

MINUTES OF THE KINGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2023, 7.00PM, AT ST DAVID'S CHURCH, EASTERN AVENUE SOUTH, KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON, NN2 7QB

PRESENT: Cllrs, Sam Kilby-Shaw, Titus Ajayi, Tony Ward, Arthur Newbury, Bryan Lewin, Steve Miller, Sally Beardsworth, Michael O'Connor

ALSO PRESENT: Alison Barnes (Clerk) Cllrs, Rumens, PCSO's Barber, Bednarczyk, PS Roberts

ABSENT: Cllrs, Aishat Oguntuga, Nilesh Parekh, Elaine Miller, Dilip Kumar, Mamun Ali, Rachael Ball Eluned Lewis- Nichol

17/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs, S, E Miller due to other commitments, Cllr Lewin, and Kumar due to work commitments. Unanimously resolved that the apologies be accepted

18/23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None declared

19/23 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ward, and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Beardsworth to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 as a true record of that meeting

20/23 REPORTS FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES AND WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS

- 20.1 PCSO Barber presented the crime report for February 2023. An increase in burglary and vehicle crime
- 20.2 Cllr Beardsworth reported that budget proposals for car parking increase to charges, had been reviewed, Council have now reversed its decisions
- 20.3 Cabinet members agreed to recommend the final 2023/24 budget to Full Council, on Wednesday, 22 February 2023
- 20.4 There are increasing numbers of children coming into care. A provision has been set aside for the Childrens Trust to work with the parents
- 20.5 Council Tax/Council rent is due to increase, resulting in a significant financial challenge for many. Hardship Funds has been made available
- 20.6 Cllr Rumens gave a verbal report regarding the issue with parking in Northampton Town Centre. Having also listened to feedback from residents and businesses, Cabinet members have agreed to make a series of changes to explore future opportunities, such as parking incentive schemes
- 20.7 Cllr Rumens to explore the possibility of a wider blue plaques scheme covering the West Northamptonshire area and bring to a future meeting

21/23 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

22/23 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 22.1 As Councils 21 Libraries representative, Cllr Ward gave a verbal report regarding the meeting of the Shared Services Joint Committee of the two Councils which took place on Wednesday, 18th January 2023. It was attended by three members of the 21GLN, who made representation to the meeting regarding the disaggregation of Library support services
- 22.2 As Councils Police Liaison representative, Cllr Lewin updated members regarding the online Police Liaison Representative Community Group

23/23 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Kilby-Shaw gave an update, that the office had received notification, the Library Heads of Terms had been further delayed by WNC due to staff illness and shortages

24/23 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LOG

Noted

25/23 FINANCE

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

- 25.1 To receive and note the Bank Reconciliation for January 2023
- 25.2 To receive a budget report showing expenditure for the year to date
- 25.3 To approve and authorise payments for expenditure as detailed totaling £7900.64

26/23 COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

- 26.1 It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and unanimously resolved to receive and note the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on Monday 6th February 2023
- 26.2 It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ward, and unanimously resolved to receive and note the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 6th February 2023
- 26.3 It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Miller, and unanimously resolved to receive and note the minutes of the Climate Change & Environment Committee held on Monday 6th February 2023

27/23 MOTIONS

- 27.1 It was proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Ajayi, unanimously resolved that Council agrees in principle to purchase and install 2 benches for the Play Area at Kingsthorpe Recreation ground, each with a plaque stating "Provided by Kingsthorpe Parish Council 2023"
- 27.2 That Council delegates authority to the Clerk to seek designs and quotations
- 27.3 Council advise the Kingsthorpe Jets of its intentions
- 27.4 That Council delegates authority to the Clerk to investigate the possibility and costings for a path within the park designed for pedestrian use to Kingsthorpe Jets Club House

28/23 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Members noted correspondence received from the Northampton Hope Centre

29/23 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

30/23 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

To note the date as Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.00pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and there being no further business, he closed the meeting at 20.17

Signed:
Chairman

Date: