

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON
11th JUNE 2024 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Kev Beasley, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
 Unitary Cllr Mr Charles Morton
 2 Members of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden
 Unitary Cllr Mr Phil Bignell

Chair: Mrs Christine Littlewood

1050.0 **Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion.** Nothing declared.

1051.0 **Public Forum:** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors

- Resident: Hillside Road has been fully tarmacked. The two drains at the junction with High Street are blocked – Cllr Thomason will report these,
- Cllr Morton advised that Brockhall Parish wish to remain independent (re boundary changes) and that the Brington Road application might be going to a judicial inquiry.
- Cllr Bignell sent through report re WNC Finance; extraction site at Upper Heyford; and WNC approval of a £10m capital investment in Highways maintenance. All noted.

1052.0 **To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2024.** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

1052.0 **Outstanding items - updates** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- Flood Warden: Cllr Thomason reported that has 6 items on his watch list, with things reported not done yet.
- Climate Group: No report
- High Street: Highways have drafted up plans which are currently being costed.
- Messenger: It is noted that due to circumstances, there will be no Messenger in August and January (December was stated in error on the agenda). A request to include business advertising would be discussed further at the next meeting
- Layby near Holiday Inn: Understood that Enforcement are investigating the field behind this layby. Travellers Unit personnel have sorted out the issues with caravans and cars in this area. Noted. Cllr Morton to follow up on the field behind and report back

July

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1053.0 **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

1053.1 Handrail extension, Ram Bank: July meeting

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1053.2 Grass cutting complaints. Clerk to contact contractor to meet on site with a view that they mow to our expectations or they will not continue.

July

1053.3 Resident's complaint letter re Nether Lane. Noted that the resident has complained again. The pothole has been filled in and cars are legally parked. High Street reminded that Council has always stated that vehicles can now park on the High Street as long as there is clear line of sight and not on or around the bends

1053.4 Consultations:

Daventry Town Centre Masterplan. No comments from Flore Parish Council
 WNC Open Spaces Assessment. No comments from Flore Parish Council

1054.0 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1054.1 Finance update. It was reported that as at 31st May the Council had £51,468.72. in the bank account. Income received - £867.90 towards the payment of the Cenotaph re-enamelling . There were no matters arising. Reserves: approx. £20,500. Figures accepted.

1054.2 Internal Control. Cllr Holden had looked through the paperwork, including bank statements, and confirmed all present and correct.

1054.3 Financial Regulations: The Councillors had reviewed the new model regulations, with the few amendments relevant to Flore Parish Council.

Resolved: To adopt the New Model Financial Regulations.

1055.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

May payments

Halkett	Salary	746.24
HMRC	PAYE	210.73
Halkett	Office rent	17.00
Design to Print	Messenger	132.00
Millennium Hall	Rent library/APM Apr-Jun	103.13
LC Hedging	Grass cutting x 2 invoices	1239.84
Unity Trust	Bank charges	18.00

Received after agenda published

M Freeman	Playing field/Closed C/yard mowing	295.00
Thos Drinkwater	Strimming memorial garden	150.00
D Brown	Mowing memorial garden	72.00
*GW Shelter Solutions	Bench for bus shelter	1033.20

Sub-total 4017.14

*Council approved the use of the CIL budget to pay for the bus shelter seating.

1056.0 PLANNING

- 1056.1 Application: 2024/2518/TCA. Baker's Dozen, 10A Sutton Street. Work to tree in a conservation area. Retrospective: The Council has no objections to this being undertaken which is necessary for the health of the tree.
- 1056.2 Application: 2024/2066/MAF. Land between Glassthorpe Solar Farm and Northampton West Substation. Installation of underground electrical connection and communication cables extending between the consented Glassthorpe Solar Farm and Northampton West Substation, with temporary construction compounds and associated infrastructure. The Council has no objections to this application as the work is necessary for the solar farm and does not impact the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1056.3 Application: 2024/2954/MAO. Land at Hill Farm Upper Heyford. Outline application (all matters reserved except access) for up to 4,700 sqm of use class B2 and B8, with ancillary use class E office space.
The Parish Council objects to this application. A key concern for Flore Parish Council is the consequences of additional HGV traffic along the former A45, now declassified. There is no data or analysis of the unknown numbers of HGV movements nor their hours of operation and routing strategies.
The first phase of traffic calming measures has been successfully introduced on the High Street in Flore the aim of which was twofold. Firstly, to slow down speeding traffic and secondly to deter HGV's and other large vehicles from using the High Street rather than the Flore Bypass. Recent data suggests that whilst numbers of vehicles using the High Street has reduced significantly from the pre-bypass period there is still a substantial number, particularly HGVs, that use this route. This causes environmental issues for residents and is particularly acute during evening and early morning periods. There is no data within the application to assess this impact as the suggestion is that this site is to be used 24 hours a day all year round. If this application were to be approved a clear weight limit must be in place from Upper Heyford through to the Weedon Road/A5 junction to ensure all HGV's use the Flore By-pass.
- 1056.4 Application: 2024/2722/FULL. 7 The Green. Replace roof covering on the north (rear) from concrete tile to slate, structural repairs to stabilise outward bowing of the front and rear stone external walls and installation of the tie-bars. The Parish Council has no objections to this application which is needed for maintenance and does not impact the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1056.5 Application: 2024/2723/LBC. 7 The Green. Replace roof covering on the north (rear) from concrete tile to slate, structural repairs to stabilise outward bowing of the front and rear stone external walls and installation of the tie-bars. The Parish Council has no objections to this application which is needed for maintenance and does not impact the Neighbourhood Plan.

1057.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 1057.1 Brodie Lodge. Next car boot July, June boot was very successful and profitable for Brodie Lodge. 200 Club has 365 chances.
- 1057.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report
- 1057.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Four new Union flags are being purchased.
- 1057.4 Charities: Flore Charity AGM. Chris Littlewood elected chair. Paul Minon elected to join as a Trustee. Charity looking at doing online banking.

1058.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. NNC Info on layby. 1052
- b. Residents Grass cutting in village. 1053.2
- c, Resident Further complaint about Nether Lane. 1053.3
- d. WNC Consultations x 2. 1053.4
- e. NCALC New Model Financial Regulations. 1054.3
- f. WNC Planning applications x 5

NCALC Updates and Training
WNC Town & Parish Briefing
WNC Media Updates
WNC weekly planning register
ACRE newsletter

1059.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Messenger request about advertising. Commented on in 1052, to be Agendered in July
Photos of bus shelter seat. Noted
WNC: Nature Recovery Engagement Workshop. Noted, Climate Group representative may attend

Date of next meetings: APM 23rd April. Full Council: AGM 14th May, 11th June, 9th July

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Flood Warden, Climate Group, High Street work updates
Ram bank handrail: Quote to extend up the slope.
Field behind layby enforcement
Grass cutting

The meeting closed at 2025 hrs