

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
17TH JANUARY 2024, 7.00PM, AT ST DAVID'S CHURCH, EASTERN AVENUE SOUTH, NN2 7QB**

PRESENT: Cllrs, Titus Ajayi (Chair), Rachael Ball, Eluned Lewis-Nichol, Gill Askens, Sally Beardsworth, Sam Kilby-Shaw, Tony Ward, Mike O'Connor, Arthur Newbury

ALSO PRESENT: A Barnes (Clerk), Andrew Naylor (Kingsthorpe Library Manager), PCSO Chris Hilton, 3 members of the public

ABSENT: Cllrs, Mamun Ali, Anthony Antoniou, Steve Miller, Elaine Miller, Bryan Lewin, Dilip Kumar

01/24 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs, Ali, Antoniou, S Miller, Lewin, and Kumar due to work commitments. It was proposed by Cllr Ajayi, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth, and unanimously resolved that the apologies be accepted

02/24 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None

03/24 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on, Saturday 16th December 2023 as a true record

04/24 REPORTS FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES AND WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS

- 4.1 PCSO Hilton presented a crime report. An increase in burglary and a number of thefts from motor vehicles. The report was noted
- 4.2 Cllr Beardsworth gave a verbal update regarding the Local Partnership meeting she had attended
- 4.3 A website has been set up following the newly launched strategy to support people in Northamptonshire to 'Live Your Best Life'
- 4.4 Drayton Walk, Kingsthorpe is now providing valuable storage for the Foodbanks
- 4.5 The Council is progressing proposals to move the majority of its office employees from the Guildhall to its headquarters at One Angel Square
- 4.6 Council have invested in two new pieces of machinery to help with the maintenance/potholes

05/24 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

06/24 CHAIR'S REPORT

Cllr Ajayi gave a brief report regarding the Warm Spaces initiative

07/24 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LOG

Noted

08/24 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Nothing to report

09/24 COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

It was unanimously resolved to:

- 9.1 Receive and note the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024
- 9.2 Receive and note the minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024
- 9.3 Cllr Ball gave a verbal update regarding the library

Under Standing Order 10a, it was unanimously resolved, as the Library Manager was present to alter the order of business so that item 14 could be considered next

10/24 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE A LIBRARY FACEBOOK PAGE

It was proposed by Cllr Ajayi, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth, and unanimously resolved that the library establishes an official Facebook page, and the Library Manager as its administrator

11/24 FINANCE

It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Ward, and unanimously resolved:

- 11.1 To approve and authorise payments for January expenditure as detailed totaling £10,969.55
- 11.2 To receive and note the budget report expenditure
- 11.3 To receive and note Bank Reconciliation for December 2023
- 11.4 It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Ward, and resolved with 5 votes for, 3 against and 1 abstention to receive and approve the proposals from the Finance Committee. To confirm that the total budgetary requirement is 545,980 which is offset by a contribution from reserves of £254,480. Thus, would set the 2024-25 precept at £291,500 (decrease of 2.8%)
- 11.5 It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Lewis-Nichol, and unanimously resolved to adopt the Treasury and Investment Policy
- 11.6 It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth, and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 against to approve opening a savings account in another bank

12/24 WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET 2024/25 CONSULTATION

It was unanimously resolved that the Chair in consultation with the Clerk, will respond on behalf of the Council taking into consideration members comments

13/24 THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

It was unanimously resolved that the Chair in consultation with the Clerk, will respond on behalf of the Council taking into consideration members comments

14/24 TO CONSIDER A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Kilby-Shaw gave a verbal report. Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth and resolved with 7 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention that Council wishes to consider a Neighbourhood Plan and will investigate further

15/24 MONKEY CHALLENGE

It was unanimously resolved that Council agrees in principle and would consider contributing to play equipment opportunities in the future

16/24 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Members received and noted a reply from the Northamptonshire Police Chief Commissioner's office (matters arising from minute ref 161/23) regarding CCTV investment. After much discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Ajayi, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and resolved that Council responds to express its disappointment and feel it totally contradicts WNC's priority to invest further infrastructure in hotspots

17/24 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr Beardsworth advised members that St Johns Baptist Church would no longer be offering a warm and hospitable space

18/24 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Noted as Wednesday 21st February 2024, at 7.pm

19/24 TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING MATTER:

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and unanimously resolved

- 19.1 | It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved receive and approve the Library Managers Contract of Employment

The meeting closed at 8.14pm. **Signed** **Dated**