

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council
Held on Monday 6th November 2023 at Hargrave Village Hall

Members present:
Cllr D Farrington in the Chair

Councillors
M Leonard C Jones H West R Sheppard S Taylor S Humfyres
NNC Cllr R Levell
Clerk – Mrs S Geyton
There were no members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

23-75 Apologises

No apologises.

23-76 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes for the meeting held 4th September 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

23-77 Declaration of interests

None declared.

23-78 Public Speaking Time

Question emailed from resident regarding to pollarding trees on Hoggins Ditch which over hang their land. Request made from resident to council for access to pollard the trees. Item deferred by chair to 23-82.

23-79 Report from North Northants Councillors

Apologises were received from Councillors Howell and Wilkes. Update received from Cllr Levell regarding to the start of the budget review for NNC.

23-80 Financial Matters

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

Payments made between meetings

Payee	Authorisation Power	Amount
S Geyton – Sept salary, travel & expenses.	LGA 72, s111, 112	£314.39
HMRC – 2 nd Quarter (6 July 23 to 5 October 2023)	LGA 72, s111, 112	£45.40
SLCC – GDPR training for Clerk	LGA 72, s111, 112	£36.00
Manor Farm Services – Verge hedge cutting work	OSA 06, s9, 10	£3,540.00
RBL Poppy Appeal – Donation	LGA 72, s137	£60.00

Payments Authorised at the meeting:

Payee	Authorisation Power	Amount
S Geyton – Oct salary, travel, expenses and back pay.	LGA 72, s111, 112	£516.06
NNC – Uncontested election fee (May 2021)	LGA 72, s16 (2)	£32.93

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

Date	Payee	Authorisation Power	Amount
08.09.23	Yu Energy – street lighting	PCA 57, s3/HA80, s301	£24.08
08.09.23	Yu Energy – street lighting	PCA 57, s3/HA80, s301	£13.09
30.09.23	Unity Trust Bank – Bank charges	LGA 72,s111,112	£18.00
08.10.23	Yu Energy – street lighting	PCA 57, s3/HA80, s301	£24.07
08.10.23	Yu Energy – street lighting	PCA 57, s3/HA80, s301	£12.75

- b. Financial report from the Clerk – The Council holds £3,183.96 in the current account after the payments have been processed and £16,535.98 in the deposit account for ring fenced purposes.
- c. RESOLVED that Cllr Taylor and West to authorise the bacs payments.
- d. RESOLVED agreed to accept the budget for 2024/2025.
- e. RESOLVED agreed to accept the precept for 2024/2025.
- f. RESOLVED agreed to accept the renewal quote from YU Energy for the supply for the streetlights on a fixed 3 years term.
- g. Report received for additional tree surveys for Ash tree in Hoggins Ditch and Horse Chestnut tree on track before Hoggins Ditch, quotation for recommend tree works provided. RESOLVED to accept the quote for dismantling of the Ash tree. Clerk advised they were investigating further on the Horse Chestnut tree however this was overruled by the chair and further discussion took place. It was AGREED to write to the adjacent landowners and see how they would like to proceed with the Chestnut tree.
- h. RESOLVED agreed to accept the cost for repair for streetlight.
- i. RESOLVED agreed to accept the Clerks SLCC membership renewal fees.
- j. RESOLVED agreed to accept requested training for course for Clerk.

23-81 Planning Matters

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

23-82 Village Infrastructure, Footpaths & Highways

- a. Works to vegetation around the white bridge – works completed on 19th September with positive feedback from residents of the village.
- b. Report given from footpath representative – all landowners contacted and details for landowners have been updated where needed, all paths walked and looking into a spring article for village newsletter to encourage more villagers to use the footpaths.
- c. Potholes & road surfaces – alongside the verge work the highways team were out repairing potholes and returned a couple of weeks later and patch repaired some more.

Meeting set with Chair and Clerk with highways representative to discuss further improvements for the village. Clerk to update PC website for ease of reporting issues.

- d. Discussion took place regarding to the remaining funds from the pub buying group funds. It was AGREED to earmark the funds for a future community project.
- e. Question from public was emailed to the clerk and discussion took place regarding to the request for access to Hoggins ditch for pollarding trees overhanging residents land. More information is to be requested by the clerk to be able to reassess.

23-83 Village Hall Committee

- a. Received a report from the Village Hall representative – 1 event held and made £480 with over 80 attending. Lease due to expire soon.

23-84 PLR

- a. Received a report from the Police Liaison representative – attended online zoom meeting for updates from the Police, Fire and Crime commissioners. Annual budgets being set, increase in police officers and crime levels are down from Sept 23.

23-85 Wind Farm Trust Report

- a. No report available from the Wind Farm Trust representative as due to meet later this month.
- b. Following grant monies being approved by the Wind Farm Trust a short report is to be sent over from the parish, below wording with photos of works to be email for their report.

On behalf of the village the Parish Council would like to give thanks to the Wind Farm Trust, for their contribution towards the funding for cutting back the hedges on the grass verge along Raunds Road to the white bridge at Brook Street. This has received nothing but positive feedback from the community and has made the area clearer and safer for all road users. This site will now be regularly maintained so we can continue to keep the village in a tidy and well-presented state.

23-86 Next scheduled meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on 6th January 2024.

Meeting closed 9.02pm

Chairman