

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.00PM, AT ST DAVID'S CHURCH, EASTERN AVENUE SOUTH, NN2 7QB**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs, Titus Ajayi (Chair), Rachael Ball, Eluned Lewis-Nichol, Anthony Antoniou, Gill Askens, Steve Miller, Sally Beardsworth

**ALSO PRESENT:** A Barnes (Clerk) Cllr Sam Rumens (WNC), PCSO's Barber, Bednarczyk

**ABSENT:** Cllrs, Mamun Ali, Elaine Miller, Sam Kilby-Shaw, Bryan Lewin, Tony Ward, Mike O'Connor, Arthur Newbury, Dilip Kumar

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.09pm

**157/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs, Ali, Lewis, and Kumar due to work commitments  
Apologies were received from Cllrs, E Miller, and Newbury due to other commitments  
Apologies were received from Cllrs, Ward, and O'Connor due to sickness  
Apologies were received from Cllr Kilby-Shaw due to a prior engagement  
It was proposed by Cllr Beardsworth, seconded by Cllr Miller, and unanimously resolved that the apologies be accepted

**158/23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None declared

**159/23 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth, and resolved with 6 votes for with 1 abstention, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023, subject to the following amendments under items 142/23 and 150.2

*142.23 Kingsthorpe is one of worst affected areas for shoplifting and shopkeepers are not taking Police advice*

*150.2 Anthony Antoniou stated he had no preference, Gill Askens stated Sunnyside and Arthur Newbury stated his preference as St David's Ward*

**160/23 REPORTS FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES AND WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS**

160.1 The crime report was presented for October 2023, with decreases in criminal and vehicle damage compared to last year. PCSO Barber gave an explanation as to why last year's non businesses burglary was significantly high. There was a discussion around shoplifting. Businesses are now preparing themselves for seasonal crime, however, they should start to take more accountability

160.2 Members and Cllr Rumens considered correspondence received from Clubs for Young People Northamptonshire regarding a skate park in the area. Members agreed they are keen to see wider uses of youth provision and hearing more, and advise the organisation to speak to Kingsthorpe Jets

160.3 Cllr Rumens stated he would arrange a meeting Cllr David Smith regarding CCTV and investigate further regarding a bin on Brampton Valley Way

160.4 Cllr Beardsworth advised members on the following:  
International Fraud Awareness Week and asked if this could be promoted via Councils social media.

West Northamptonshire Council Keeping Healthy facility, to more encourage more men to take up the offer of a free health check

Greyfriars bus station. It is hoped plans for the development will include social housing and other facilities

Welcoming Spaces, WNC are working with the community and voluntary organisations to support spaces for residents over the winter period

*The Chair, under Standing Order 10a, altered the order of business so that items 9 and 15 could be considered next*

**161/23 CCTV**

PCSO Barber advised she had completed a 3-year report around crime statistics which showed a high volume of violence occurs within the areas of Kingsthorpe with no sufficient CCTV to combat this. She also completed an environmental visual audit with crime prevention which stated that the current cameras on Harborough Road are not up to task and are of poor quality. The 4 cameras are to be replaced but unsure if this is definitive or subject to change. Whilst the installation may be met by funding, there are issues surrounding maintenance.

After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth, and unanimously resolved that Council writes to the Northamptonshire Police Chief Commissioner, and Cllr David Smith, to express Councils disappointment that the cameras are not fit for purpose and to ask about any available funding

**162/23 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None

**163/23 CHAIR'S REPORT**

Cllr Ajayi gave a verbal report on the Northamptonshire Larger Councils Partnership

**164/23 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LOG**

Noted

**165/23 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

None received

**166/23 COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

Proposed by Cllr Beardsworth, seconded by Cllr Antoniou and unanimously resolved to accept the following:

166.1 Minutes of the Climate Change Committee Meeting - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

166.2 Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

166.3 Cllr Ball gave a verbal report on behalf of the Events working group. Following on from the Remembrance Day service, they gave a recommendation to purchase a PA system. It was also recommended that Council hosts a Christmas Light Switch On event for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 4pm.

166.4 Proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Askens and unanimously resolved that Council gives delegated authority to the Working Group, in consultation with the office to arrange the event and approves expenditure of up to £1000, to include a gazabo, refreshments, and advertising

**167/23 FINANCE**

167.1 Proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Askens and unanimously resolved to: Approve and authorise payments for November expenditure totaling £38,748.96

167.2 To receive and note a budget report showing expenditure for the year to date

167.3 To receive and note the Bank Reconciliation for October 2023

**168/23 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**

Proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Antoniou and unanimously resolved to defer this item until the December meeting. Any comments to the Clerk

**169/23 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

Proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Eluned Lewis-Nichol and unanimously resolved to duly elect:

Cllr Antoniou – Planning and Climate Change Environment Committee

Cllr Askens – Grants Panel, Events working group and Community Plan Committee

**170/23 SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS (SLCC) MEMBERSHIP**

Proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Miller and unanimously resolved to approve the annual subscription and expenditure of £354

**171/23 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Cllr Ball gave a verbal update on a carry a 'basketball not a blade' event at Whitehill's school she had attended

**172/23 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Noted as Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 2.00pm, St David's, Eastern Ave South

**173/23 TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:**

173.1 Proposed by Cllr Ajayi, seconded by Cllr Ball and unanimously resolved  
Members resolved to accept the Staffing Committee recommendations and to appoint Andrew Naylor for the position of Kingsthorpe Library Manager

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.48pm

**Signed:**  
**Chair:**

**Date:**