

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council
Held on Monday 7th November 2022 at Hargrave Village Hall

Members present:
Cllr M Leonard in the Chair

Councillors
C Jones N Phillips R Sheppard S Taylor H West
Clerk- Ms J Hodgson
NNC Councillors Levell and Wilkes
1 member of the public

Meeting started at 7.30 pm

22-73 Apologies

RESOLVED: that the apologies from Cllr Farrington be accepted. Apologies were also received from Councillor Howell.

22-74 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes for the meeting held 26th September 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman

22-75 Councillor Register of Interests

Councillors were reminded that they were responsible for updating their register of interests with North Northamptonshire Council as and when there was a change. Councillors present signed a Code of Conduct declaration as provided by the Monitoring Officer.

22-76 Declaration of interests

Councillor Sheppard declared a non-registerable interest in item 22.84 g

22-77 Public Speaking Time

A resident explained why they were seeking to do the work listed under agenda item 22.84 g.

A resident of Church Road requested that the trees to be discussed under item 22.84 (a) be retained as the trees were in good health and in the interests of mitigating climate change.

22-78 Report from North Northants Councillors

It was reported that the fly tipping grant had been extended, the winter gritting schedule was in place and attention was drawn to two current consultations. It was also reported that the home to school transport scheme had new contact numbers and that there were proposed changes to how some motoring offences could be dealt with.

22-79 NNC correspondence re drains and kerbstones

Further to Minute 21.122 it was noted that a response from Mr Candler had been received and circulated to all councillors. Councillors were disappointed with the content but accepted that this could not be pursued further.

22-80 Kerbstones on Church Road

Further to Minute 22.51 it was noted that the cost of installing the kerbstones in front of Primrose Way would be £7810.00. It was agreed that the residents who front the area in question be advised of the cost to see if they would make a contribution. The Parish Council will consider the matter further when more information is known.

22-81 Financial Matters

a. Payment schedule - **RESOLVED** that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Amount
Northants CALC – Training RS Planning Nuts & Bolts	£45.60
Mowerman – grass cutting 2022 season	£300.00
J Hodgson 2 months salary, travel & stamps	£486.88
Poppy Appeal – donation for remembrance wreath	£60.00

b. Financial report from the Clerk as at 31st October 2022 the Council held £9547.38 in the current account and £12233.32 in the deposit account. A VAT claim has been submitted for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st October 2022 for the sum of £194.21

Under the Financial Regulations the Parish Council should review the payment arrangements made under direct debit every two years. It was noted that the Council has direct debits for the Information Commissioner and with Yu Energy. **RESOLVED** That these arrangements continue.

c. Street light repair costs: it was noted that the cost of street lamp repairs had increased across all providers.

d. Budget for 2023-2024: after considering the current economic situation it was **RESOLVED** that a budget totalling £7500.00 as shown in below be approved.

Administration	£5,103.00
Grounds maintenance	£300.00
Street Lights	£1,750.00
Miscellaneous	£347.00
Addition to ear marked reserves	£0.00
	<u>£7,500.00</u>

e. Precept for the year 2023-2024: **RESOLVED:** that a precept demand under s41 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 be issued to be issued to North Northamptonshire Council for £7500.00 for the year 2023/24 as Hargrave Parish Council has calculated that the budget requirement, as calculated in accordance with s50 of this Act, is £7500.00.

f. Grant to the Hargrave Herald: **RESOLVED** that subject to the Clerk receiving a suitable request for a grant to cover material costs, a grant of £100.00 would be paid to Hargrave Village Hall to mitigate the cost of producing the Hargrave Herald (printing costs). A fresh

grant application can be made on an annual basis and any application would be considered on its merits.

- g. Electricity supply for the street lights: **RESOLVED** that the Clerk have delegated authority to seek new contract terms for the electricity supply when it becomes appropriate to do so.

