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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 apo	logies 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: 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. Element of the planning specifically and specifically attended to the value of the planning application. 								
	Finance: i. Both the list of payments and financial records for the month of May 2024 were approved. Proposed Clir Faulds seconded Clir Keary								
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Post payment Authorisation					
Access		Storage	194.16	38.84	233.00
Babble		Office 365	92.70	18.54	111.24
Debbie Hammond		Temp event notice - party in the park	21.00	0.00	21.00
Payments authorised in April 2024	-				
Jennie Allwork	Salary	Apr-24	452.88	0.00	452.88
PAYE	HMRC	PAYE month 12	0.00	0.00	113.20
NCALC		Year end audit & accounts training for clerk	33.00	6.60	39.60
NCALC		Membership, internal audit & data protection	1155.34	58.40	1213.74
Barbara Osborne		Payroll	0.00	0.00	69.00
Total			1949.08	122.38	2253.66

167 Resolutions and Decisions:

- 1) The following policies were reviewed and approved:
 - a. Policy document dealing with media requests
 - b. Transparency code
 - c. Standing orders

The Complaints Policy was reviewed but further amendments suggested. This will be updated and reviewed at the next meeting. Cllr Faulds will liaise with the Clerk regarding amendments.

- 2) It was agreed that the full switch to gov.uk email addresses will take place in August
- Approved that the clerk can purchase an updated "Yellow Book".

Reports from the councillors and clerk:

- 1) Emergency Plan No update
- 2) Section 106 queries No update
- 3) Pineham Village Residents Association progress No update
- 4) Hard Bus stop areas on Banbury Lane the Chair reported that there is no update from WNC engineer as yet.
- 5) Traveller Rubbish and fly tipping Banbury Lane. The Chair reported that not only had the rubbish reported last month not been cleared, but more waste has appeared. Two people present at the meeting have made separate Fly Tipping reports. This is a West Northants Council fly tipping issue to be chased.
- 6) Cllr Hammond sent a report via the Chair regarding Party in the Park actions. She asked what Cllrs will be attending the event. To date all items are in progress, apart from bunting and posters and flyers to promote the event. These are being ordered via Printwhizz. There is a need to get Idverde to cut the park in the week before the event and to arrange for rubbish bags to be available.
- 7) Regarding Bus stop activation in Pineham Village Cllr Keary has been contacted by David Taylor Principal Public Transport Officer, WNC. The email received stated: Thank you very much for your email. I can very much understand your frustration about the deficiencies in the bus service and in bus stop provision in the Hunsbury Meadows and Pineham Village area of Northampton. I can assure you that some discussions and some research into planning documentation has taken place, but I am not yet able to give you a full response to your request sent on 28 May 2024. Firstly, I can confirm that the Planning Decision for Application 2015/0872 contains the following Condition 16. No development shall take place until full engineering drawings, to include

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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 precommencement 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 y ears, 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.

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

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed: Date: 3rd July 2024