

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY
16th DECEMBER AT 2.00PM, AT ST DAVID'S CHURCH, EASTERN AVENUE SOUTH, NN2 7QB**

PRESENT: Cllrs, Titus Ajayi (Chair), Eluned Lewis-Nichol, Anthony Antoniou, Gill Askens, Steve Miller, Sally Beardsworth, Elaine Miller, Sam Kilby-Shaw, Bryan Lewin, Tony Ward, Mike O'Connor, Arthur Newbury, Dilip Kumar

ALSO PRESENT: A Barnes (Clerk), Andrew Naylor (Kingsthorpe Library Manager), Mrs Naylor, Sally Stroman of Aitchison Raffety and 3 representatives

ABSENT: Cllrs, Mamun Ali, Rachael Ball

174/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs, Ali, and Ball due to other commitments.

174.1 It was proposed by Cllr E Miller, seconded by Cllr S Miller, and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention that the apologies from Cllr Ali be accepted

174.2 It was proposed by Cllr E Miller, seconded by Cllr S Miller, and unanimously resolved that the apologies received from Cllr Ball be accepted

14.03 Cllr Lewis-Nicol arrived at the meeting

175/23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr Beardsworth declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9, in her capacity as a member of West Northamptonshire Council Planning Committee

176/23 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr Askens, and resolved with 6 votes for and 4 abstentions, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2023, subject to the following typographical error under item 157/23, which should be Cllr Lewin not Cllr Lewis

14.07 Cllr Newbury arrived at the meeting

177/23 REPORTS FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES AND WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Sam Rumens and the Police sent their apologies.

Cllr Beardsworth advised members on the following:

177.1 WNC has submitted a draft budget proposal for 2024-25 proposing an increase of 7.7% in accordance with the Government's Rent Standard, with effect from 1 April 2024

177.2 Regeneration of the Market Square has reached an important milestone with the first of the new market stalls being delivered and the rest to be completed by spring 2024

177.3 Still an ongoing problem and lack of progress on banning Section 21, no-fault evictions for private rentals

14.11 Cllr Antoniou arrived at the meeting

178/23 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chair welcomed everyone and introduced the Library Manager

14.19 Cllr Kumar arrived at the meeting

179/23 CHAIR'S REPORT

Noted

180/23 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LOG

Noted

181/23 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Nothing to report

182/23 WHITE HORSE PUBLIC HOUSE AND NO.23 HARBOROUGH ROAD, KINGSTHORPE

Members received, noted, and thanked Aitchison Raffety for their attendance and presentation regarding an outline proposal for redevelopment.

183/23 COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

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

- 183.1 To receive and note the minutes of the Climate Change Committee meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023
- 183.2 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023
- 183.3 Following on from the success of the Christmas Switch-On, it was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr S Miller to thank the Deputy Clerk for her help arranging the event at short notice, and members thanked the Events Working Group and the office for their efforts

184/23 FINANCE

It was proposed by Cllr Beardsworth, seconded by Cllr Kumar, and unanimously resolved to:

- 184.1 To approve and authorise payments for December expenditure totaling £26,822.72
- 184.2 To receive and note the budget report expenditure
- 184.3 To receive and note Bank Reconciliation for November 2023
- 184.4 To approve and confirm an amount of £350.00 for a Chairman's Allowance, in pursuance of Section 15 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972
- 184.5 To note a CIL payment of £2927.72 - WNN/2022/0913 - 1A Harborough Road
- 184.6 To defer the draft budget and precept request 2024-2025

185/23 DONATION TO 'BORN TO PERFORM DANCE SCHOOL'

It was proposed by Cllr Lewin, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved to approve a donation of £150.00 for entertainment provided at the Switch-On event

186/23 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

It was proposed by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth, and unanimously resolved that the Climate Committee note members comments and will bring back to Council in 6 months' time

Adjourned at 3.14pm and reconvened 3.20pm

187/23 CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES WORKING GROUP

- 187.1 It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and unanimously resolved to duly appoint Cllrs, Ajayi, Lewis-Nichol, Antoniou, Askens, Lewin, Newbury, E Miller, and Kumar
- 187.2 It was proposed by Cllr Lewin, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and unanimously resolved to approve the Terms of Reference
- 187.3 It was proposed by Cllr Beardsworth, seconded by Cllr Kumar, and unanimously resolved to support initiatives to tackle knife crime and to include wider issues

188/23 TREE STRATEGY

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and unanimously resolved that the Climate Committee will consider a response and respond on behalf of the Council

189/23 ANNUAL WAITING RESTRICTIONS

It was proposed by Cllr Lewin, seconded by Cllr E Miller and unanimously resolved to support the changes being put forward for:

- Welford Road, Wardington Court
- St David's Road

190/23 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 190.1 Members noted an email from Michael Ellis MP (arising from minute ref 153/23)
- 190.2 Members noted an email from Department for Education (arising from minute ref 153/23)
- 190.3 Members noted an email from Finding Fitness, and Cllr Beardsworth asked for further discussion at the January meeting

191/23 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- 191.1 For Councillors to raise matters not requiring a decision
- 191.2 Cllr Kilby-Shaw gave a verbal report on the WNC Planning Briefing session he had attended on 30th November with Cllr Ball. They were given an update on the current situation of the Planning department, and their short and medium-term plans
- 191.3 Cllr Kilby-Shaw, asked for the Chair of the Community Plan to call a committee meeting

192/23 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Members noted the date as Wednesday 17th January 2024, at 7.pm

193/23 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:

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

- 193.1 Kingsthorpe Library Lease:
After much discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Lewin and unanimously resolved, to agree in principle a start date, subject to instructing a surveyor to undertake a survey for the issues identified
- 193.2 Council agrees to allocate expenditure of £5000 for any associated costs
- 193.3 Subject to Standing order 23(a), Cllrs, Ajayi and Kilby-Shaw are delegated to sign the Lease on behalf of the Council, in the presence of the Clerk
- 193.4 Correspondence was noted in relation to the land lying to the North of Greenhill’s Road NN3 9BN

The Chair thanked members for their contributions and wished everyone a Happy Christmas. Meeting closed at 3.58pm

Signature **Date**
Chair

