

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held from 7.00pm on 25 March 2024 in the village hall.

(A signed notice of the meeting and agenda had been displayed on the two village notice boards from 18 March and an email summons of attendance had been issued to all Councillors on the same day. A copy of the notice and agenda had been entered on the Parish Council website from 18 March.)

PRESENT: Councillors: Doug Brown (DB) (Chairman), John Clouston (JC), Ian Durham (ID)
Emlyn Lilly (EL) and Philip Tustian (PT)
Parish Clerk: Maurice Cole (MC)
Public: None

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FOR ABSENCE: 2024/39: None from councillors. An apology had been received from David Wright.

COUNCILLORS' NON-STATUTORY DISCLOSURES AND DISCLOSURE OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN RELATION TO THE AGENDA NOT COVERED BY DISPENSATION: 2024/40: None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 2024/41: The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2024 (draft distributed earlier) were confirmed as correct and the Chairman was authorised to sign approval.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA: 2024/42:
TOWNSEND LANE (2024/25): There had been no developments since the last meeting. DB would submit Street Doctor reports regarding the unsatisfactory road condition.

FINANCE

2024/43: **CASH BOOK:** The cashbook was shown to the Chairman showing a current balance of £7517.24 including the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund £3,655.82 (2019/12).

The bank statements to 29 February were shown to the Chairman showing a combined balance of £7,964.24 being in direct agreement with the cash book.

2024/44: **BANK PAYMENTS:** The following recurring payments had been paid since the last meeting: Clerk's net salary (quarter to 31 March) £240, PAYE £60, contribution to the Clerk's expenses (year ending 31 March 2024), £75 and village hall hire, year to 31 March 2024, £72.

2023/45: **INTERNAL AUDIT:** Geraint Gregory had indicated that he would be prepared to undertake this task again. Councillors approved the appointment, expressing thanks.

2023/46: **CONSIDERATION OF INSURER'S PRE-RENEWAL INFORMATION REQUEST INCLUDING INSURANCE COVER REVIEW:** The Clerk had issued a related email to Councillors. No declarations had been received regarding notifiable personal information. The proposed cover was deemed satisfactory.

UTILITIES ETC: 2024/47: None.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 2024/48: **APPLICATION 2024/0976/FULL:** Creation of new vehicular access and driveway onto Banbury Road to serve Magpie Farm, Banbury Road, Thorpe Mandeville, Banbury, OX17 2HL. The Parish Council had no objection to the application.

HS2 UPDATE: 2024/49:

2024/49a: 'GREATWORTH T' (2024/32a): It was noted that the Greatworth T temporary road opened on 29 February.

2024/49b: **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** HS2's representatives at the informal drop-in community

engagement event in the village hall on 12 March had recognised the parishioners' ongoing concerns, particularly road closures.

2024/49c: EXTENDED WORKING HOURS; Councillors noted approval had been given for HS2's extension of working hours for the Greatworth tunnel construction from 1 April to 31 October 2024, permitting work between 6.00am and 10.00pm.

BIODIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS: 2024/50: Further to the last meeting (2024/33) JC reported that approximately 110 hedgerow saplings had been planted on the green by the Three Conies' fencing.

LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: 2023/51: Further to the last meeting (2024/35), details of the review requesting parishioners' comments had been placed on the Parish Council website from 26 February. No comments had been received. DB had issued a draft response to councillors in line with the response to the review undertaken in 2014. This was approved for submission to the WNC with thanks to DB.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: 2023/52: It was agreed that the meeting would be scheduled for 29 April 2024 at 7.00pm in the village hall. A promotional flyer would be distributed in the village.

CORRESPONDENCE OF CONSEQUENCE: 2024/53: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 2024/55: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS OR THE CLERK:

2024/55: PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: The Clerk reported that there had been no material problems implementing the redesigned website by Cuttlefish Media Limited, bringing it into a more modern format.

2024/56: SINGLE-TRACK LANE: PT advised that Paul Ormond had requested the Parish Council was made aware of his concern about the increased vehicle use of the single-track lane approaching his property. No remedial action had been proposed. Councillors noted the position which might require further consideration, bearing in mind it was a public highway and the responsibility of the district council.

2024/57: DOG WASTE BINS: Following the last meeting (2024/25a), ID suggested further consideration should be given to the provision of dog waste bins. Concern was again expressed regarding the related ongoing cost in relation to the Parish Council's annual precept. After discussion, councillors approved JC's proposal that for a trial period the village hall's black bin would be placed nearer to the hall's entrance for villagers' dog waste use. This facility would be promoted in conjunction with the Annual Parish Meeting promotion. The position would be reviewed.

NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 2024/58: The next meeting, the Annual Meeting, was provisionally scheduled for Monday 20 May 2024 at 7.00pm, in the village hall.

MEETING CLOSED: 7.35pm