22-82 Planning Matters

- a. Planning applications - None
- b. Planning decisions made by North Northamptonshire Council

Planning consent granted

NE/21/00675/LBC Maintenance works comprising repair of window and frames; replacement of thatch ridges; replacement rotted and smashed windows; replacement front door; replacement of broken clay chimney pot; replacement of smashed roof tiles (to accompany application for the change of use from a public house with ancillary accommodation to a residential property with ancillary domestic workshop) at The Old Nags Head, Church Street

NE/22/01129/FUL Erection of detached garden store to the side of the existing dwelling at Mayfield, Nags Head Lane

22-83 Jubilee tree

It was suggested that the tree be planted near the Millenium Cairn. Four tree species were suggested and it was agreed that further enquiries be made, possibly for a Rowan tree and the matter to be determined at the January meeting. It was noted that consideration should be given to how it would be watered for the first few years.

22-84 Village Infrastructure

- a. Two oak trees at the junction of Church Rd and the B645

It had been suggested that the trees are likely to grow to a significant size and in the future, their location could become problematic. **RESOLVED:** that the trees should not be removed at this time.

- b. Dying Cherry tree at the junction of Church Rd & B645

RESOLVED: That the tree should not be removed as it did not present a hazard to the public and dying trees can be beneficial to wildlife.

- c. Wooden flower planters at the junction of Church Rd and the B645

RESOLVED: That these should be removed as they had reached the end of their life and the associated implications of maintaining them.

- d. Quote for tree works at Raunds Road and Brook Street & a funding application to the Wind Farm Trust

Item deferred as the quote had not been received.

- e. Grass cutting at junction of Church Rd & B645

It was agreed that alternative quotes should be obtained to ensure the Council was receiving best value.

f. Rights of way issues

It was noted that a right of way had been blocked by a padlocked gate. Full details would be required for the Council to take advice on the legal situation before the landowner was contacted.

g. Tree adjacent to Church Rd

Councillor Sheppard took no part in this discussion.

It was noted that the tree was not on land owned by the Parish Council and as such the Parish Council does not have any jurisdiction to give permission or authorise any works. However, in principle the Parish Council does not object to work that is undertaken by professional tree surgeon providing no harm is done to the tree and it is not cut back further than the previous cut points. The individual should satisfy themselves that the tree is not covered by a Tree Preservation Order or if it is, appropriate consents are obtained.

h. Electric vehicle charging points for properties that do not have off road parking

It was agreed that a general enquiry to assess the level of interest should be included in the Hargrave Herald.

i. Damaged street signs

It was noted that the Unitary Authority was responsible for the street signs. It was noted that signs for Elm Close, Nags Head Lane, Church Road & Church Street, near Nags Head Lane, Church Rd near B645 were in a poor state of repair. The Elm Close sign has previously been reported.

j. Minute 22-59 b (overhanging vegetation)

It was noted that further to Minute 22.59 b one recipient had contacted the Council to say the vegetation did not relate to his property. He had accepted the apology for this error. No other responses had been received.

22-85 JAG report

Cllr Sheppard reported that it had been an interesting meeting on Zoom and encouraged councillors to look at the PFCC newsletter.

22-86 Hargrave Neighbourhood Watch arrangements

It was noted that two new signs had been received. The area co-ordinator would be happy to attend a meeting in Hargrave to discuss the scheme.

22-87 Community and road safety issues

It was reported that cars had been going into the ditch the other side of the water tower on the B645. It was noted that the road surface on the B645 before the water tower was noticeably better since work was carried out. The area of concern is likely to be within the remit of Cambridgeshire Highways and it was agreed to request the Northants Highways liaison make contact to Cambridgeshire Highways aware in the interest of general highway safety and especially for Hargrave residents who travel on that stretch of road.

22-88 Remembrance Sunday

The arrangements were noted for the 13th November.

22-89 Village hall committee

It was noted that there had been a successful brunch. There was a discussion about the Hargrave hamper scheme for the over 70s.

22-90 Wind Farm Trust

There was no report to give.

22-91 Correspondence list

The list of correspondence received that forms Appendix A was received. No further action was identified.

22-92 Next scheduled meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on 9th January 2023.

Meeting closed at 9.02pm

Chairman

Appendix A

Correspondence list 29th August 2022 to 31st October 2022

This list is comprised of generic or informational emails sent by other organisations and Councils rather than listing correspondence with members of the public. A separate list of correspondence with members of the public or correspondence on specific matters with other bodies is not maintained.

