

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17 September 2024 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

O Oldfield	(OO) (Chair)
N Burdett	(NB)
S Mailer	(SM)
R Rowley-Smith	(RRS)
H Morris	(HM)
V Bolton	(VB)

IN ATTENDANCE: CCC Cllr Ian Gardener and Sarah Milonas (Clerk).

Phil Martin and Kevin Fisk attend for item 240917-1 to speak on behalf of the Roach Association.

ACTION

240917 – 1 OPEN FORUM AND TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS The Chairman opened the meeting.

Phil Martin and Kevin Fisk addressed the Parish Council

- The Roach Club held a successful fishing day in 11/08/24 for a group of children,
- The Roach club are asking for a donation of £500 from the Parish Council to put towards the costs of running the event next year,
- It was agreed the Clerk would add request to October's agenda for decision

Clerk

County Councillor Gardener reported that there would be no decision on the future of Kimbolton Fire Station until after the County Council Election next year. The Kimbolton Fire Station currently has a call out rate of 67% and has increased numbers of on call Firefighters to 11.

The fire authority has produced guidance on the storage, use and disposal of lithium iron batteries. These should never be placed in recycling bins and should be disposed of at designated battery recycling points. They should not be charged over night if they are to be left unattended.

Cllr Gardener reported a drive by Cambridgeshire County Council to recruit more School Governors as there are currently 50 vacancies across the county.

Cllr Gardener will be attending a briefing from East Park Energy on Wednesday next week and will report back when he next attends a Parish Council meeting.

Cambridgeshire County Council are looking at options on the B645, Councillor Gardener will raise the issue of road

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safety and speeding again. Cambridgeshire County Council is going to review all its 20 miles an hour areas after 2 years.

HDC Local Plan consultation launches on 19/09/24, there will be posters displayed locally and a consultation event will be held in Kimbolton soon.

The combined bus authority has launched a consultation.

Cllr Gardener gave his apologies for the next meeting as he has another meeting to attend.

- 240917 – 2** RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from NF (Holiday) and from HDC Ward Cllr Stephen Cawley.
- 240917 - 3** RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS
There were no declarations of interests.
- 240917 - 4** APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES (17 July 2024)
Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 July 2024.
- 240917-5** APPROVE DRAFT PARISH NEWSLETTER
Changes to draft were noted by the Clerk. Clerk to circulate draft version 2 to Councillors **Clerk**
- 240917 - 6** PLANNING
None
- 240917 – 7** FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE
To was resolved to approve reconciliation, bank statements and expenditure for July 2024 & August 2024.
Resolved to approve Account balances:
Business Money Manager: £36583.17
Community account: £4755.03
TOTAL £41,338.20
- To approve payments on finance reports: August 2024 & September 2024

August 2024 expenditure	
Fresh Pay	£6.00
P Baker	£312.06
Total Gas Energies	£77.32

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Village Hall Hire	£210.00
SM Wages July SCP 29 £19.41/hr (HMRC 151.40)	£605.59
T&S Grounds Maintenance	£580.00
September 2024 expenditure	
P Baker	£322.31
LSK toilet hire (children's activities 25/7, 1/8 & 8/8)	£40.32
HDC Children's Sports	£280.80
Fresh Pay	£6.00
HDC Strength & Balance 3 Sessions	£140.40
Karen McGlashan	£15.18
Total	£3464.00

It was resolved by the PC that allotment fees should remain the same for 2024/25.

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COUNCILLORS UPDATES

NB has applied for a grant from Sport England for an outdoor table tennis table. NB has also compiled a list of clubs and groups in the village. This will be published in the upcoming Parish newsletter, on the website, on social media and will be displayed on the village notice boards.

VB confirmed the next big projects for the village hall are the replacement of the floor and installing hand dryers in the toilets with the view to reducing waste.

HM No Updates

SM confirmed the Blue Line event is going ahead on 29th September 2024. Blue Line will give a presentation on their services and costs.

SM has met with the Energy Reduction Officer from HDC and they have offered to come and meet with residents to advise on reducing energy costs in their home.

SM confirmed she is attending HDC's Annual Climate Change Conference on Wednesday 6th November 2024.

RRS confirmed a metal one-way sign is required for the BMX track. Clerk to consider options and report back next meeting.

Clerk

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240716 - 9 CONSIDER ANY COMMUNICATION RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES FORMAL NOTING OR DECISION BY PC

- a) Decline invitation.
- b) Clerk to respond advising it is a Police matter. **Clerk**
- c) Decision deferred to next meeting.
- d) Noted.
- e) SM attending. Clerk to forward any additional material. **Clerk**
- f) Noted.
- g) Noted.
- h) PC resolved to hold 6 children's sports sessions next year. Clerk to confirm grant with HDC. **Clerk**
- i) Noted.
- j) Noted.
- k) PC resolved to continue with K&M lighting on a fixed 3-year contract. Clerk to confirm **Clerk**
- l) PC resolved to pay for new blades for hedge trimmer. Clerk to inform Paul Baker. **Clerk**
- m) Decline October half term offer, Clerk to request we are included in Spring offering. **Clerk**
- n) Clerk to forward photos to OO, item to be deferred to October agenda. **Clerk**
- o) Clerk to investigate options further. **Clerk**
- p) Clerk to send apologies and request any additional information be forwarded. **Clerk**
- q) Noted.
- r) The PC resolved to display a poster for the event. Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

Bird Lane surface water reported to HDC.

It was resolved that the Church Restoration Committee could place approx. 5 bat boxes into the trees alongside the New Cemetery. Clerk to inform Anne-Marie. The boxes will be placed by Bedford Bat Group. **Clerk**

240716-10 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

- Finance Review
- Mobile Phone Signal
- Broadband

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.

