

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023, 7.00PM, AT ST DAVID'S CHURCH, EASTERN AVENUE SOUTH, KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON, NN2 7QB**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs, Titus Ajayi, Tony Ward, Arthur Newbury, Bryan Lewin, Steve Miller, Sally Beardsworth, Michael O'Connor, Elaine Miller, Rachael Ball, Eluned Lewis-Nichol

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alison Barnes (Clerk), Deputy Lieutenant, Neelam Aggarwal-Singh, Cllr Harry Barrett

**ABSENT:** Cllrs, Sam Kilby-Shaw, Aishat Oguntuga, Nilesh Parekh, Dilip Kumar, Mamun Ali

*In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chair, Cllr Ajayi took the Chair*

*Prior to the meeting, Cllr Ajayi asked that everyone could please stand, and a minute's silence was observed in memory of Rohan Shand*

**31/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs, Kilby-Shaw, and Ali due to other commitments. Unanimously resolved that the apologies be accepted

**32/23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None declared

**33/23 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Ball, and resolved with 7 votes for and 3 abstentions to confirm the minutes of the of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 as true record of that meeting

*The Vice-Chair, under Standing Order 10a, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth and unanimously resolved to alter the order of business so that item 6 could be considered next*

**34/23 DEPUTY LIEUTENANT ROLE**

A presentation was given by Deputy Lieutenant Neelam Aggarwal-Singh regarding the Awards For Service to the community. Part of the role is to actively encourage people in making a nomination for an honour where they believe the work of any volunteer group or individual in the Parish should be recognised. Members agreed, they were keen to work with the Deputy Lieutenant and Cllr Ajayi, thanked her for her time

**35/23 REPORTS FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES AND WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS**

- 35.1 Cllr Barrett gave a verbal report regarding a very positive meeting with Northamptonshire Police, Chief Constable Nick Adderley, Police and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold discussing the important issue of knife Crime. There were action points agreed that lots more can be done to address this important issue
- 35.2 Cllr Barrett also updated members regarding the work he has been doing on SEN (special educational needs) and will be chairing the Scrutiny Task and Finish group for provision in West Northamptonshire Council. The work will last between 6/9 months and will hopefully enable better outcomes for local children
- 35.3 Cllr Beardsworth updated members that West Northamptonshire Council will receive an extra £1.9m for pothole repairs with the help of specialised machinery
- 35.4 West Northamptonshire Council has been successful in its bid to secure funds for initiatives towards air quality improvement to help the health of its residents and to focus on active traffic management to improve congestion and poor air quality in existing areas

*The Vice-Chair, under Standing Order 10a, seconded by Cllr Lewis-Nichol and unanimously resolved to alter the order of business so that item 16.3 could be considered next*

**36/23 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Cllr Barrett asked for members consideration for the possibility of a memorial/plaque in memory of Marc Birch who was from Kingsthorpe and killed in Afghanistan in 2008. It was proposed by Cllr Beardsworth, seconded by Cllr E Miller, and unanimously resolved that Council would support planting a tree and supplying a plaque. Cllr Barrett to liaise with the Clerk on the family's behalf

**37/23 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None

**38/23 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

As Councils 21 Libraries representative, Cllr Ward advised that in March he attended a Zoom meeting with Community Library Network and listened to a talk by Linking Lives regarding the need to engage in social interaction. This was followed by a presentation on behalf of the Earlsdon Community Library. A further 21 GLN has been convened for the 15th May - a report to follow at a future meeting

**39/23 BUS SHELTER**

It was proposed by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth, and unanimously resolved to note the report, and reject the request from Cllr Rumens

**40/23 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LOG**

Noted

**41/23 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

No report, due to the absence of the Chairman

*Adjourned at 20.19 and reconvened 20.21. Cllr E Miller gave her apologies and left the meeting*

**42/23 FINANCE**

42.1 It was proposed by Cllr S Miler, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and unanimously resolved to receive and note the Bank Reconciliation for March 2023

Subject to a typo, it was then proposed by Cllr O'Conner, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved to:

42.2 To receive a budget report showing expenditure for the year to date

42.3 To approve and authorise payments for expenditure as detailed totaling £10,946.20

42.4 To authorise an additional expenditure of £75.00 for the floral displays

42.5 To authorise £5,075 remittance to Plantscape for the 2023 Parish floral displays

**43/23 COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved to receive and note the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

**44/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM A MAJOR INCIDENT THAT TOOK PLACE ON THE HARBOROUGH ROAD - 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2023**

44.1 After much discussion, it was proposed by Cllr S Miler, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and unanimously resolved, that the Council authorises the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman to act on behalf of the Council to issue a statement in memory of Rohan Shand

44.2 To call an Extraordinary meeting in June and to extend the invitation to the Chief Constable Nick Adderley, Police and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold, schools, Churches, and other local organisations to discuss further, lessons learnt and supporting of a community memorial project

**45/23 RECYCLING BIN ON KINGSTHORPE RECREATION GROUND**

It was proposed by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved to approve the ongoing expenditure per year to empty the bin

*20.45 Cllr Beardsworth, gave her apologies and left the meeting*

**46/23 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

After much discussion, It was proposed by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr B Lewin, and unanimously resolved that the Chairman will respond on behalf of the Council taking into consideration members comments

**47/23 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Members noted correspondence received from a resident, Ms Masters

The meeting closed at 9pm **Signed:**

**Date:**