

LITCHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm in the Village Hall

TUESDAY 18th January 2022

1. **Councillors present - T Sykes, D Aked-Walker, I Lowery, G Drinkwater, J Robinson, S Brunning, G Lugar Mawson, V Hartley – Clerk,**
2. **Apologies : None**
3. **Members of the public present – 1**
4. **Public Forum – Graeme Whitcroft reported on the activities of the group opposing the four massive scale warehousing developments along the A5 and A43 near Towcester.** The residents of local villages and Towcester have been leafleted, urged to sign the petition against the development and donate to help fund professional services. He thanked the Parish Council for their support. The planning meeting to be next week which may be on Zoom.
5. **Declaration of Interests: none**
6. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on 9th November 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
7. **Ongoing Issues:** To report progress on, and to decide on any appropriate action on the following items:
 - **Defibrillator** – to receive update - Cllr Aked -Walker – the 4 year contract ran out on 5.8.21. Last cheque payment has not been banked. Cllr Lowery proposed looking into alternative arrangements for purchase of a new defibrillator. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Aked-Walker will investigate arrangement, see if there is an existing lease and report at the next meeting.
 - **Website** - to receive update Cllr Brunning - circulated latest news on homepage which is becoming quite lengthy.1 PCS would charge approximately £280 to produce a condensed page from which one could 'read more' as required. Number of hits is 2 - 3 per day, more information may become available. Suggested advertising website on Facebook.
 - **Footpaths and ROW** - to receive update – Cllrs Bruning and Drinkwater – no recent reports made. The Chairman reported that the paths he has used have no issues.
 - **Snow and Tree Warden** – to receive update - Cllr Robinson – no snow issues. Cllr Robinson will attend Tree Survey - Policy and Strategy group on 2nd February. Will report back at next meeting.
 - **Youth Club** – to receive update - Cllr Aked-Walker - generally this was going well with 9/10 attendees from local villages. There have been a few communication issues but it would seem these have been resolved. Clerk to send relevant information (invoices and bank statements)to secure the grant from WNC Community Grants.

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8. Bank Reconciliation

Nat West Balance at bf 24.12.21	£25544.42
Less O/S cheques	£1243.00
Balance cf at 18.1.22	£24301.42
Cambridge Building Soc savings A/C	£1011.40
Total	<u>£25312.82</u>

Bank statements, cheque books etc will be sent to Clerk from now on.

9. The following accounts were agreed:

Payee	Net	VAT	Total £	Chq No
1PCS –hosting of domain name & email Nov	20.00	4.00	24.00	DD
1PCS –hosting of domain name & email Dec	20.00	4.00	24.00	DD
CYPN – Youth Sessions – Aug 21+1 summer session, Inv 1336	333.34	66.66	400.00	1010
ICO – Annual fee	35.00		35.00	DD
V Hartley – Salary for Dec & Jan	380.00		380.00	1011
V Hartley – Expenses - £200 & Travel £180 for 2021-22	380.00		380.00	1012

10. To approve budget and set precept for year ending 31.3.23.

Clerk had previously circulated draft budget which was discussed. The amount for the playing field was removed as it was anticipated there would be no expenditure this year but PC agreed the committee could request help if needed. The amount for the newsletter was also set at £250 not £420. This reduced the total budget to £10280 **and this was approved by the Council. The Council resolved it would apply for a precept of £10,000 (the same as last year) to cover the budget.**

11.- Planning Applications and updates – Planning Register 2022 – Applications for consultation:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Received</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Status</u>
<u>WNS/2021/2171/TCA</u>	Old School House 6 Towcester Road Litchborough NN12 8JA	Weeping Willow Tree reduce by 3 - 4 metres. Laburum Tree, remove dead branches	21/12/2021	4 - Consultations Despatched (1- 10)

No objections to this application. **Clerk** to submit response.

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The Chapel development application was also discussed. Concern that the Council had not been consulted about the amended plans and the status of Chapel Close - Parish Council does not believe that the chapel has vehicular access onto Chapel Close.

It was agreed **Cllr Robinson** will draft a letter for the Clerk to send to WNC Planning Department.

12. Council to consider to engage with the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) and to appoint an AMP Working Group comprising the clerk and [2*] councillors.

Cllrs Lugar-Mawson and Aked-Walker agreed to form the working group for this project, liaising with the Clerk.

More information is available at www.northantscalc.com/amp.

13. Other matters for report only: To discuss issues arising too late for the agenda. No decisions can be taken.

Cllr Lowery reported that the drainage issues in Towcester Road had much improved. The Council will monitor the situation.

Cllr Lugar Mawson requested that plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubille in June 2022 were discussed. A party is bein arranged for the 5th June. A beacon will be lit. Cllr Lugar Mawson will write to the Pageant Master – Bruno Peek.

14. To receive and action where necessary the following CORRESPONDENCE Various updates circulated including Save Towcester Now Campaign.

15. To receive any items for the next Parish Council agenda

16. Date next Full Council meeting March 15th 2022, 7.00pm

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