

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON
9th JULY 2024 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs Kathryn Baines, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
 Unitary Cllr Mr Charles Morton
 4 Members of the public present (two left after item 1063.4)

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mr Kev Beasley
 Unitary Cllr Mr Phil Bignell

Chair: Mrs Christine Littlewood

1060.0	Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion. Nothing declared.	
1061.0	Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two residents came to speak about the Messenger. • Resident: Asked what a judicial review was relating to the Brington Road application – Cllr Higginson explained what it involved. • Resident came to listen to item 1063.5 • Cllr Morton advised about a recent general meeting with Highways • 	
1062.0	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th June 2024. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
1062.0	Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Warden: Cllr Thomason reported that WNC had been around and jetted the drains including those causing issues ie by the school, Hillside Road, Sutton Street and adjacent the hotel. Drains adjacent to the Millennium Hall: adjacent resident advised that he was not prepared to contribute at this time. Cllr Thomason advised that all was flowing well here so would be monitored. • Climate Group: Chair has attended the Local Nature Restoration Strategy meeting at WNC. • High Street: Still waiting for costings. • Resident: re Nether Lane/High Street. Noted. No further responses to be sent • SSE: Noted change in computer set up, no invoices received since beginning of April. 	
1063.0	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
1063.1	Handrail extension, Ram Bank: September agenda	Sept
1063.2	Grass cutting: Cllr Littlewood met with contactor and contractor rectified areas that were not up to standard. Council happy to continue.	
1063.3	Field behind layby: Cllr Morton advised that he has had no response to his contact regarding an update. Cllr Fellows asked about requesting FOI for all paperwork relating to this since we advised the issues last year. Cllr Morton advised that he would chase up his email. Councillors agreed to wait till the September meeting to see whether anything had been done. Agenda item for September	Sept
1063.4	Business advertising in Messenger. Editor for the Messenger advised that she was happy to include a directory of only Flore businesses in the Messenger. Copy for this would be done by another resident and would be a list of business types, contacts etc. Cost likely to be around £10 per business per month. Messenger to invoice, costs to offset the printing costs. Further details to be worked on. Policy on charging, to be included at next meeting.	Sept
1063.5	Planting of trees on bypass. Cllr Morton advised that WNC were aware of this and up to date. Council agreed to email WNC to follow up otherwise this could slip to next year.	Clerk
1064.0	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
1064.1	Finance update. It was reported that as at 30 th June the Council had £47,451.58 in the bank account. Income received - nil. There were no matters arising. Reserves: approx. £22,500. Figures accepted.	
1064.2	Internal Control. Cllr Holden had looked through the paperwork, including bank statements, and confirmed all present and correct.	

1065.0 | ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**July payments**

Halkett	Salary	746.24
HMRC	PAYE	210.73
Halkett	Office rent	17.00
Design to Print	Messenger	159.00
LC Hedging	Grass cutting x 2 invoices	1239.84
G Fellows	Website annual plan	129.60
NCALC	Chair course – J Thomason, Lowdown – G Fellows	69.60
Freya Davies	Course – Unleashing power of Local Councils to tackle climate emergency	52.04
M Freeman	Playing field/Closed C/yard mowing	474.00
	Sub-total	3098.05

1067.0 | PLANNING

1067.1 Appeal: 2024/0870/OUT. 1 High Street. Outline application (with all matters reserved apart from access) for a single detached dwelling with garage, has gone to Appeal. Noted

1067.2 Application: 2024/1627/FULL. Huntershields, The Avenue. Change of use from dwelling house (Use Class C3) to C2-C3. The Council has no objections to this application as it does not contravene the Neighbourhood Plan.

1068.0 | REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

1068.1 Brodie Lodge. Next car boot August. Brodie Lodge celebrates its 25 year anniversary since the Trustees took over the management of the playing field on the 21st July.

1068.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report

1068.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Flags flying well

1068.4 Charities: Nothing to report

1069.0 | CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a. Resident Ongoing complaint re Nether Lane and High Street. 1063

b. Utility Aid Issues with SSE. 1063

c. Messenger Request to take paying ads. 1064.5

d. WNC Planning appeal/application. 1067.1/2

e. Resident Planned party at Flore House. Noted

NCALC Updates and Training

WNC Town & Parish Briefing

WNC Media Updates

WNC weekly planning register

ACRE newsletter

1070.0 | CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Resident enquiry re possible breach in conservation area. Noted and advised to contact WNC.

WNC: Notification that WND/2022/1061. The Hollies, 4 Kings Lane – demolish and rebuild a Victorian washhouse with the addition of a new extension and glazed link between the house and washhouse. An insertion of a new staircase to the loft space and loft conversion, which went to Appeal, has been dismissed.

Date of next meetings: 10th September, 8th October,

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Flood Warden, Climate Group, High Street work updates

Handrail extension Ram Bank

Field behind layby enforcement update

Policy on charging for advertising in Messenger

The meeting closed at 2010 hrs