

HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Hartwell Parish Council's meeting held on Thursday 9th March 2017 at 7.30pm at The Lounge, Hartwell Community Centre, School Lane, Hartwell.

Present: Chairman Councillor Deborah Barker, Vice-Chairman Councillor Scott Turner, Councillor John Budden, Councillor George Jones, Councillor David Heron, Councillor Graham Harris, Councillor Stephen Dawson.

Also present: Parish Clerk – Sarah Fuller

Members of the public – 2 and Mrs Carol Buck (Church Treasurer).

055/2017	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Resolved: No apologies were received.
056/2017	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business). Resolved: No declarations were received.
057/2017	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held on 09/02/17. Resolved: Council approved the minutes and they were then signed by Councillor Deborah Barker, Chairman.
058/2017	New Street Lighting Project Given Mr Moore arrived later than expected, the Chairman gained approval to discuss the matter after item 060/2017 d. The presentation took place at 7.55pm. The councillors found it very informative. Resolved: As the presentation was rather lengthy the council would like the clerk to type up the notes and not put them in the minutes. They found the presentation both informative and helpful.
059/2017	Public participation session will take place at 7.35pm Two parishioners attended the meeting to discuss an ongoing flooding problem they were experiencing at their property. They would like to extend their thanks to Parish Councillors and County Council Mr Michael Clarke who have been assisting with this matter. In the last 12 months their garden has flooded 10 times. In the previous 30 years it has only flooded every couple of years and only when rainfall has been extremely heavy. The flooding has been exacerbated by building works. Highways England have agreed to have works carried out to alleviate the problem. The parishioners would like to know if Mr Clarke can chase them up to get the work done as quickly as possible. The parishioners passed paperwork for County Councillor Mr Michael Clarke to District Councillor Mr John Budden who would ensure it was passed to him.
060/2017	Reports from outside bodies:
a)	County Councillor Michael Clarke was unable to attend the meeting however he had sent a written report which councillors confirmed they had read:- 1. We have received notification of dates for highways repair in respect of the list raised by Councillor Jones at the February meeting. Should the timetable not be kept, Councillor Clarke would like to be information so that the matter can be raised with Highways. 2. The 2017/18 NCC budget was approved at Full Council on February 23 rd . The net budget is £417m which takes account of £57m in budget reductions, all of which were subject to scrutiny. 3. The overall 2017/18 Council Tax will increase by approximately 4.9%, depending on District & Police precepts and Parish precept. It should be pointed out

	<p>that residents of Northamptonshire still pay the lowest Council Tax of all comparable authorities. All libraries remain open and the Highways budget has been protected.</p> <p>4. The popular and successful Women's Cycle Tour will again be routed through Northamptonshire in June 2017. The race will start in Daventry and finish in Kettering.</p> <p>5. The Council will gradually move into its new HQ on Angel Street in May and June. Over 2000 NCC employees will be brought in to the new building. It will provide a material "shot in the arm" to the lunch time and after work economy in the Northampton Town centre.</p> <p>6. The County Council has an "end of term" feeling as we gear up to elect a new Council on May 4th. I will be offering myself for re-election.</p>			
b)	<p>District Councillor John Budden reported that South Northants Council's budget has been set for 2017/18 and their part of the council tax will increase by £5. He drew Council's attention to his concerns about a 2nd proposal for a rail freight interchange in the locality (this one at J15 of the M1) and the impact there would be on the area if either, let alone both, are approved. A document issued at a meeting hosted by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northampton was placed in the circulation envelope for consideration.</p>			
c)	<p>Mrs Carol Buck of St John the Baptist Church had reported the following:- As a result of the terrific winds caused by Storm Doris a tree came down in the Churchyard and thankfully no-one was injured. With help on the day, they were able to clear the road and footpath. Since then, we have had the tree taken down as so much damage was caused to it in those high winds. Some branches have had to be removed from the tree next door as damage was caused to that tree with a heavy branch from the first tree falling against it.</p>			
d)	<p>Mr George Jones reported the following in relation to highways and footpaths around the village:- No update could be giving regarding the overgrown bush along footpath KR2 as he had been unable to speak with Mr Colin Wicks. Pothole by the bus stop and Salcey Avenue will be repaired within 4 months. The water leak along Ashton Road (nr Oakleaf Care) has been reported.</p>			
061/2017	Correspondence/communication – to consider any received as listed below and/or prior to meeting.			
a)	<p>Correspondence regarding parking on the verges and dog fouling. Clerk sent initial response 27/02/17. Resolved: Councillors felt the response clerk had sent was sufficient. No further action.</p>			
b)	<p>Councillors are invited to attend SNC's Local Plan Part 2A briefing session to be held at The Forum, Towcester on 04/04/17 between 6-8pm or on 05/04/17 between 2-4pm Resolved: Councillor John Budden would be attending.</p>			
c)	<p>Invitation from Stephen Mold, Police Commission to discuss local issues and how policing can be improved within communities. Councillors to consider attendance at the meeting in April and whether they have any questions they would like to put forward. Resolved: Councillors would like to invite Mr Mold to attend their next meeting.</p>			
062/2017	Finances (previously scrutinised by Cllr. Dawson, internal financial controller)			
a)	<p>Council's finances £80,568.11 - To include monies received for Memorials £170 Earmarked funds £51,555.34 Total monies available to spend £29,012.77.</p>			
b)	<p>To consider invoices for payment Resolved: Approved – Councillors Budden and Barker will approve the bank transfers online.</p>			
<u>Reference</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Power to Pay</u>	<u>Amount (inc vat)</u>
B/P	M Fuller	Clerk's salary	LGA 1972 s112	£729.56
B/P	M Fuller	Expenses (see summary below)	LGA 1972 s112	£93.01

