

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022, 7.00PM, AT ST DAVID'S CHURCH, EASTERN AVENUE SOUTH, KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON, NN2 7QB**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs, Sam Kilby-Shaw (Chair) Tony Ward, Arthur Newbury, Titus Ajayi, Michael O'Connor, Sally Beardsworth, Dilip Kumar, Rachael Ball, Nilesh Parekh, Aishat Oguntuga

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alison Barnes (Parish Clerk), Cllr Sam Rumens (WNC), 2 members of the public

**ABSENT:** Cllrs, Elaine Miller, Steve Miller, Bryan Lewin, Mamun Ali

*Prior to the meeting, the Chairman asked that everyone could please stand, and a minute's silence was observed in memory of Queen Elizabeth II*

**149/22 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs, E Miller, S Miller, and B Lewin. Unanimously resolved these be accepted

**150/22 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

- 150.1 Cllr Kilby-Shaw declared a non-pecuniary interest item 10 as an applicant was known to him. Cllr Kilby-Shaw stated that he would leave the room under that item of business
- 150.2 Cllr Ajayi declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 as an applicant was known to him. Cllr Ajayi stated he would remain in the room, and take part in discussion or any vote under that item of business

**151/22 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ball, and resolved with 7 votes for and 2 abstentions to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

*At 19.16 Cllr Dilip attended the meeting*

**152/22 REPORTS FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES AND WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS**

- 152.1 PCSO Barber sent her apologies for the meeting
- 152.2 Cllr S R Rumens gave an update on the following:
- Kingsthorpe Rec Sports Facilities – he has attended several meetings with Kingsthorpe Jets and Council officers to help push the project to the next stage. WNC are carrying out its own review of sports pitches. There should be some movement on this in the next couple of months from an internal policy perspective, which will start to push the details forward - potentially into consultations, planning and financing
  - Orbital Road/North-West Relief Road - the relief road's construction is now underway, and there are several issues that have arisen in respect of Kingsthorpe Mill and the extra traffic. Cllr Rumens is pushing to get officers to spend time on this, and to be designed/consulted and funded for a full dual carriageway going from near J16 of the M1, round to the A43 near Moulton. The intention is to provide a genuine ring road to take traffic around, rather than through Kingsthorpe/town
- 152.3 Cllr Sally Beardsworth gave an update on the following:
- Land off Holly Lodge Drive – he will be giving a deputation at WNC in respect of the re-submitted application for proposed development of 65 dwellings
- 152.3 Cllr Sally Beardsworth gave an update on the following:
- Repairs have been carried out to the vandalized play equipment on Kingsthorpe Rec
  - Still a lot of staff vacancies at West Northants Council which is having an impact on services
  - West Northants Council has formed a Cost-of-Living committee to work on initiatives to help where possible various local charities and organisations that help with food and other forms of poverty

**153/22 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Ward gave a verbal update regarding the 21 Libraries Group. Cllr Ward was unable to attend the AGM meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September but will update members once he receives the minutes. He also advised that membership costs will raise to £25.00 per year

## **154/22 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

1 member of the public gave a deputation regarding item 16.1 on the agenda

## **155/22 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Kilby-Shaw gave a verbal report regarding:

- Due to an issue with suppliers, logistics, and time constraints it's unlikely Council can support the installation of this year's Christmas decorations. A Christmas working group to be set up in January 2023
- He attended the special commemoration service marking the death of her late majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Sunday evening, 18 September 2022 at St John the Baptist's Church
- He announced he will be attending the Ncalc AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> October with Cllr Ajayi
- He will be attending the Celebration of Mayor Brian Sergeant's Mayoralty
- He will also be attending on behalf of Council the reception commemorating the 111th National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

## **156/22 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LOG**

Noted

## **157/22 COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

It was unanimously resolved to receive, approve, and adopt the minutes for the following meetings:

- 157.1 Staffing Committee –Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Dilip
- 157.2 Grants Panel Working Group –Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
Proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw
- 157.3 Planning Committee –Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr O'Connor
- 157.4 Climate Change and Environment Committee –Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw and seconded by Cllr Ajayi

## **158/22 CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR FOR THE OBELISK WARD**

Cllr Kilby-Shaw left the room due to declaring a non-pecuniary interest.

Proposed by Cllr Beardsworth, seconded by Cllr Ball and unanimously resolved that this item is deferred as both applicants were not present

## **159/22 FINANCE**

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

- 159.1 To approve and authorise payments for expenditure as detailed totalling £9,863.28
- 159.2 To receive and note the Bank Reconciliations for April, May, June, July, August 2022
- 159.3 To receive a budget report showing expenditure for the year to date
- 159.4 To receive and note the Conclusion of Annual External Audit
- 159.5 To remain opted into Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA), which procures external audit on behalf of parishes in England

*The meeting was adjourned at 20.05 and reconvened 20.11. Cllr Parekh left the meeting and did not return*

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

## **160/22 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON WELFORD ROAD ALLOTMENT**

Members noted correspondence received from West Northamptonshire Council

## **161/22 COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS**

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

- 161.1 To set up a working group consisting of Cllrs, O'Connor, and Newbury
- 161.2 To allocate £10,000 for local charities and organisations in Kingsthorpe that help with food and other forms of poverty
- 161.3 That the Council authorises the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Chair of the Grants Panel to act on behalf of, and to make a decision in the best interests of, the Council
- 161.4 Council appoints Cllrs Beardsworth and Newbury as Council's representatives onto the West Northamptonshire Council Cost of Living Crisis committee

**162/22 ST DAVID'S LITTLE REC**

The installation of the new play equipment in the Little Rec is underway with the re-opening to take place in October. Cllr Beardsworth on behalf of the Council to suggest a suitable location for the Jubilee bench

**163/22 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Members noted the WNC Town and Parish Briefing

**164/22 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:**

Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Newbury and unanimously resolved

*It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ward, and unanimously resolved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes so the remaining business can be transacted*

164.1 Kingsthorpe Library

Following an update from Cllr Ball and discussion. It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth, and unanimously resolved:

164.1 That Council do not proceed with the property on Alexandra Terrace

164.2 That Council enter into negotiations with WNC to open the library in the existing Kingsthorpe Library building

164.3 That Council employs two full time members of staff

164.4 That the Council employs a Library Manager

164.5 That the Library operates for 35 hours per week

164.6 Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ball and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Newbury, that the Council enters on a ten-year lease with a mutual break clause at five years

164.7 Proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr O'Connor and unanimously resolved that the Council delegates authority to the Clerk to liaise with WNC to consider Heads of Terms

**165/22 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

None

**166/22 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Noted as Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.00pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and there being no further business, he closed the meeting at 21.16

Signed:

Date:

Chairman