

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

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11 January 2024

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the Parish Council Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Schoolroom of the United Reformed Church**. If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

987.0 To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting

988.0 Public Forum for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors

989.0 To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th October 2023

990.0 To receive any updates on outstanding items (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- Flood Warden, Climate Group, High Street – if any update available
- War memorial cleaning – likely to commence on 6 May

991.0 To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision

991.1 To consider writing to the management company and Bovis re litter bin emptying and flooding of the play area on the new development

991.2 To consider speakers at the Annual Parish Meeting being held on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 in the Millennium Hall

991.3 To consider putting a bin by the seat in Nether Lane – likely conservation area approval required and also the expense of emptying it ongoing.

991.4 To consider what the Council can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in the area

991.5 To consider asking WNC/Unitary Cllrs about the press release of 13th June 2022 regarding Kier's new contract 'parishes should be seeing immediate improvements to roads and signage... ' Nothing has been seen in Flore!

991.6 To understand the current situation regarding the 'flying the flags' project and to consider any issues that may need Parish Council support

991.7 To note the draft minutes of the recent meeting with EDF

991.8 To consider whether any Councillors wish to undertake NCALC training courses

992.0 FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS

992.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting

992.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting

992.3 Budget/Precept. To consider the budget and Precept request for 2024/25

993.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**Paid 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**January 2024**

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
- 994.2 Application: 2024/0057/FULL. Rhoden, 10 Flore Hill. New Annex

995.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 995.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 995.2 Millennium Hall
- 995.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 995.4 Charities

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**Items for next meeting/s**Date of next full Council meetings: February 13th, March 12th

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
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	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

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- b. WNC Budget/Precept. 992.3
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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

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Acceptance of Apologies for absence

- 998.0** To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting
- 999.0 Public Forum** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors
- 1000.0** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th January 2024
- 1001.0 To receive any updates on outstanding items** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
- Flood Warden, Climate Group, High Street – if any update available
 - To note the flagstaff has been securely fixed into the ground
 - To note the response from the management company on Bovis site re bin and response from Bovis re the play area.
 - Biodiversity. Climate group to look paperwork sent through and merge with our current plan.
 - To note that Cllr Bignell has called in the application of 1 High Street, Flore
 - To note no response was received re the Flore Flag project so back with organiser to make decision.
- 1002.0 To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision**
- 1002.1 To consider speakers at the Annual Parish Meeting being held on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 in the Millennium Hall – suggestions were Farming community, EDF and School – Cllrs to confirm speakers.
- 1002.2 To consider contacting WNC regarding the planting of trees/shrubs on the bypass and the plastic tubing that is blowing around.
- 1002.3 Consultation: Daventy Local Cycling & Walking Consultation Plan
Consultation: Transport Policy Statement 2024
- 1002.4 NCalc: Zoom meeting: WNC Local Plan Briefing, 27th Feb 10-11 am. To consider Cllrs attending this meeting
- 1002.5 To consider illegal parking on pavements in some streets in the village
- 1002.6 To consider the wet leaves on the footpath behind Brodie Lodge (to the school)
- 1003.0 FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS**
- 1003.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 1003.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting

1004.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

SALIX	Loan repayment Declared Jan minutes – moved to Feb	1829.42
Halkett	Salary	724.67
HMRC	PAYE	201.61
Halkett	Office rent	17.00
Design to Print	Messenger printing	132.00
SSE	Street electricity lighting (DD)	TBC
		2904.70

1004.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 1004.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 1004.2 Millennium Hall
- 1004.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 1004.4 Charities

1005.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. Bovis Dog bin and play areas. 1001
- b. Cllr Bignell Confirmation that planning application has been called in. 1001
- c. Climate Group Planting of trees/shrubs and plastic tubing on bypass. 1002.2
- d. WNC Consultations: Local Cycling Plan and Transport Policy 24. 1002.3
- e. NCALC Local plan zoom meeting. 1002.4
- f. Resident Illegal parking on footpaths. 1002.5
- g. Resident Request to know about noise issues. Passed to Environmental Health.
- h. WNC Dog fouling signs. Request to WNC for new signs as all Flore's have disappeared! Noted

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1006.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Items for inclusion at the next meeting

Date of next full Council meetings: March 12th, April 9th, APM Apr 23rd,

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON 13th FEBRUARY 2024 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mr Kev Beasley, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mr John Thomason
Members of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mr Tom Higginson, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Unitary Cllrs Mr Phil Bignell and Mr Charles Morton

