

MINUTES OF THE KINGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022, 7.00PM, AT ST DAVID'S CHURCH, EASTERN AVENUE SOUTH, KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON, NN2 7QB

PRESENT: Cllrs, Sam Kilby-Shaw, Tony Ward, Arthur Newbury, Michael O'Connor, Sally Beardsworth, Rachael Ball, Eluned Lewis-Nichol, Bryan Lewin,

ALSO PRESENT: Alison Barnes (Parish Clerk) 1 resident, Cllr S Rumens (WNC)

ABSENT: Cllrs, Aishat Oguntuga, Nilesh Parekh, Steve Miller, Elaine Miller, Dilip Kumar, Titus Ajayi, Mamun Ali

205/22 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs, E Miller, S Miller, T Ajayi, and M Ali.

Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr O'Connor, and unanimously resolved that the apologies be accepted

206/22 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr Beardsworth declared a non-pecuniary interest, for item 15 due to being a West Northamptonshire Council Planning Committee member.

Cllr Beardsworth stated she would remain in the room, but would not take part in discussion or any vote under that item of business

207/22 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Lewis-Nichol, and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th November 2022

The Chairman, under Standing Order 10a, altered the order of business so that items 5 and 15 could be considered next

208/22 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1 resident was present, and he spoke in opposition to planning application WNN/2022/1327

209/22 PLANNING APPLICATION

WNN/2022/1327

56 Greenhills Road, NN2 8EF

Change of use from a residential dwelling (Use Class C3) to Children's home (Use Class C2) for up to 5 children aged 8-18 years

Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Lewin and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Beardsworth to recommend refusal and a response is delegated to Cllr O'Connor in consultation with the Clerk on behalf of the Council

210/22 REPORTS FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES AND WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS

210.1 Cllr Rumens gave a verbal update regarding Children Services. He proposed, that the WNC Kingsthorpe Councillors, the Parish, and the Children's Trust work together and run a consultation across the Parish to get residents to help us identify sites for possible children's homes, to enable a proactive approach rather than providers imposing inappropriate places

210.2 Work has started on The Obelisk restoration project

210.3 West Northampton Council are inviting residents to have their say on their draft budget for the next financial year. The consultation will close at the end of January 2023 and can be completed online

210.4 Concerns from residents regarding vacant and rundown sites like the White Horse pub, Methodist Church, some of the empty/shops in disrepair to be regenerated or redeveloped

Cllr Beardsworth suggested writing to the owners to find a resolution

211/22 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Ward gave a verbal report regarding the meeting of the 21 Libraries he attended on Monday 21st November 22. A general discussion took place with regard to "Warm Spaces Offering", by each library. It was flagged up that some libraries may be overwhelmed by small business enterprises using the facilities instead of working from home.

There will be a Northwest Council meeting taking place on 18th January 23, at which the disaggregation of libraries will be discussed

212/22 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Kilby-Shaw gave a verbal update regarding the Asset Mapping forum he had attended

213/22 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LOG

Noted

The meeting was adjourned at 19.59 and reconvened 20.05

214/22 TRAINING

Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ball and unanimously resolved to approve the online Recruitment training for the Staffing Committee, scheduled for 14th February 2023 and the expenditure of £315.00

215/22 COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

215.1 Cllr Ball advised members that confirmation had been received that Councils Library Business Plan, had been approved by West Northamptonshire Council and now awaiting draft Terms of Reference

215.2 Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ward and unanimously resolved to receive and adopt the minutes:

Planning Committee – Meeting held on Monday 5th December 2022

Climate Change and Environment Committee – Meeting held on Monday 5th December 2022

Finance Committee – Meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2022

216/22 FINANCE

216.1 Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth and unanimously resolved to note and approve:

- Bank Reconciliation for November 2022
- Budget report showing expenditure for the year to date
- Payments for expenditure as detailed totaling £18,525.85

216.2 Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ward and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention 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

216.3 Proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention to approve the proposals from the Finance Committee so that the precept can be set for the next financial year

216.4 Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Newbury and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention that total budgetary requirement is £530,592 which is offset by a contribution from reserves of £230,592. Thus, would set the 2023-2024 precept at £300,000 (34% increase)

216.5 The Clerk is authorised under LGA 1992, section (41), to issue the precept notice to West Northamptonshire Council

217/22 THE EVENTS WORKING GROUP

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr O'Connor, and unanimously resolved to duly appoint Cllrs, Ball, Beardsworth, Newbury, and Lewis-Nichol and approve its Terms of Reference

218/22 VALUATIONS

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ward, and unanimously resolved to instruct Neil Mason Associates to undertake valuations of Welford Road and Eastern Avenue North Allotments and approve the expenditure of £1500 + vat

219/22 WELCOME SIGNS

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved to:

219.1 To agree the design and colour as green, with finials and typeface New Roman Time

219.2 That the Clerk is authorised to award the contract to Sign of the Times

220/22 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Cllr O'Connor gave an update regarding the Kingsthorpe Post Office

221/22 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

A round of applause was given to Cllr Newbury, commending him for being shortlisted from over 80 nominations for the West Northamptonshire Council 'Inspirational Man' award, raising awareness around men's well-being

222/22 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Noted as Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7.00pm

The Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and there being no further business, he closed the meeting at 20.40

Signed:
Chairman

Date: