

Wilby Parish Council
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MINUTES
20th November 2023

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 20th November 2023 at Wilby Parish Church
Present: Cllrs Borrett, Thompson, Hodges, Stevenson, Harland and NNC Cllr Lawman
Clerk, Mrs Vicky Smith; One member of the public in attendance

33/23	Opening Procedures	ACTION
34/23	<p>Public Time</p> <p>Parents have been informed that the move will go ahead from September 2024. Preschool closing by the end of 2023, due to lack of funding and numbers. Enquired about future use of school building. Chairman advised that nothing has been heard as yet. More fibre optic cables being laid in the village this time by competitors. Road and pavement surfaces being dug up again.</p>	
35/23	<p>Reports</p> <p>(a) Clerk:</p> <p>SID will be returning to Mears Ashby early December</p> <p>Streetlights: processing insurance claim regarding post no.2 M-A rd which has been subject to damage and needs to be replaced per E.on Parish Repairs (most likely hit by a vehicle mounting the pavement, maybe 12 months ago according to nearby resident) Questions from insurer responded to 17/11/2023. If claim unsuccessful £1400 + vat; If successful cost will be the excess of £250 which cannot be recovered from a third party. Cllr Hodges urges the case for a valid claim is strongly argued.</p> <p>UPDATE ON SAFE CROSSING PETITION – nothing further to report</p> <p>Wilby School relocation has been approved and will proceed for Sept 2024 start. See comments in (b) below</p> <p>DYLs consultation – decision remains outstanding, awaited via Cllr Lawman. This has been elevated to highest authority due to unacceptable delay</p> <p>Wilby Park – see comments in (b) below</p> <p>Correspondence dealt with in the period:</p> <p>Clerk’s salary increase notified, backdated to 1/4/2023 now £13.97 per hour for 6 hours a week. Forwarded to the Payroll bureau confirmation of figures awaited.</p> <p>Request circulated for a Community Responder Volunteer on behalf of Age UK. Also put on village and PC websites</p> <p>E-mail from someone in Silvertstone about potential problem with school places forwarded by Chairman to Head of Governors and responded to as being not valid concerns in this case.</p>	

	<p>(b) Unitary Councillor:</p> <p>White vans parked at the junction of Mears Ashby Road and Main Road: Northants Police will react if there is an obstruction on the pavement or if a driver has to veer out around them. LL will ask the parking enforcement to visit the village. Chairman will visit resident and ask what the issue is and why he has started parking his vans in such an inconvenient place: a danger to traffic and pedestrians and in contravention of Highway Code Rule 243.</p> <p>DYL: Confirmed there were two objections. Escalating to the executive of NNC as manager has exceeded his deadline. Delay is frustrating. LL asked for trust in her ability.</p> <p>204 responses to school consultation with overwhelming majority in favour. There is a nursery next to the new school. The challenge in filling places at both these is the low/falling birth rate. Dept for Education need to consent to the move. In the first 2 years children from Wilby will be transported. This is another opportunity to revisit the safe crossing to Wilby (and to the new school). LL recommended those interested to refer to the full press release from NNC for accuracy of information and facts.</p> <p>Consultations:</p> <p>https://northnorthants.citizenspace.com/schools/term-dates-2025-26/</p> <p>North Northamptonshire Council is now consulting on proposed term dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for the 2025-26 academic year.</p> <p>The consultation will run from Wednesday 15 November 2023 – Sunday 31 December 2023.</p> <p>Please note that Academies, Free, Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates, although they may choose to adopt those used by the local authority.</p> <p>https://northnorthants.citizenspace.com/school-admissions/consultation-on-school-admission-sep-2025/</p> <p>When changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements (including any supplementary information form) that will apply for admission applications the following school year. Where the admission arrangements have not changed from the previous year there is no requirement to consult. However, admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period.</p> <p>https://northnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/nn-hackey-carriage-de-zoning-and-byelaw-review/</p> <p>On 14 September 2023 the North Northamptonshire Council Executive Committee agreed to carry out a consultation process to inform the decision making in relation to the matter of the potential removal of hackney carriage administration and enforcement zones within the Authority's area.</p> <p>Hackney Carriage zones are the result of changes to Local Authority areas and the restrictions of historic hackney carriage legislation.</p> <p>Executive meetings:</p> <p>All meetings are open to the public and you may apply to speak on items. The next executive meeting is on the 21.12.2023.</p> <p>Grants:</p> <p>https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news/ps545000-grant-funding-offer-organisations-offering-cost-living-support</p> <p>North Northamptonshire Council is offering nine grants to local councils and voluntary organisations currently supporting with the cost-of-living. The grants, which are an allocation of the Government's Household Support Fund, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions, can be applied for by organisations, or groups of organisations.</p> <p>Applications will need to demonstrate that the funding will be used to support low-income and vulnerable households across both town and rural communities in North Northamptonshire. Town and Parish Councils, charities, community and voluntary groups, clubs and non-profit organisations are invited to apply. They are also encouraged to come together to bid.</p> <p>Wilby Primary School:</p> <p>https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news/primary-school-relocation-glenvale-park-development-given-go-ahead-executive-meeting</p>	CHAIRMAN
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	<p>Members of North Northamptonshire Council’s (NNC) Executive met on Wednesday 16 November to consider the proposed relocation of a Wellingborough primary school to the brand new school building at the Glenvale Park site.</p> <p>It was agreed that Wilby CEVA Primary School will relocate to the Glenvale Park Development to coincide with the start of term in September 2024. The formal Department for Education (DfE) process of making a significant change to a maintained school will now commence. Simultaneously, the necessary preparations and planning for the relocation will begin immediately. Families from the Glenvale Park Development with primary aged children will be able to apply for a school place as part of the normal NNC admissions process.</p> <p>Business support: https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news/financial-assistance-businesses-looking-reduce-carbon-emissions-launched</p> <p>North Northamptonshire Council have launched a new grant scheme to help local businesses invest in measures to increase energy efficiency, move to a lower carbon economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Small or medium sized businesses can now apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 towards 50% of project costs, with the remaining amount to be match funded by the business.</p> <p>The funding can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lighting and lighting controls • heating and heating controls • insulation • energy efficient machinery and equipment (e.g. air compressors) solar panels heat pumps biomass boilers energy storage building energy management systems <p>North Northants Council Leader, Councillor Jason Smithers, Update: https://sway.office.com/QCwHVqZqC1Bf6xS?ref=Link</p> <p>(c) Areas of special interest: WPFT (MH): Spending the £15,000 is in progress being overseen by a sub group. Repairs are being carried out to climbing frames. There is now a full committee, new members having been recruited After 33 years, Ms. Vancliff has tendered her resignation as chairman with one year’s notice.</p>	
36/23	<p>To consider recommendations regarding investment in the ongoing streetlight programme</p> <p>Chairman grateful to SH for the work he has done.</p> <p>Conversion of streetlights and soaring costs are a large percentage of the PC’s budget.</p> <p>Decider will be cost.</p> <p>3 aspects to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Convert all lights now to LED (£1204 up front cost and then power savings of £500 pa which is ongoing annually) - Upgrade the photo cells to programmable ones (midnight – 5am) giving the option to reduce the time the streetlights are on (not just dawn to dusk). Changing one half of the 30 lights in Wilby would result in savings in energy of approx. £390. (installation £32 per light £480). Will almost pay for itself in the first year. Issue of the streetlights not being on during hours of darkness is complicated. - All lanterns are obsolete. A reserve should be built in advance of incurring this considerable expenditure. <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs SH & MH to walk the village on a dark night and propose which streetlights can go off and when. To present ecommendations before next meeting so any decision can be factored into 2024-25 financials</p> <p>RESOLVED Full upgrade to LED resolved to go ahead, using up all stock of Trueforce lamps</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to present a purchase order to E-On for 6 more Trueforce lamps to replenish exhausted stock (can only be bought in multiples of 6)</p> <p>Cllr Hodges suggesting a lantern replacement reserve: to be considered as part of the final financial decisions at Jan 2025 meeting.</p>	<p>SH/MH</p> <p>CLERK</p>