Chair: Mrs Kathryn Baines

998.0	Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion. Nothing declared.	
999.0	Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unitary Cllr Bignell sent through an update re fly tipping, Energy Efficient Grant, School Transport, Purple Flag and recycling small items. Noted • Unitary Cllr Morton sent through a response from Highways re tree planting on the bypass. Noted, dealt with under item 1002.1 	
1000.0	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th January 2024. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
1001.0	Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Warden: During the recent spell of bad weather, there were 6 reported drainage issues which are under investigation. John Cambell Close had flooding issues which are being dealt with by Orbit and The Mill flooded. Warden asked about obtaining a flood height guide for the Mill area. • Flagstaff, now securely fitted to ground. Noted • Bovis issues: Bovis Engineers are looking at the play equipment, Council requested a site meeting but nothing heard yet. Bin: New sign on the bin to say no dog waste. Dog waste can now legally go into any litter/dog bin. Photo sent to Bovis to speed up the request for a direct contact. Clerk to contact residents to chase Bovis/management company, as well. • Biodiversity. Climate group to look at paperwork. Noted • 1 High Street application – has been called in by the planning department WNC. • Flore Flag project: No response had been received by the Council but a resident/Cllr confirmed that he and his wife, will help out and have sorted out the flags in the Hall. Another helper would be great, Cllr Beasley to put something out on social media. 	Clerk/ Cllr Thomason Clerk
1002.0	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
1002.1	Annual Parish Meeting. Speaker to be asked: School – Cllr Davies, Re – Cllr Beasley. Also Cllr Fellows will do a talk on the Crusader Community Boating	Cllrs Beasley/Davies
1002.2	Tree planting on bypass and other issues regarding plastic tubing. Unitary Cllr Morton advised that WNC have carried out an inspection on the planting on the bypass and have indicated areas that require attention with a revised planting scheme to be implemented as soon as practically possible. Resident's letter regarding removal of tubing on older trees on the Flore bends was discussed and Cllr Fellows will attempt to remove some of them that are accessible and if the resident wanted to remove more, they could.	Clerk
1002.3	Consultation: Daventry Local Cycling & Walking plans. No comments although Cllrs to look through and put in personal comments, if necessary, Consultation: Transport Policy Statement 2023. No comments	
1002.4	NCALC meeting: WNC Local Plan. No Cllrs wished to undertake this meeting.	
1002.5	Illegal parking on footpaths. Resident's email re no access on footpaths in some streets – information to be placed in newsletter and Cllr Fellows to contact PCSO	Clerk/ Cllr Fellows
1002.6	Footpath behind Brodie Lodge. Noted.	

1003.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1003.1 Finance update. It was reported that as at 31st January the Council had £42,868.77 in the bank account. There was no income received. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted.
- 1002.2 Internal Control. Cllr Holden had looked through the paperwork, including bank statements, and confirmed all present and correct.

1003.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Paid 13 February 2023

Salix	Street light loan repayment (rescheduled)	1829.42
Halkett	Salary	724.67
HMRC	PAYE	201.61
Halkett	Office rent	17.00
Design to Print	Messenger	132.00
SSE	Street electricity lighting (DD) (not received by meeting to be paid before next meeting and rescheduled.	TBC

Total 2904.70**1004.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

- 1004.1 Brodie Lodge. A new, donated bench has been installed near the basketball area.
- 1004.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report
- 1004.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Nothing to report
- 1004.4 Charities: Nothing to report

1005.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. Bovis Dog bin and play areas. 1001
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1005.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Resident: Concern about plastic tubing around trees on Flore bends. Dealt with under 1002.2

NCALC: Update on Planning Applications Noted

WNC: WND/2022/1061 and 1062 – The Hollies, 4 Kings Lane has gone to appeal – Noted

Date of next meetings: 12th March, 9th April, APM 23rd April

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Flood Warden, Climate Group, High Street work updates

The meeting closed at 20257 hrs

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7th March 2024

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Yours sincerely



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AGENDA

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

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- 1008.0** **Public Forum** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors
- 1009.0** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th January 2024
- 1010.0** **To receive any updates on outstanding items** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
- Flood Warden, Climate Group, High Street – if any update available
 - To receive an update on the dog bin on Bovis site.
 - To receive an update on the tree planting on the bypass
 - To confirm that the School, Re and Crusader Boating Community speakers will attend the APM
- 1011.0** **To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision**
- 1011.1 To consider a .gov.uk domain and relevant emails
- 1011.2 Biodiversity policy: To consider the Council's biodiversity policy.
- 1011.3 Consultation: Air Quality – to consider commenting on
- 1011.4 To confirm the inclusion in the Kier 'draw' for 10 trees to help with the Woodland in the memorial garden
- 1011.5 To consider a resident's request that a seat, like the one in the brick shelter, be placed in the bus shelter at the top of Bricketts Lane
- 1012.0** **FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS**
- 1012.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 1012.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting

1013.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

SSE	Street electricity lighting – invoice received later than normal (retrospective – Jan payment)	153.01
Halkett	Salary	724.65
HMRC	PAYE	201.60
Halkett	Office rent	17.00
Design to Print	Messenger printing	132.00
NCALC	Leadership in the Community course	50.40
Millennium Hall	Rent for library Jan – Mar	75.00
Norse	New bin emptying Nether Lane – 12 months	380.16
Weedon Bec PC	Office costs inc tel/broadband	102.80

