

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Alison Barnes (Clerk) PCSO Barber

ABSENT: Cllrs, Mamun Ali, Dilip Kumar

98/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

- 98.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Ali due to work commitments. Proposed by Cllr E Miller, seconded by Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved that the apologies be accepted
- 98.2 Apologies were received from Cllr Kumar due to other commitments. Proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by S Miller, and unanimously resolved that the apologies be accepted
- 98.3 Cllr Beardsworth advised she would be late due to other Council business. Proposed by Cllr E Miller, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw and unanimously resolved that the apologies for lateness be accepted

99/23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None declared

100/23 MINUTES

- 100.1 It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and resolved with 7 votes for and 3 abstentions to confirm the minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 21st June 2023 as a true record

101/23 REPORTS FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES AND WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS

- 101.1 PCSO Barber presented the crime report for May 2023. An increase in burglary and a decrease in criminal damage.
A discussion took place regarding electric scooter riders engaged in anti-social behaviour. PCSO Barber advised under the Police Reform Act to report the registration number and location
- 101.2 Cllr Beardsworth gave a verbal update that it was agreed at an extra meeting, that WNC plans to buy 30 homes for refugees following capital grant funding. They will also be investing nearly £5million into new advanced equipment which will help improve the authority's ability to carry out additional road maintenance. Cllr Beardsworth also advised there are increasing numbers of children coming into care and unfortunately Social Workers vacancy and turnover is still high

102/23 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

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

103/23 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 103.1 As Councils, Police Liaison Representative, Cllr Lewin gave a verbal report regarding the Annual Meeting of the online Police Liaison Representative Community Group. He also updated members regarding the new unmarked speed camera vans being trialled around Northamptonshire. Discussion around Northamptonshire Talking (the new name for Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert) with the lack of the community signing up and how can Council do more to get the message out there
- 103.2 As Councils 21 Libraries Representative, Cllr Ward gave a verbal report regarding the AGM of the 21 GLN that took place at Thrapston Community Library on Thursday, 29th June 2023. Matters raised included extending membership to a greater number of personal members due to some libraries within the county withdrawing their membership. The 21 Libraries Chair reported that she had had a meeting with Frontline Services staff where it was clarified that Northamptonshire no longer offers an inter-library loan facility, as this has become too expensive to manage

At 7.21pm Cllr Beardsworth arrived at the meeting. The Chair, under Standing Order 10a, altered the order of business so that Cllr Beardsworth could give a verbal report pertaining to item 4

104/23 DISQUALIFICATION OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL AND DECLARATION OF VACANCY OF OFFICE

- 104.1 It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and unanimously resolved in the office of Councillor Aishat Oguntuga, a member of Kingsthorpe Parish Council, that she is disqualified pursuant to section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1972
- 104.2 It was proposed by Cllr Newbury, seconded by Cllr O'Connor, and unanimously resolved to declare that a vacancy has occurred in the office of Councillor Aishat Oguntuga, a member of Kingsthorpe Parish Council, pursuant to section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1972
- 104.3 As no request for an election had been received by West Northamptonshire Council, it was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr E Miller, and unanimously resolved that Council wishes to fill its vacancy in the Sunnyside Ward by way of co-option
- 104.4 It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr O'Connor, and unanimously resolved that the closing date for applications is Tuesday 10th October 2023

105/23 CHAIR'S REPORT

Cllr Ajayi reported that he had attended a service at the All-Saints Church, Kidzlink fund raising event and the local area partnerships briefing session

106/23 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LOG

Noted

107/23 COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

- 107.1 Members noted the minutes of the Climate Change Committee Meeting held Monday 3rd July 2023
- 107.2 Members noted to receive the minutes of the Grants Meeting held Monday 17th July 2023, subject to an amendment to item 10.5, to change the word from deferral to refusal
- 107.3 Members noted an update given by Cllr Ball on behalf of the Events Working Group

The meeting was adjourned at 8.04pm and reconvened 8.09pm

The Chair, under Standing Order 10a, altered the order of business so that item 13 could be considered next

108/23 PARISH CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS 2023 AND EVENTS

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

- 108.1 To agree in principle recommendations from the Events Working Group
- 108.2 To approve the expenditure of £15,436 for lamp post column conversion and decals
- 108.3 Councils authorises the Group, to act on behalf of, and in the best interests of, the Council
- 108.4 Council wishes to lay 2 wreaths at this year's Remembrance Day services, 1 red and 1 white
- 108.5 To agree in principle to Remembrance Poppies for Kingsthorpe front, lampposts

109/23 FINANCE

- 109.1 It was proposed by Cllr Newbury, seconded by Cllr S Miller, and unanimously resolved to approve and authorise payments for expenditure as detailed totaling £16,218.57
It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and unanimously resolved to:
- 109.2 To receive a budget report showing expenditure for the year to date
- 109.3 To receive and note the Bank Reconciliation for June 2023
- 109.4 To approve the setting up of a Direct Debit for Teklogic (IT security)
- 109.5 To approve the setting up of a Direct Debit for Hosted Connections Ltd (Line rental)

At 8.26pm, Cllr E Miller gave her apologies and left the meeting. Cllr E Miller did not return

110/23 OUTCOME OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING

Cllr Ajayi gave a verbal report following the meeting. After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth and unanimously resolved that Council approves Grant funding of £10,000 to be made available for Parish community led organisations/initiatives who provide regular activities or to create new diversionary events for young people away from crime

It was proposed by Cllr Ajayi, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and unanimously resolved to extend the meeting by 15mins so Council business can be concluded

111/23 PROVISION OF TWO BENCHES FOR THE RECREATION GROUND PLAY AREA

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr S Miller, and unanimously resolved to approve the expenditure of £3,290 excluding Vat

112/23 PROVISION OF A REPLACEMENT BIN FOR THE RECREATION GROUND

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

112.1 To approve the expenditure of 451.00 excluding Vat

112.2 To approve annual expenditure to empty the bin

113/23 DRAFT STREET TRADING POLICY – CONSULTATION

It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and unanimously resolved that Cllr Lewin is granted delegated powers to respond on Councils behalf

114/23 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved to approve the £35 membership fee expenditure

115/23 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Members noted the Planning application WNN/2022/1391 - Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to outline planning permission for Dallington Grange, Mill Lane. Cllr O'Connor was granted delegated powers to respond on Councils behalf

116/23 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr Ball acknowledged and thanked the 34th Kingsthorpe Scout Group litter pick. A discussion was held regarding a certificate from the Council for recognition of service to community groups/residents of the Parish

117/23 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Noted as Saturday 16th September 2023, at 2pm

118/23 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 MATTER:

118.1 It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr O'Connor, and resolved with 8 votes for and 2 against to approve the Deputy Clerk's Contract of Employment, subject to an amendment to item 17:

Item 17 - Time off for Dependants

Employees are entitled up to 5 days per year, paid time off and a further 5 unpaid where:

1. A dependant is ill
2. Death of a dependant
3. Disruption occurs to the care of a dependant
4. Unexpected occurrences to your child

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed:
Chair:

Date: