

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council**  
Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Hargrave Village Hall

Members present:  
Cllr D Farrington in the Chair

Councillors  
M Leonard    C Jones    R Sheppard    S Taylor  
Clerk – Mrs S Geyton  
There was 1 members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

**23-61 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor S Humfryes and H West. **RESOLVED** That the reasons for absence be approved.

**23-62 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes for the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**23-63 Declaration of interests**

None declared.

**23-64 Public Speaking Time**

Query was raised by a member of the public on Tree Preservation Orders as to whether the owner of the tree should be contacted prior to any works being carried out. Public was advised that a planning application should be put through to allow permission for such works. No further action to be taken.

**23-65 Report from North Northants Councillors**

Apologises were received from Councillors Howell and Wilkes.

**23-66 Financial Matters**

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

Payments made between meetings

Payee	Authorisation Power	Amount
S Geyton – July salary, travel & expenses.	LGA 72, s111, 112	£314.39
X2 Connect Ltd – Telephone box paint	OSA 06, s9, 10	£100.44

Payments Authorised at the meeting:

Payee	Authorisation Power	Amount
S Geyton – August salary, travel & expenses.	LGA 72, s111, 112	£314.39
Oakbank – Tree survey report	OSA 06, s9, 10	£197.94

The following payments have been made under the Councils Direct debit arrangements

Date	Payee	Authorisation Power	Amount
08.07.23	Yu Energy – street lighting	PCA 57, s3/HA80, s301	£23.75
08.07.23	Yu Energy – street lighting	PCA 57, s3/HA80, s301	£12.70
08.08.23	Yu Energy – street lighting	PCA 57, s3/HA80, s301	£24.36
08.08.23	Yu Energy – street lighting	PCA 57, s3/HA80, s301	£13.10

- b. Financial report from the Clerk – The Council holds £6,858.06 in the current account and £16,424.43 in the deposit account for ring fenced purposes.
- c. RESOLVED that Cllr Farrington and Leonard to authorise the bacs payments.
- d. RESOLVED that Cllr Taylor to be added as a signatory to the online banking and to remove Cllr Jones.
- e. RESOLVED to approve a donation of £60 to the Poppy Appeal towards a Remembrance wreath.
- f. Discussion took place regarding training courses requested by the Clerk totalling £30 RESOLVED courses approved and to be booked with relevant providers.

### 23-67 Planning Matters

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

**WITHDRAWN** - NE/22/00407/FUL - Proposal : Provision of a single track access to The Grove woodland from the B645 at Hargrave. Currently the woodland has no access and this is required to enable sustainable management of the woodland to take place. Vehicular access for pick up sized vehicle required and turning access would be constructed in the woodland. An inward opening gate would be provided at Hargrave Northamptonshire

### 23-68 Policies: to adopt the following policies

**RESOLVED** that the following policies were adopted.

- a. Training Policy
- b. Disciplinary Policy
- c. Hearing Panel Terms of Reference
- d. Grievance Policy

### 23-69 Village Infrastructure

- a. Works to vegetation around the white bridge – due to another contractor having a road closure in place works have been pushed back by highways. Date to be confirmed working towards w/c 18<sup>th</sup> September. Update from grant application to the Wind Farm Trust due to inquorate number of members the trust could not vote on all applications. A meeting has been rescheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> September, as a result there could be additional costs for the full quoted work. **RESOLVED** approved the additional costs of the contractor should the grant be unsuccessful.
- b. Potholes & road surfaces – Road surface repairs have been pushed back as above due to contractors already having a road closure in place.
- c. To discuss potential for a bus service for the village – Discussion took place regarding a public bus service being available for the residents of the village, item deferred to next meeting to discuss further with NNC ward councillors.

### **23-70 Footpaths & Highways**

- a. Received a report from the footpaths representative via email prior to meeting.
- b. Damaged road signs previously reported to be investigate by the Clerk as Church Road is still missing.

### **23-71 Village Hall Committee representative report**

- a. Regular hiring of the hall, newly painted, new oven installed, maintenance is up to date. Working Party meet once a month. 3 new people have joined the committee.

### **23-72 PLR**

- a. Community speed watch to be encouraged. Police website giving information for Northamptonshire talking.

### **23-73 Wind Farm Trust Report**

- a. Received a report from the Wind Farm Trust representative. New chair has been appointed. 4 applications for grants have been received. Monies left £71,346.25.

### **23-74 Next scheduled meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Meeting closed 8.31pm

**Chairman**