ICO	Data Protection Act registration	40.00
SSE	Street electricity lighting (DD)	153.01
	Total	1876.62

1014.0 PLANNING

- 1014.1 **Application: 2024/0844/LBC.** White Cottage. 7 Sutton Street. Listed Building Consent for total re-thatching of roof to dwelling
- 1014.2 **Application: 2024/1289/FULL** 12 Sears Close. Single storey rear extension and related external works
- 1014.3 Local Settlement Plan – To respond to the consultation regarding the Local Settlement Plan

1015.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 1015.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 1015.2 Millennium Hall
- 1015.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 1015.4 Charities

1016.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. Bovis/Residents Correspondence regarding bin. 1010
- b. WNC Updated on tree planting on bypass. 1010
- c. NCALC Cabinet Office course to enable PC to have a .gov.uk domain 1011.1
- d. WNC Consultation - air quality. 1011.3
- e. WNC Offer of 10 trees to plant up woodland. 1011.4
- f. WNC Planning applications x 2. 1014.1/2
- g. WNC Local Settlement Plan for the village. 1014.3

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1017.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Items for inclusion at the next meeting

Date of next full Council meetings: April 9th, APM Apr 23rd,

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON
12th MARCH 2024 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
 4 Members of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Kev Beasley
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Chair: Mrs Christine Littlewood

1007.0 **Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion.** Nothing declared.

1008.0 **Public Forum:** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors

- Unitary Cllr Bignell sent through a report which included, SEND, Litter, Fostering, Housing Allocation and community spaces – noted.
- Resident: Tree planting on the bypass – when is this and could any volunteers help out – Clerk to ask.
- Resident: Nether Lane pot holes. When repaired, would they install kerb between grass and road. This is not likely to happen, they would just repair the holes
- Resident: Had come along to support the biodiversity policy and answer any questions she could.

1009.0 **To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th February 2024.** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

1010.0 **Outstanding items - updates** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- Flood Warden: Noted that many drains/ditches had been reported as requiring work. No reports from High Street and Climate Groups
- Bovis site. It is believed the bin will remain and possibly another bin being installed. They will be emptied by the management company
- Bypass tree planting. Noted correspondence that an inspection has been carried out with a programme of work being undertaken in Autumn 2024
- Annual Parish Meeting. Noted speakers for APM.

1011.0 **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

1011.1 Gov.uk Domain. Cllr Fellows and Clerk advised about the recent course. Council not minded to undertake this at present but would wait to see how it progresses.

1011.2 Biodiversity Policy. The Council thanked the Climate Group for their help with the Biodiversity Policy, which was discussed. **Resolved:** To adopt the policy. Clerk

1011.3 Consultation: Air Quality. No comments from FPC

1011.4 Kier Tree Draw. Agreed to submit an application for 10 trees. Clerk

1011.5 Seat in bus shelter. Clerk to obtain prices for installing a seat in the bus shelter and agenda April. Clerk

1012.0 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1012.1 Finance update. It was reported that as at 29th February the Council had £39,811.06 in the bank account. There was no income received. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted.

1012.2 Internal Control. Cllr Holden had looked through the paperwork, including bank statements, and confirmed all present and correct.

1013.0 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

SSE	Street light electricity supply (Feb)	153.01
Halkett	Salary	724.65
HMRC	PAYE	201.60
Halkett	Office rent	17.00
Design to Print	Messenger	132.00

NCALC	Training course	50.40
Millennium Hall	Rent for library Jan-Mar	75.00
Norse	New bin emptying	380.16
Weedon Bec PC	Office costs incl tel/broadband	102.80
ICO	Data protection annual fee	40.00
SSE	Street electricity lighting (DD)	153.01
Stephen Drinkwater	Installation of the bin on Nether Lane	84.00
Total		1960.62

1014.0 PLANNING

- 1014.1 Application 2024/0844/LBC. White Cottage. 7 Sutton Street. Listed Building Consent for total re-thatching of roof to dwelling. The Council has no objections to this work which conforms with the Neighbourhood Plan, will enhance the property and not affect the street scene
- 1014.2 Application: 2024/1289/FULL. 12 Sears Close. Single storey rear extension and related external works. The Council has no objections to this application which conforms to the Neighbourhood Plan and will not affect the street scene.
- 1014.3 Local Settlement Plan. Agreed to submit a response on this. Cllr Higginson to draft up response which will be sent to all Cllrs prior to submission

Cllr
Higginson/
Clerk**1015.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

- 1015.1 Brodie Lodge. Nothing to report
- 1015.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report
- 1015.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Cllr Fellows advised that Flagstaff No 4 needs work. Agenda for April
- 1015.4 Charities: Richard Capell meeting held 12 March. Money distributed to the School and Churches youth programmes.

