

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY  
16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023, 2.00PM, AT KINGSTHORPE BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH STREET, NN2  
6QF**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs, Titus Ajayi (Chair), Tony Ward, Arthur Newbury, Michael O'Connor, Elaine Miller, Steve Miller, Bryan Lewin, Rachael Ball, Eluned Lewis-Nichol, Sam Kilby-Shaw, Mamun Ali

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alison Barnes (Clerk), Cllr Sam Rumens, Sergeant Kath Roberts

**ABSENT:** Cllrs, Sally Beardsworth, Dilip Kumar

**119/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Beardsworth due to other commitments. Proposed by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr Lewin, and unanimously resolved that the apologies be accepted

**120/23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None declared

**121/23 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and resolved with 10 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Ali, to confirm the minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 as a true record

**122/23 REPORTS FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES AND WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS**

122.1 A discussion took place between Cllr Rumens and members regarding the following:  
Welford Road Works - Mainly regarding traffic flow problems and the issues currently occurring with Redland and Leyland Drive

Bins, Litter/Flip Tipping – An issue with how long it's taking to empty the bins. Cllr E Miller advised how Northants Litter Wombles are placing purple bags in key locations that are collecting lots of litter, proving additional bins could be very helpful

Central Calendar for Kingsthorpe Events – it was discussed putting together a web page on the parish site for different youth groups, cultural events, adult groups, and anything else that are open to the people of Kingsthorpe

Reporting Issues - Good points raised that some items being reported are not being dealt with efficiently, Cllr Rumens is keen to improve this

Kingsthorpe Library – Cllr O'Connor raised the issue whether there could be a RAAC issue with the building

122.2 Sergeant Roberts presented the crime report for August 2023. A significant reduction in criminal damage but an increase in residential burglary and vehicle crime.

There will be a bike marking event taking place to offer security marking and cycle security advice

Recruitment has taken place to provide two more officers to cover the Kingsthorpe, Parkland, and Headland's area.

Cllr Ball raised the issue of a residential cannabis factory in St David's ward. The Police are actively going into premises when they are notified where there is a very high utility usage.

Cllr Kilby-Shaw raised the issue over burglaries. Sergeant Roberts advised these are actioned within 24 hours. Despite an increase in August, overall, a reduction than other counties, since Northamptonshire Police's dedicated burglary team was launched four years ago

**123/23 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None

**124/23 CHAIR'S REPORT**

Cllr Ajayi reported that he had attended a Library Working Group meeting at the premises and thanked everyone involved for their efforts in working towards getting it open

**125/23 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LOG**

Noted

*At 2.28pm Sergeant Kath Roberts arrived at the meeting. The Chair, under Standing Order 10a, altered the order of business so that Sergeant Roberts could give a verbal report pertaining to item 4*

**126/23 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Nothing to report

**127/23 COUNCILS INSURANCE**

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr E Miller, and unanimously resolved to approve the expenditure of an additional premium of £507.49 to cover Council assets

**128/23 COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

128.1 It was proposed by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr O'Connor, and unanimously resolved to receive and note the minutes of the Climate Change Committee Meeting held on 4th September 2023

128.2 Cllr Kilby-Shaw gave a verbal update on behalf of the Events Working Group

128.3 It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved to duly elect Cllr Newbury on to the Planning Committee

**129/23 FINANCE**

129.1 It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr O'Connor, and unanimously resolved: To approve and authorise payments for September expenditure as detailed totalling £6489.70

129.2 To approve and authorise August expenditure as detailed totalling £12,497.09

129.3 To receive and note a budget report showing expenditure for the year to date

129.4 To receive and note Bank Reconciliation for July and August 2023

**130/23 VACANCY**

130.1 As no request for an election had been received by West Northamptonshire Council, it was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved that Council wishes to fill its vacancy in the St David's Ward by way of co-option

130.2 It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved to agree the closing date for applications as Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**131/23 KNIFE CRIME GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Lewis, and resolved with 10 votes for and 1 against to approve and adopt the form

**132/23 COUNCIL RECOGNITION**

It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved to approve the design and expenditure for the stickers

*The meeting was adjourned at 3.06pm and reconvened 3.11pm*

**133/23 LAMP POST POPPIES TO MARK REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023**

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Newbury, and resolved with 10 votes for and 1 against to approve the expenditure

**134/23 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

None received

**135/23 76TH NORTHANTS CALC ANNUAL CONFERENCE - SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER**  
It was proposed by Cllr Lewin, seconded by Cllr S Miller, and unanimously resolved to duly elect Cllrs, Ajayi and Ball to attend on Councils behalf

**136/23 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

136.1 Cllr Kilby-Shaw advised that the Events Working Group would like to review the options regarding replacing the railings on Kingsthorpe Front

136.2 Cllr Ball attended the Kingsthorpe Jets sponsored park event and felt that the Council had missed an opportunity to promote themselves and should consider next year participating

**137/23 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

To note the date as Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7.00pm at St Davids Church

**138/23 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**

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

138.1 Cllr Ball gave an update following the Library Working Group meeting.  
It was proposed by Cllr E Miller, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved that Council accepts the recommendations

138.2 It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr E Miller, and unanimously resolved that Council starts the recruitment process for a Library Manager and authorises the group in consultation with the Clerk to act on behalf of, and to make a decision in the best interests of, the Council regarding remedial work

138.3 After much discussion it was agreed that the Clerk is authorised to contact the Solicitor for clarification regarding the correspondence received and, in the meantime, writes to the WNC legal department to advise the restrictive covenant in 1971 in relation to land lying to the north of Greenhill's Road is valid and enforceable

138.4 It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr S Miller, and unanimously resolved that:  
Allison Greaves, the Clerk, is eligible for admission into the Local Government Pension Scheme, with a joining date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022  
Sarah Wrighton the Deputy Clerk, is eligible for admission into the Local Government Pension Scheme, with a joining date of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 3.41pm

**Signed:**  
**Chair:**

**Date:**