37/23	To decide regarding the installation of additional dog waste bins in the village Proposing: Larger bin at the entrance to the park because it overflows in the summer. Clerk to obtain costing for a larger bin. Grants are likely to be available to cover cost.		CLERK																																																								
38/23	FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS a). Received balance at bank: 01/11/2023: £12963.30 b) Receipts and Payments were authorised as follows: Receipts: None Payments: NB Figures in red denote retrospective payments already accounted for in bank balance above <table border="1" data-bbox="225 562 1361 947"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Gross</th> <th style="text-align: center;">VAT</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Power</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">26/10/2023</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Eon Parish Repairs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">UTB</td> <td>Streetlight repairs Main Rd</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£54.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£9.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">26/10/2023</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Eon Parish Repairs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">UTB</td> <td>Streetlight repairs Dodd Rd X2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£108.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£18.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">26/10/2023</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Eon Parish Repairs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">UTB</td> <td>Streetlight repairs Main Rd 3&15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£108.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£18.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">26/10/2023</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Eon Parish Repairs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">UTB</td> <td>Streetlight maintenance Qtr in arrears to 30/9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£145.20</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£24.20</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">02/11/2023</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Lloyds Bank</td> <td style="text-align: center;">UTB/DDM</td> <td>Monthly fee + cost of poppy wreath</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£26.98</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£0.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">16/11/2023</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2commune</td> <td style="text-align: center;">UTB</td> <td>Website host and domain name (24 months)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£180.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£30.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">£622.18</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£99.20</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> c) To receive updates expenditure/budget comparison for current year to date: Noted 2/3 year through, approx. 50% of budget spent. d) To receive draft budget 2024-25: Increases necessary in following areas: clerk's salary, streetlighting, energy, streetlight reserve for replacing obsolete lamps, ground maintenance. Proposing £14,000 representing 6% e) To consider precept request for 2024-25 Proposing £14,000. Before finalising meeting to consider projected year end to ensure the general reserve is not being impacted.						Gross	VAT	Power	26/10/2023	Eon Parish Repairs	UTB	Streetlight repairs Main Rd	£54.00	£9.00		26/10/2023	Eon Parish Repairs	UTB	Streetlight repairs Dodd Rd X2	£108.00	£18.00		26/10/2023	Eon Parish Repairs	UTB	Streetlight repairs Main Rd 3&15	£108.00	£18.00		26/10/2023	Eon Parish Repairs	UTB	Streetlight maintenance Qtr in arrears to 30/9	£145.20	£24.20		02/11/2023	Lloyds Bank	UTB/DDM	Monthly fee + cost of poppy wreath	£26.98	£0.00		16/11/2023	2commune	UTB	Website host and domain name (24 months)	£180.00	£30.00						£622.18	£99.20		
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39/23	To consider new planning applications: NW/23/00691/FUL 17 Brook Vale – clerk recorded no comment to be made by members NW/23/00698/FUL 43 Main Rd – clerk recorded no comment to be made by members There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.05hrs																																																										

Next meeting date:

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, 22nd January 2024 at 19:30, Wilby Parish Church

Chairman.....

Date.....

N.B. These minutes are in draft format until formally approved and signed by the Chairman