B/P	R Wain	Litter Officer's salary	LGA 1972 s112	£86.40
B/P	NCALC	Being a good employer booklets	LGA 1972 s112	£11
B/P	Viking	Stationery	LGA 1972 s112	£110.68 (£18.45)
B/P	Aylesbury Mains	Repair to street lighting (86)	Highways Act 1980 s301	£56.40 (£9.40)
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B/P	Aylesbury Mains	Repair to street lighting (80)	Highways Act 1980 s301	£50.40 (£8.40)
B/P	Nene Whitewater Centre	Youth Workers	LGA (Misc Prov) Act 1976 s19	£540 (£90)
B/P	2commune	Website hosting fee	LGA 1972	£510 (£85)
B/P	Nene Whitewater Centre	Youth Workers (under payment)	LGA (Misc Prov) Act 1976 s19	£612 (£102)
B/P	Viking	Stationery	LGA 1972	£7.30 (£1.22)
300258	A H Contracts	Emptying dog bins	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9-10	£84 (£14)
300259	JRB Enterprise Ltd	New dog bins x 7	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9-10	£1,297.20 (£216.20)
300260	Court Couriers	Removal of old bench and installation of a new one (nr M1)	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9-10	£203.50 (£33.50)
300261	SLCC	Clerk's subscription	LGA 1972 s112	£121
Total invoices to be paid £4,568.85				
c)	Clerk's expenses Travel and attendance at the CILCA course in Litchborough January 2017 £63.01. Mobile top up July 2016 £30. Resolved: Approved			
d)	Councillors to consider the Financial Risk Assessment document. Councillors to consider whether the clerk's need a fire proof cabinet? Resolved: Accepted. Councillors agreed a fire proof cabinet should be purchased.			
e)	Councillors to consider subscribing Councillor Deborah Barker to receive a personal copy of Clerks and Councillors Direct. Councillor Barker finds the magazine very useful in her work as a parish councillor. Additional annual subscription cost £12. Resolved: Approved.			
f)	Cheque 300257 raised at the last meeting has been cancelled as raised in error. Resolved: duly noted.			
063/2017	Councillors to consider producing a Village Design Statement. Resolved: Councillors would like some more information. Clerk to provide this to councillors prior to the next meeting.			
064/2017	Councillors to consider the quote from Electrical Testing Limited for a Electrical Inspection and Testing Report to include a risk assessment and Concrete Column Inspection. Resolved: The councillors do not want any inspection/report undertaken at this time.			
065/2017	Councillors to put forward proposals on how best to spend the M1 Wind Farm grant. Resolved: Replace street lighting. Clerk to complete necessary paperwork.			
066/2017	This part of the meeting will be closed to the public and press despite the general duty to conduct meetings in public, it will be necessary on this occasion to exclude the public and press as provided in Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Act 1960. This private session will be held to discuss Tenders for village/cemetery grass mowing. To discuss matter relating to the Cemetery and the benches policy. Resolved: Councillors would like to accept the quote from RTM Landscapes. Clerk to inform them and unsuccessful candidates. Councillors do not feel it is necessary to have a policy regarding the cemetery			

	benches and trees but instead, would like the clerk to suggest wording to incorporate them into the existing regulations.
	There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.40pm