Agenda

1016.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. Bovis/Residents Correspondence regarding bin. 1010
- b. WNC Updated on tree planting on bypass. 1010
- c. NCALC Cabinet Office course to enable PC to have a .gov.uk domain 1011.1
- d. WNC Consultation - air quality. 1011.3
- e. WNC Offer of 10 trees to plant up woodland. 1011.4
- f. WNC Planning applications x 2. 1014.1/2
- g. WNC Local Settlement Plan for the village. 1014.3

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1017.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

WNC. Work to structure on bypass. Noted.

EDF: Notification that they had submitted a discharge of condition application for noise, rights of way and construction management, and are looking to submit an application for underground cabling shortly.

Date of next meetings: 9th April, APM 23rd April

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Flood Warden, Climate Group, High Street work updates
Richard Capell Charity appointment of Trustee should it be needed
Flagstaff No 4 replacement/repair
Bus shelter seats

The meeting closed at 2025 hrs

Chair 9th April 2024

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

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4th April 2024

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the Parish Council Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Schoolroom of the United Reformed Church**. If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

- 1018.0** To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting
- 1019.0** **Public Forum** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors
- 1020.0** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th March 2024
- 1021.0** **To receive any updates on outstanding items** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
- Flood Warden, Climate Group, High Street – if any update available
 - To note the Local Plan questionnaire's responses have been submitted.
- 1022.0** **To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision**
- 1022.1 To consider a gov.uk domain and relevant emails
- 1022.2 To consider the request to take over Brockhall Parish
- 1022.3 To consider a CCTV survey of the Millennium Hall drain
- 1022.4 To receive comments from Councillors, on survey of Council assets
- 1022.5 To consider a request to extend the handrail up Ram Bank
- 1022.6 Consultation: To consider commenting on 'Help us develop services for children, young people and families
- 1022.7 To consider an appointment to the Richard Cappell Educational Trust (to be confirmed by the Trust)
- 1022.8 To consider installing the new flagstaff and getting the removed one repaired/stored
- 1022.9 To consider installing seats in the bus shelters adj and opp Bricketts Lane.

1023.0 FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS

- 1023.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 1023.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting
- 1023.3 Audit: To consider the Annual Governance Review questionnaire and to note that we haven't been selected for an intermediate review.

1024.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

SSE	Street electricity lighting – invoice received later than normal (retrospective – March payment)	177.00
Unity Trust	Bank charges (March payment)	18.00

April payments

Halkett	Salary	TBC
HMRC	PAYE	TBC
Halkett	Office rent	17.00
Design to Print	Messenger printing	132.00

Parish Online	Online mapping	120.00
ACRE	Subscriptions	42.00
LC Hedging	Grass cutting contract	619.92
Total		930.92

1025.0 PLANNING

1025.1 Application: 2024/1525/TCA Beech Hill, 27 High Street. Work to trees in conservation area (retrospective, due to response date)

1026.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

1026.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field

1026.2 Millennium Hall

1026.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund

1026.4 Charities

1027.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC Request to consider incorporating Brockhall into Flore Parish. 1022.2
- b. Metro Rod Quote for CCTV of drain. 1022.3
- c. WNC Consultation (young people). 1022.6
- d. Zephyr Flagpole installation/repair. 1022.8
- e. GW Shelter Quote for bus shelter seats. 1022.9
- f. PKF Audit paperwork. 1023.3
- g. WNC Planning application. 1025.1

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1028.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Items for inclusion at the next meeting

Date of next full Council meetings: Annual Parish Meeting Apr 23rd, Council meetings: May 14th, Jun 11th, Jul 9th,

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

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mr Kev Beasley, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
 Unitary Cllr Mr Charles Morton
 3 Members of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mrs Kathryn Baines, Miss Freya Davies
 Unitary Cllr Mr Phil Bignell