1. Email Northants ACRE Village Viewpoint magazine (circulated to councillors)
2. Email: Draft Minutes of the Windfarm Trust Annual Meeting
3. Email: NMVC - Last Night of the Proms - Last Call Out
4. Email: NNC Update from the Leader of the Council #32 (circulated to Councillors)
5. Email: Raunds Mayor's Show 2022
6. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 02/09/22 (circulated to Councillors)
7. Email: Queen's Green Canopy - Autumn Push
8. Email: Mature Drivers Roadshow - helping to keep mature drivers driving safer for longer.
9. Email: Windfarm Trust Annual Report 2021-2 (circulated to Councillors)
10. Email: NCALC Queen Elizabeth II - Briefing No.1 - 09/09/22
11. Email: NCALC Queen Elizabeth II - Briefing No.2 - 10/09/22
12. Email: NCALC Queen Elizabeth II - Briefing No.3 - 11/09/22
13. Email: NCALC Queen Elizabeth II - Briefing No.4 - 12/09/22
14. Email: NCALC Queen Elizabeth II - Briefing No.5 - 13/09/22
15. Email: North Northamptonshire Council – Official guidance
16. Email: Strategic Town & Parish Forum - East Northants & Wellingborough invitation
17. Email: Strategic Town & Parish Forum - East Northants & Wellingborough – cancellation
18. Email: NNC proclamation text
19. Email: Unity Trust Bank - September newsletter (circulated to Councillors)

20. Email: New series of Town/Parish Council meetings with the Commissioner, Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer for your diaries (circulated to Councillors)
 21. Email: Little Barford Conservation Area Designation Pre-Consultation Event
 22. Email: NCALC Session on Electric Vehicle Charging Points - 12/10/22 (circulated to Councillors)
 23. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 16/09/22 (circulated to Councillors)
 24. Email: NNC Leader's Update - Commemorative Edition (circulated to Councillors)
 25. Email: Northants CALC Training Newsletter - AMP Conference (circulated to Councillors)
 26. Email: Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner - Newsletter September 2022 (circulated to Councillors)
 27. Email: Neighbourhood watch 2022 crime and community survey launched (sent to Hargrave Herald)
 28. Email: Bedford Borough Draft Design Guide – consultation
 29. Email: CPRE Actual Planning Roadshows return (circulated to Councillors)
 30. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 23/09/22 (circulated to Councillors)
 31. Email: HMRC guidance following September mini budget.
 32. Email: Northants CALC eUpdate - Sep/Oct 2022 (circulated to Councillors)
 33. Email: NNC Update from the Leader of the Council #34 (circulated to Councillors)
 34. Email: Northants CALC Training Newsletter - October 2022 (circulated to Councillors)
 35. Email: Northants CALC Training Newsletter - AMP Training
 36. Email: Friday mini eUpdate - 07/10/22 (circulated to Councillors)
 37. Email: NNC On-street Electric Vehicle Charging Points: Notification of Batch 4 Sites
 38. Email: Keeping in touch - How North Northants Highways are communicating
 39. Email: CPRE REMINDER - An actual Planning Roadshow
 40. Email: Northants CALC Training Newsletter - AMP Conference (circulated to Councillors)
 41. Email: Latest news from the ICO
 42. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 14/10/22 (circulated to Councillors)
 43. Email: NNC Update from the Leader of the Council #35 (circulated to Councillors)
 44. Email: The Cambridgeshire Classic 2023 Event Plan (circulated to Councillors)
 45. Email: North Northamptonshire Council Leisure Centres Customer Feedback Surveys
 46. Email: Parish Council Members - October Ebulletin (circulated to Councillors)
 47. Email: Exploring Nenescape - conference 9th & 10th November (circulated to Councillors)
 48. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 21/10/22 (circulated to Councillors)
 49. Email: NCALC Training Newsletter – climate conference (circulated to Councillors)
 50. North Northamptonshire Coordination of Warm Spaces During Winter
 51. Email: NNC Update from the Leader of the Council #36 (circulated to Councillors)
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