Pineham Village would not happen again. He secured agreement that the organisers will also attend our Parish Meeting in March / April next year in advance of the race to give an update regarding arrangements and to allow questions to be raised regarding closure arrangements.

169	Correspondence: none
	Date: next meeting agreed to be July 3 rd 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:  Date: 3rd July 2024