Chair: Mrs Christine Littlewood

1018.0	Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion. Nothing declared.	
1019.0	Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unitary Cllr Bignell sent through a report which included, Local Plan, Litter, Housing Allocation and Community Spaces– noted. • Resident mentioned a tree leaning on a lamp stand in Nether Lane, Cllr Beasley to investigate. • Resident: If Brockhall was incorporated into Flore would there be more development. Cllr Higginson explained that if this did happen, Brockhall would not be covered under the Neighbourhood Plan but it was perhaps unlikely to change, as the area is rural. • Resident: Local Plan. Cllr Higginson explained that it was currently out for consultation and Flore would be commenting – May agenda. • Resident: Layby by Holiday Inn. Concern about people living there, mess etc. Clerk to ask Highways to investigate 	Cllr Beasley Clerk
1020.0	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th March 2024. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
1021.0	Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Warden: Cllr Thomason reported that he currently has 13 issues on his books. One raised recently by a resident in Collins Hill was being sorted by the owner and WNC had reports of others. • Climate Group – nothing to report • High Street – Possibility that SJ may be taking on the lead for possible works. Clerk to ask if there is any match funding available. • Local Plan questionnaire has been submitted. 	Clerk
1022.0	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
1022.1	Gov.uk Domain. Following a further meeting with the Cabinet Office and Cllrs updated. Resolved: Following a vote it was agreed that whilst this was not currently legislation, the Council will not be proceeding with a gov.uk domain. All Councillors in favour of this proposal. GH/GF	
1022.2	Local Governance Review: Possible absorption of Brockhall Parish into Flore. The Councillors were not specifically minded, one way or another on this proposal. There were no negative comments mentioned but more information is needed. Cllrs happy for WNC to undertake a consultation with the Brockhall residents. Flore PC would be willing to consider it, in principle, if it came back to the table in the near future.	
1022.3	CCTV of Millennium Hall drain. As money still remaining for flood issues, Council agreed to carry out a further survey of the Millennium Hall drain. Resolved: Cost £240 plus VAT. Extra charges to be paid by the Millennium Hall.	
1022.4	Council assets. Closed Churchyard/planters – Cllr Littlewood – everything ok Bus Shelters – Cllr Levell – all ok, looking at seat in one shelter. Seats – Cllr Fellows – Wooden ones good, metal bench has been cleaned Notice board – Cllr Holden – bit wobbly, to be looked at and if necessary a quote to stabilise. Dog/litter bins – Cllr Anderson – everything ok, a couple of posts of dog bins rusty but stable. Monitor Street lights – Cllr Beasley – to look at tree leaning on post in Nether Lane, others ok War Memorial/lighting conductor – Cllr Beasley – some of the posts on surround a bit loose but stable.	May agenda

Monitor.

Flore Well – Cllr Beasley – ok

Flagpoles – Cllr Fellows – on agenda to sort one pole.

Village sign/Map/Gateways – Cllr Higginson – all ok

1022.5 Ram Bank handrail. Quote to be obtained to see whether it is viable to extend the rail.

1022.6 Consultation: Development of services for children, young people and families. No comments from the Council

1022.7 Richard Capell Educational Trust: Councillor Christine Littlewood would become a Trustee on the charity, should they require a permanent replacement.

1022.8 Flag staffs: Cllr Fellows informed the group of the costs of removing one flag staff, replacing it with the one we purchased a few years ago and then repairing and storing the removed pole as being. £644.90. If the existing flagstaff that needs a few repairs requires any parts, that would be extra. Cllr Littlewood agreed that she could store the 8m high reserve pole.

Resolved: To install the new pole and repair the existing pole. £644.90 plus any extra parts plus VAT.

1022.9 Bus shelter seating: Councillors agreed to install a seat in the bus shelter at the top of Bricketts Lane

Resolved: Cost £861 plus VAT.

1023.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1023.1 Finance update. It was reported that as at 31st March the Council had £37,655.44. in the bank account. There was no income received. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted.

1012.2 Internal Control. Cllr Holden had looked through the paperwork, including bank statements, and confirmed all present and correct.

1012.3 Annual Governance Statement: The Councillors had all the questions and agreed to all. Statement signed by Vice-Chair Mrs Littlewood and Clerk.

1013.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

SSE	Street light electricity supply (March)	177.00
Unity Trust bank	Bank charges (March)	18.00

April payments

Halkett	Salary	746.44
HMRC	PAYE	210.53
Halkett	Office rent	17.00
Design to Print	Messenger	132.00
Parish Online	Subscriptions	120.00
ACRE	Subscriptions	42.00
LC Hedging	Grass cutting (March cut but April budget)	619.92

Sub-total 1887.89

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LC Hedging	Grass cutting (April cut early)	619.92
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Total 2507.81

1025.0 PLANNING

1025.1 Application 2024/1525/TCA Beech Hill, 27 High Street. Work to trees in conservation area. No objections from the Parish Council.

1026.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

1026.1 Brodie Lodge. Car boots start in May, 200 Club has 200 subscriptions

1026.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report

1026.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Comments in 1022.8 above

1026.4 Charities: Nothing to report

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1028.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

NAB Marketing brochure. Noted
Consultation: Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation – May agenda
Consultation: Local Flood Risk management Strategy – May agenda

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
Consultations: Local Plan and Flood Risk
Council assets: Notice board if quote need to be considered
Ram bank handrail: Quote to extend up the slope.

The meeting closed at 2020 hrs

FLORE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
23rd April 2024 at 7.30 pm

To be held in the Millennium Hall

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last Parish Meeting – 20th April 2023
3. Any matters arising therefrom
4. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council
5. Presentations by:
 - Flore School – Mrs Stacey Dransfield
 - Re – Mrs Lyndsey Shepherd-Singh
 - Crusader Community Boating – Mr Geoff Fellows
6. Report from, or on behalf of the Police (if received)
7. Report from, or on behalf of Flore’s Unitary Councillors
8. Reports from Village Charities
 - The Flore Charity
 - Richard Capell Charity
9. Financial report for year ending March 2024
10. Issues raised by parishioners and members of the public, from the floor, for consideration by the Parish and Unitary Councils


Parish Council Chairman

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FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held in the Millennium Hall, Flore on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Tea/coffee and biscuits were offered at the start of the meeting.

