

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21 MAY 2024 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

N Farnden (NF) (Chair)
O Oldfield (OO)
V Bolton (VB)
N Burdett (NB)
S Mailer (SM)

IN ATTENDANCE: CCC Cllr Ian Gardner, HDC Cllr Stephen Cawley and B Stoehr (Locum Clerk).

ACTION

- 240521 – 1** It was RESOLVED to elect NF as Chairman. NF signed the declaration of acceptance of office.
- 240521 – 2** It was RESOLVED to elect OO as Vice-Chairman.
- 240521 - 3** CCC Cllr Gardner reported that the CCC AGM was today and that he remains on the Highways and Transport, Planning, Environment and Green Investment and Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committees and has been elected to the Fire Authority for the coming year. Consultation regarding the Kimbolton Fire Station Closure will be taking place and he will report to the next meeting. The Chairman mentioned that the invoice from CCC for the Solar Project was still awaited.
- HDC Cllr Cawley reported that HDC have launched an online climate hub and a new grant scheme has launched for initiatives which support communities and the Huntingdonshire Futures Place Strategy. The Green Bin subscription has now been running for 6 weeks. It was reported that 4 people have been issued with penalty notices for fly tipping or dog control breaches. HDC have appointed a new Finance Director. The HDC AGM is on the 22 May.
- The Chairman asked if there was an update on the Call for Sites. It was reported that there was not expected to be an update until the end of the year.
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- 240521 - 5** Apologies were received from HM and RRS.
- 240521 – 6** There were no declarations of interests.
- 240521 - 7** Resolved to approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 April 2024.
- 240521 - 8** There were no planning applications for discussion. It was noted that an offer of planning training has been received from CAPALC.

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240521 - 9 NF reported that there have been 4 applications received. It was RESOLVED to set up interviews with the applicants with a view to finalising the appointment at the June meeting. It was agreed that NF and RRS would interview with other cllrs if needed due to availability.. **NF/RRS**

It was RESOLVED to approve the reconciliation and bank statements.

Account balances: Business Money Manager £68,287.18

Comunity a/c £2935.08

b **TOTAL £71222.26**

Clerk

May 2024 expenditure

Total Gas Energies £48.09

P Baker £621.88

T & S Grounds maintenance £640.00

Clerk wages May £549.41

c-e HMRC £137.59

Clerk Grass for new cemetery plo £24.00

f HDC 6 sessions £280.80

Morelock £5912

Hiscox Insurance £1,176.82

Hunts Forum £50

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The Morelock quote was considered and it was RESOLVED to order 2 MVAS displays plus solar panels & and batteries as necessary subject to confirmation about whether the existing solar panels were operational.

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Carried forward to the next meeting.

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The hire charges for the playing field were reviewed and it was RESOLVED to leave them at £100 for non-residents and £50 for residents per day.

Clerk

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RESOLVED to leave the signatories as NF and OO.

The risk assessment document was reviewed and agreed.

The RoSPA inspection was noted. The only pressing item is the BMX track which is already in progress.

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It was RESOLVED that the grave digging costs should increase to match the fees charged to the Parish Council, currently £1,100 for a single grave and £1,200 for a double. The other fees are to remain the same.

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The following member responsibilities were agreed.

Finance – NF

Communications and Website – OO

Open Space Checks and Trees – RRS

Village Hall – VB

Crime/Safety and Environment – SM

Community Involvement – NB

MVAS Data and Highways - NB

The new model financial regulations were adopted.

Solar farm at East Park – OO reported that the next steps seem a long way off and nothing is expected until the end of the year/early 2025.

Community Led Plan – NB reported that he has looked into a number of items raised in the plan.

It was RESOLVED that a list of existing groups will be published on the website.

It was RESOLVED to investigate if the existing quote for the table tennis table includes installation and groundwork or is just for supply.

It was noted that HDC have declined to empty an additional bin near the Ford so it is not possible to progress this at present.

It was RESOLVED to investigate the possibility of further dimming the streetlights after midnight. NB will write to CCC for info about the current light dimming procedures.

It was RESOLVED to continue lobbying for lower speed limits on the B645. It was noted the CCC have indicated that they won't reduce the current 50mph limit.

Additional streetlights between Church and the entrance to Orchard Close. It was noted that solar lights in the path are due to be installed.

It was RESOLVED to discuss the changing of road colour and texture with CCC Cllr Gardner. It was noted that this has been discussed previously with CCC and the Council has been advised that an application would unlikely to be successful.

It was RESOLVED that NB should seek further information from oil companies and report back to a future meeting.

Recruitment – SM reported that 12-14 enquired were received for the position with 4 applications received.

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SM

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Climate and Bio-diversity – SM reported that waste electrical recycling collections are being investigated.

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Village Hall – VB reported that the Village Hall is ticking over nicely. Charges have been reviewed and allowances have been made for setup/clearing up. The Village Hall has a no dogs policy.

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Village Fete – VB reported that the Fete will be on the 6 July and will be similar to fetes in previous years. Parking is being discouraged in Newtown and the meadow opposite is not available for parking. It was noted that the Fete is on the same weekend as the St Neots Festival.

SM

Dog fouling – NF reported that the culprit of the persistent mess at the entrance to the cemetery is known. There should be local publicity to advise of crackdown and fines.

It was reported that the drain cover on the Pound Close verge gets buried. It was RESOLVED to discuss this with the handyman

There was some discussion about various plots of unregistered land with no known ownership and the possibility of using them as community space. It was RESOLVED that SM should discuss this with the Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9pm