

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council
Held on Monday 8th January 2024 at Hargrave Village Hall

Members present:
Cllr D Farrington in the Chair

Councillors
C Jones H West R Sheppard S Taylor
NNC Cllr H Howell
Clerk – Mrs S Geyton
There was 1 member of the public.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

These Minutes have been produced to reflect the order of the agenda. The order of business was altered so that item 23-98 was discussed after 23-90.

23-87 Apologies

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

23-88 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes for the meeting held 8th November 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

23-89 Declaration of interests

None declared.

23-90 Public Speaking Time

Question from public regarding to DOE volunteering options within the community suggestions of litter picking, changing batteries in VAS sign and any other jobs to support the local community. Clerk to look into available jobs for the resident to be able to take on.

23-91 Report from North Northants Councillors

Apologies were received from Councillors Levell.

Report presented by Cllr Howell, budget setting process is currently underway, with childrens services and adult social care being the biggest sectors. Several strategies in development which are being presented at the executive meeting on 18th January 2024.

NNC Cllr Howell left meeting.

23-92 Financial Matters

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

Payments made between meetings

Payee	Authorisation Power	Amount
S Geyton – Nov salary, travel, expenses & stationary.	LGA 72, s111, 112	£359.52
J Hodgson – Back pay (2 months, 2 weeks)	LGA 72, s111, 112	£44.00
Mowerman – Church Rd - Grass cutting (7 months)	OSA 06, s9, 10	£420.00
Ford & McHugh – Streetlight repairs	PCA 57, s3	£408.00
S Geyton – Dec salary, travel, expenses.	LGA 72, s111, 112	£328.68

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

Date	Payee	Authorisation Power	Amount
27.12.23	Yu Energy – street lighting	PCA 57, s3/HA80, s301	£29.16
31.12.23	Unity Trust Bank – Charges	LGA 72, s111, 112	£18.00

- b. Financial report from the Clerk – The Council holds £2,254.19 in the current account after the payments have been processed and £17,278.67 in the deposit account for ring fenced purposes.
- c. RESOLVED that Cllr Farrington and Taylor to authorise the bacs payments.

23-93 Planning Matters

- a. Planning applications - None.
- b. Planning decisions made by North Northamptonshire Council as below
Decision - Approved

NE/23/00732/FUL - The Old Nags Head, Church Street, Hargrave, Wellingborough, NN9 6BW
Description: Single storey side extension, relocation of highway access including new boundary wall and new driveway/parking area, replacement of 2 windows and front entrance door, relocate soil stack and internal alterations to include stud partition on ground floor and installation of new sanitaryware to first floor shower room.

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23-94 Village Infrastructure, Footpaths & Highways

- a. Report given from footpath representative – stile issue previously reported to fixmystreet has been investigated and communications made with the landowners. Improvements to be made within 28 days.

Residents and visitors are reminded by Parish Council that they should keep to the official footpaths and bridleways around the village. If you need a footpath map please contact Cllr Ros Sheppard.

- b. Highways issues – a resident has complained about lack of communication from the verge cutting which ended up taking back some of his hedging. Chair has tried to meet

to discuss further but resident has been unable so far. **RESOLVED** to replace hedging with new plants and guarding up to the value of £50.

- c. **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation for streetlight testing and to use Allan Peacock for future maintenance.
- d. Discussion took place for buying bulbs to replace the flower boxes from the top of the village. Clerk to make inquiries' with highways for procedure and blub quotations to be obtain by Cllr Jones.

23-95 Village Hall Committee

- a. Received a report from Cllr Jones outlining recent and forthcoming events.
- b. Discussion took place regarding to the upcoming lease for the Village Hall. Proposal made to increase annual lease payments of £50 to £100 and the maximum available years for the lease.

23-96 PLR

- a. No report available.

23-97 Wind Farm Trust Report

- a. No report available.

23-98 Correspondence

- a. 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. Resident was requested to email more details through to the clerk, nothing received.
- b. DOE volunteering question from public, clerk agreed to look into available work and make contact with volunteer.

23-99 Next scheduled meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on 4th March 2024.

Meeting closed 8.56pm

Chairman