Present Parish Cllrs: Mr Andy Anderson, Mr Kevin Beasley, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Simon Levell. Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
Unitary Cllrs Mr Phil Bignell, Mr Charles Morton
10 Members of the public

The meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council, Mrs Christine Littlewood
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for absence** had been received from Parish Cllrs Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Geoff Holden
- 2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on 20th April 2023.** These minutes were signed and agreed at the Parish Council's AGM in May 2023.
- 3. Any matters arising:** Nothing arising, questions were answered at meeting.
- 4. Chairman's report – Cllr Littlewood read out a report prepared by Chair Mrs Kathryn Baines.**

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2024 Flore Annual Parish Meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to give parishioners the opportunity to hear what the Parish Council has been doing since the last Annual Meeting and the chance to raise any questions or concerns they may have about the parish and any parish business. After presenting my report on behalf of the Parish Council, and following any questions, we will then hear from our speakers this evening who are:

Flore School – Mrs Stacy Dransfield

Re – Mrs Lyndsey Shepherd-Singh

Crusader Community Boating – Mr Geoff Fellows

As I have mentioned in previous reports, the work of a Parish Council is not just to hold a meeting once a month. There are planning applications to deal with which often means having an Extraordinary meeting, meetings about traffic calming and High Street mitigation, ensuring the village remains tidy, sorting out the grass mowing contracts, seeing that all Council assets are in good order for example, benches repaired, streetlights are working, bins emptied regularly, etc. We undergo regular training sessions on planning, and different aspects of being a Parish Councillor. We also have a Councillor who attends the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner's regular meetings and feeds back to us along with Councillors attending Millennium Hall and Brodie Lodge meetings along with the various charities that provide bursaries to students in the village.

Last year we discussed the traffic calming that had been put in place in the village which is doing a reasonable job in slowing down the traffic. We will shortly be investigating what other traffic calming measures we can achieve on the High Street. There has been a decrease in the number of HGV lorries coming through the village, due in part to having the village taken off the HGV driver test route.

We also have a Business Plan that we revisit on an annual basis which is published on the Parish Council website. Unfortunately, the S106 monies that were available for indoor sport ran out of their use by date due to lack of capacity to increase space for indoor sport. The Millennium Hall drew up plans to extend at the back of the hall in order that it could be used by more than one group at a time but, unfortunately, the cost of doing this was double the grant available and so wasn't viable. There was a small amount of money for outdoor play equipment and Brodie Lodge applied for this to increase play and exercise equipment on the field.

We have considered 25 planning applications over the past year. Some of these applications coming through now give us cause for concern as we start to feel the spread of Northampton coming towards us. With regards

to the solar farm application, this was submitted and approved, and work will start later this year. It will take about 6 months to build and most of the traffic during this phase will be routed through Upper Heyford. There will be annual funding that comes from us having the solar farm in our parish. We don't have the full details yet, but we are in discussion with EDF and Upper Heyford Parish Council as to how this might be used for the benefit of parishioners.

The Barwood Homes application for houses on the Brington Road that went to Appeal this time last year, was refused. We must thank our Unitary Councillors Phil Bignell and Charles Morton for the help they gave us in getting this application turned down along with the villagers who wrote excellent letters of objection. This application was outside of the Neighbourhood Plan, and it was important that the planning decision didn't go against this. It is so vital that we have a Neighbourhood Plan, which will need to be reviewed in the next few years and will need the support of the village when we come to renew it.

We have installed some new benches in the village, at the Collins Hill/Brockhall Road junction, Nether Lane and one that was donated to the Memorial Garden. We have also installed a dog bin on Nether Lane at the request of dog walkers.

We have taken on the payment for printing of the Messenger as this is an important form of communication in the village. We have also taken a new 3 year electricity contract for the street lighting. The reduction in the electricity bill since installing the new lights is helping to pay for the cost.

The beautiful flowering cherry tree that was at the bottom of Capell Rise was mysteriously cut down last year. When we enquired as to who had made the decision, we found it was Highways. They needed to remove another tree on the same verge as there were insurance issues with the roots. They noticed that the cherry was not looking particularly well, so removed it at the same time. This caused quite an upset as it still had a few years left in it - but it has now been replaced!

Johnny Amos has been looking for help with the Commonwealth Flag project for some time. The flags flying is a lovely welcome to the village, but it does take a bit of work to have the commonwealth flags flying on appropriate national days and at other times of the year. Fortunately, volunteers have now come forward so that it can continue for now.

I would like to thank the team of Parish Councillors for their continuing support as I will be standing down as Chair having done my 4 year term. Each councillor has a job to do on the Council, but I would just like to mention a few:

Tom Higginson and Andy Anderson for their expertise with responses to planning applications; John Thomason for his work on the flooding issues and drainage systems in the village, he has had a lot to do this year with the heavy rains that we have had over the past few months.

