

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held from 7.00pm on 24 June 2024 in the village hall. (A signed notice of the meeting and agenda had been displayed on the two village notice boards from 17 June 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 17 June.)

PRESENT: Councillors: Doug Brown (DB) (Chairman), Emlyn Lilly (EL) and Philip Tustian (PT)
Parish Clerk: Maurice Cole (MC)
Public: David Wright

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FOR ABSENCE: 2024/83: John Clouston (JC) and Ian Durham (ID)

COUNCILLORS' NON-STATUTORY DISCLOSURES AND DISCLOSURE OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN RELATION TO THE AGENDA NOT COVERED BY DISPENSATION: 2024/84: None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 2024/85: The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May (draft distributed earlier) were confirmed as correct and the Chairman was authorised to sign approval.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA: 2024/86: None.

FINANCE

2024/87: **CASH BOOK:** The cashbook was produced to the chairman showing a current balance of £7,957.64 including the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund £3,707.19 (2019/12).

The bank statements to 31 May were produced to the Chairman showing a combined balance of £8,482.64 being in direct agreement with the cash book.

2024/88: **BANK PAYMENTS:** The following recurring payments had been paid since the last meeting: Information Commissioner's Office – annual fee, £35 (direct debit), Clerk's net salary (quarter to 30 June 2024 - increase authorised 2023/172) £300 and PAYE £75. Additionally, the authorised donation of £150 had been made to the charity Do It For Defib (2024/79).

UTILITIES ETC: 2024/89: None.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 2024/90: None.

HS2 UPDATE: 2024/91: **HS2 LIAISON GROUP MEETING:** The Clerk had attended the online meeting on 7 June but no new information had been advised regarding construction progress in the parish.

DOG WASTE AND LITTER BINS UPDATE INCLUDING A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE ONE LITTER BIN TO SUPPLEMENT TWO BINS BEING PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT

COUNCIL: 2024/92: DB had researched four local district councils. All indicated it was permissible for dog waste to be discarded in litter bins. This was endorsed by the Keep Britain Tidy website. Additionally, DB referred to the West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) website stating: *"Dispose of the bag correctly in either a dog waste or litter bin, or take it home and place it, suitably wrapped, in your own waste bin."*

Subsequent to the last meeting (2024/63 & 78???) and Alison Eastwood's related action, the WNC had offered to supply two replacement litter bins and make weekly collections which was gratefully accepted by councillors. It was agreed that they should replace the existing bins opposite the Three Conies and by the footpath near the church gates.

It was deemed appropriate for a third bin at the village hall and in accordance with the agenda proposal the purchase of a bin at a VAT inclusive cost not exceeding £300 was approved to be funded from the CIL Fund.

It was agreed that all the existing yellow litter bins should be discarded.

DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE: 2024/93 (2024/79): David Wright advised that the Brackley Charity 'Do It For Defib' had recently installed the replacement battery. As mentioned above (2024/88), the authorised donation of £150 had been made to the charity.

CORRESPONDENCE OF CONSEQUENCE: 2024/94: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 2024/95: None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS OR THE CLERK: 2024/96: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: PT had received a report of possible anti-social behaviour by a group of people parked on the approach lane to Hill Farm. The position would be monitored.

NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 2024/97: The next meeting was provisionally scheduled for Monday 29 July 2024 at 7.00pm, in the village hall.

MEETING CLOSED: 7.17pm