

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON
16th JANUARY 2024 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Simon Levell,
Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
5 Members of the public present
Unitary Cllrs Mr Phil Bignell, Mr Charles Morton

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mr Kev Beasley, Miss Freya Davies

Chair: Mrs Kathryn Baines

987.0 **Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion.** Nothing declared.

988.0 **Public Forum:** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors

- Resident: Requesting help with the dog bin issues on Bovis site. 991.1
- Resident: Mentioned the trees on Hillside had been cut back to the electric cables but now guesses the electricity people will have to do the rest.
- 2 Residents: Came to listen to the discussion on planning applications 10 Flore Hill
- Resident: Had nothing to say
- Cllrs Bignell/Morton: Mentioned that Storm Henk had caused many issues and evacuation of Billing Aquadrome. Budget is out for consultation till Feb, looking at 2.99% rise generally plus 2% for adult social care. There is a new policy for taxis and the pothole machine is ready to go

989.0 **To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th November 2023.** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

990.0 **Outstanding items - updates** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- Flood Warden: Cllr Thomason sent through a detailed report and picked out a few issues ongoing. Thanks were given to Cllr Thomason for all the work he puts in to this.
- War Memorial cleaning to be carried out on 6th May.

991.0 **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

991.1 Bovis site: Council to write to the management company and copy in Bovis re the emptying of the dog bin. A separate letter to be sent to Bovis regarding the flooding of the play area.

991.2 Annual Parish Meeting: Councillors to think about who they could ask, suggestions were Farming Community, EDF, School.

991.3 New litter bin: Cllr Littlewood has a bin and would let us know what type. To place one by the seat on Nether Lane.

991.4 Conserve & Enhance Biodiversity. Council already has a climate group who have a biodiversity plan in place. Clerk to speak to leader and see if items on the suggested plan could be incorporated in the Flore biodiversity ideas

991.5 WNC press release regarding improvements to roads in parishes. Noted that WNC has surfaced Hillside Road and sorted out Brockhall Road drains.

991.6 Flag project: Noted that this is likely to be shelved for a while although another inclusion in the Messenger would be undertaken

991.7 EDF meeting. Noted, minutes to be sent to Upper Heyford. It was noted that EDF has sent through some further answers to the questions. Clerk to speak to Wicken PC to see about their Trust and if necessary set up a zoom meeting

991.8 NCalc training courses. Noted, Cllrs to let clerk know if they want to undertake anything.

992.0 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

992.1 Finance update. It was reported that as at 31st December the Council had £44,337.27 in the bank account. There was no income received. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted.

992.2 Internal Control. Cllr Holden had looked through the paperwork, including bank statements, and confirmed all present and correct.

992.3 Budget/Precept: Figures were provided to all Councillors following the Finance Group's meeting, for consideration. **Resolved:** Following discussion of the submitted proposals, Council accepted the budget figure of £40,870 for 2024/25. The Precept figure will be the same. This figure is a 3.42% rise on last year's figures.

Clerk

Feb
agenda

Cllr
Littlewood

Clerk

Cllr Baines

Clerk

982.0 | ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Paid 18th December 2023

David Brown	Mowing Bovis meadow area	72.00
Millennium Hall	Oct/Nov/Dec library rent	75.00
K Baines	Chair allowance	200.00
Halkett	Salary	724.67
HMRC	PAYE	201.61
Halkett	Office rent	17.00
Design to Print	Messenger – November	132.00
SSE	Street electricity lighting (DD)	143.11
Rapido	Messenger – December	180.00
Unity Trust	Service Charge	18.00
		1763.39

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Salix	Street light loan repayment	1829.42
Halkett	Salary	724.67
HMRC	PAYE	201.61
Halkett	Office rent	16.50
T Drinkwater	Strimming – memorial garden	100.00
SSE	Street electricity lighting (DD)	148.05
Weedon Bec PC	Office costs incl SLCC membership/broadband/office running	277.67
	Total	3297.92

994.0 | PLANNING

- 994.1 Application: 2023/8070/OUT. 1 High Street. Outline application (with all matters reserved apart from access) for a single detached dwelling with garage. Object: The Parish Council objects to this application which is outside the development boundary and contrary to policy F2 of the Neighbourhood Plan
- 994.2 Application: 2024/0057/FULL. Rhoden, 10 Flore Hill. New Annex. Comment: The proposal is described as an annex to the main house but in the absence of a Design statement would appear not to be supplementary to the principal dwelling. However, it may also be considered as an extension (without a separate address) in which case Policy F6 of our Neighbourhood Plan may be applicable.

995.0 | REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 995.1 Brodie Lodge. Nothing to report
- 995.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report
- 995.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: One flagstaff needs a bolt realigning. A bollard around the War memorial seems to have a small crack in. Both to be looked at.
- 995.4 Charities: Nothing to report

996.0 | CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. Bovis/Resident Correspondence on bins on Bovis site 991.1
- b. WNC Budget/Precept. 992.3
- c. WNC Planning application. 994.1
- d. NCALC Biodiversity 991.4
- NCALC Updates and Training
- WNC Town & Parish Briefing
- WNC Media Updates
- WNC weekly planning register
- ACRE newsletter

997.0 | CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

- EDF: Further update on questions asked at meeting. Noted
- WNC: Consultation: Daventry Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan. Feb agenda
- Resident: Flags and memorial. Noted

Date of next meetings: 13th February, 12th March

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Flood Warden, Climate Group, High Street work updates

Annual Parish Meeting

Consultation: Daventry Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan

Flore Flag project – if information received

The meeting closed at 2047 hrs

Chair 13th February 2024