Geoff Fellows who attend the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's meetings, he is also the Police Liaison Officer, keeps the website up to date and, with his wife Lindsay, tirelessly keeps the village free of litter.

A special thanks to Chris Littlewood who has again stood in for me during the year whilst I have been travelling.

A particular mention needs to go to our Unitary Councillors, Phil Bignell and Charles Morton who have given us great support with some of our more challenging planning applications and other issues.

But it would be difficult for us as a Parish Council to do what we do without the knowledge and expertise of our super Clerk, Sue Halkett, who makes sure we keep within guidelines and legislation.

That concludes my report for this year.

Comments (C) / Questions (Q) from the floor

C. A resident thanked the Council for doing a great job and all their hard work that they put in.

C. A resident thanked the Council for also adopting the biodiversity policy.

C. The Council were reminded that Brodie Lodge had to contribute towards the play equipment, along with the S106 money.

5. Presentation: Flore School – Mrs Stacey Dransfield was welcomed to the meeting

Mrs Dransfield is a governor at Flore School. She advised that currently there were 62 pupils enrolled in the school which has been on a journey for the last 3 years following the Ofsted report received back then when they 'required improvement'. The current report has not been released yet but they are extremely hopeful that it is a big turnaround which they will let people know soon,

The school has a new motto: The 3 Cs - Courage, Compassion and Community and the pupils are working towards. Their achievements are second to none, especially in sport, being the county champions at 'Botcha'

(a type of indoor curling) along with champions in other sports. They are also undertaking the 128th May Day celebrations this year to which the community is invited.

For the near future, the school is looking into setting up a pre-school on the site.

Q. Could it possibly be an Eco School? Yes, Year 6 have a School Council and are pushing this forward to obtain the badge to be classified as this.

C. Thanks were expressed to the school for all their help with the Afghan families.

Q. Is the school roll of 62, good or bad? The school roll is usually on the lower side but with the bad Ofsted report a few years ago, it dropped but is slowly rising. Maximum capacity is around 125.

Mrs Dransfield was thanked for her presentation.

Presentation: Re – Mrs Lyndsey Shepherd-Singh was welcomed to the meeting

Mrs Shepherd-Singh is the owner the zero waste shop Re, in Flore. She advised that her original goal, about 5 years ago, was a shop for coffee/cakes/chat, selling high quality products, fairtrade, organic and we don't create landfill. The ethos they work to is to reduce, re-use, and recycle. Their aim is to not use land fill, as much as they can. All their large food/goods containers are reused after being cleaned and refilled. Residents are encouraged to bring along their own containers and fill from the products. People coming for coffee to bring their own mugs but there are many that can be used in the shop. Re's black bin (general waste) for a three week cycle is less than a third, recycling bin is usually just cardboard. All this is achieving their goals to be a great village shop that doesn't impact the environment.

Q. This is a brilliant business and great for the village. Have you worked with the schools to get the children involved? Yes, we are looking into this. Young children come in and use the equipment and know exactly what they are doing, having done it with their parents for such a long time.

Q. We are proud to have you in the village. Has the clientele increased in the time you have been open? Yes, first aim was to get residents in the village using the shop which happened, these people can come back five times a week for the odd product. We also have people coming from longer distances that do monthly shops.

Q. Why do bigger stores not do this? Re doesn't have any shareholders that take profits, we use a shorter supply chain and use as much ethically based products as we can, all this not cost effective for larger stores.

Mrs Shepherd-Singh was thanked for her presentation.

Presentation: Crusader Community Boating – Mr Geoff Fellows was welcomed to the meeting

Mr Fellows is a volunteer with the Crusader Community Boating team. In 1994 a boat was built by St Johns Ambulance to get people out on the water. From there the group had two boats, one based on the river Nene, the other on the Grand Union Canal. The group is now a registered charity.

The Mountbatten Crusader was a 60ft boat which took groups of people on trips showing them the canals, flora and fauna along the Nene and canal. The groups could be residents of care homes, people with disabilities both mental health and physical as well as groups of carers who also need a bit of relaxation.

In 2020 Princess Anne attended the official inauguration of the charity's new boat which was built to their specifications. The Community Spirit is currently on the river Nene. This boat can be privately hired. The website for the charity is www.crusaderboatingcommuntiy.org.uk.

Q. If you privately hire the boat, do you steer it yourself? No, it would come with a boat master, helmsman and usually two crew members, due to the number of locks.

Q. How far do you travel per trip? If on the canal could be from Blisworth Marina to Heyford Marina, even poking heads in the Blisworth tunnel as the boat cannot go through without Canal & River Trust permission as the tunnel would need to be closed to other traffic due to the width of this boat. If on the Nene we could go to Billing Aquadrome or even upstream to where the canal arm joins the Nene.

Mr Fellows was thanked for his presentation.

6. Report by Northants Police. Cllr Fellows gave a summary of the Police's annual report, including changes within the Daventry Neighbourhood team, visibility in the community, responding to incidents, and working at raising their profile in communities by holding beat busses and enforcement days.

Q. Who do we report stuff to as they don't answer the 101 number? Advised to always call 999 in emergencies and 101 for other stuff but be aware they might take time to answer this. If no luck, email Cllr Fellows who could contact the PCSOs to report issues.

7. Report by Unitary Councillors – Unitary Cllr Bignell gave West Northants Council's report

During this civic year we have had numerous successes in solving issues from our residents. Planning which seems to generate most problems but inevitably potholes, which is a national problem, has overtaken all others.

Despite financial pressures we worked hard to set a balanced budget for 2024/25. With high inflation rates driving up running costs and an increase in demand for services, particularly around supporting children in care and vulnerable adults. 62p in every pound of Council Tax is spent on Adult and Childcare, something there is no control as it is a statutory duty. The increase of 4.99% for 24/25 remains below current inflation.

The Boundary Commission decided that there would be 76 Wards made up of one, two and three Member Wards. In the current set up Flore is in the Long Buckby Ward but likely moving to the Bugbrooke Ward and become a two-member ward from May 2025 when elections take place. At WNC we have acquired new machinery to address the pothole problem including the JCB Pothole Pro which has completed over 12,500 m² worth of road since its roll out in August 2023. The Local Plan is currently out for consultation. The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is now in force.

The Council is prioritising the environment and considering the carbon cost of decision-making, working hard towards sustainability goals – from improving energy efficiency, reducing waste, and achieving net zero emissions by 2030.

We would all like to thank our Parish Council members and other community volunteers for their ongoing commitment to our wonderful villages.

C. Many thanks for the help you both gave to the village on the proposed Brington Road development.

Q. Ward arrangements, how many new ward members will there be – likely to be two in the Bugbrooke Ward but confirmation still awaited, it is a wait and see moment!

Q. How much input on new boundaries did the Commission listen to? It is felt, not a lot, they don't believe they were listened to.

Unitary Cllr Phil Bignell was thanked for his presentation.

8. Reports by Village Charities

The Flore Charity. This Charity is made up of the merged Muscott & Sears Town Close Charity and the Flore Widows (Cartwright & Curtis) Charity. The current Trustees are Hazel Labraham, John Boast, Chris Littlewood, Revd Stephen Burrow, Lis Nye, and Wendy Pittman. The income for the Charity derives from investments and the leasing of two areas of agricultural land in Flore. In 2023/24 donations were given out totalling £400 consisting of 1 application for a student grant

Richard Capell Educational Foundation. The income from this Charity derives from investments made through the Charities Office Investment Fund. The Capital comes from the sale, many years ago, of land and property in the Parish. The grants paid out are limited to improving education and the beneficiaries include the school and the two church youth programmes. For 2023/24 the grants totalled £2,000. The current Trustees are Mike Penn, Hazel Labraham, Sue Raven, The Revd Stephen Burrow, and County Councillor Dan Lister.

9. Financial Report. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Council had received £42,079 income (£39,520 Precept) and spent £36,898. Money in the bank totalled, at the year end, £37,655.44. Bank Statement was here if anyone wished to view it.

10. Issues raised:

Resident: Thanked the Parish Council for the continued mowing of the Brodie Lodge playing field, it is most welcome.

Resident: Thanks to the volunteers who came forward with offers of help to keep the flags flying in the Commonwealth Flag Project. Thanks also to the Parish Council for their continued support.

Cllr Thomason: Thanks to Andrea who took over the editorship of the Messenger.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

Signed: Chair
14th May 2024

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

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15th April 2024

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Millennium Hall**. If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

1029.0 To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting

1030.0 Public Forum for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors

1031.0 PLANNING

1031.1 **Application:** 2024/1843/FULL. 12 Capell Rise
Proposed single storey extension to front. Demolition of existing garage and replacement garage with habitable room over, together with raising of ridge line to accommodate rear dormer.

The Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7.30 pm

Date of next full Council meetings: May 14th, June 11th, July 9th

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MILLENNIUM HALL ON 23RD APRIL 2024 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson,
Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
Unitary Cllrs Mr Phil Bignell, Mr Charles Morton
1 Members of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mr Kev Beasley, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Geoff Holden

Chair: Mrs Christine Littlewood

1029.0 | **Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion.** No interested declared.

1030.0 | **Public Forum:** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors: No comments

1031.0 | **PLANNING**

1031.1 | **Application:** 2024/1843/FULL. 12 Capell Rise. Proposed single storey extension to front. Demolition of existing garage and replacement garage with habitable room over, together with raising of ride line to accommodate rear dormer.
The Council has no objections to this application which conforms with the Neighbourhood Plan and will not adversely affect the street scene.

Date of next meetings: May 14th, June 11th, July 9th

The meeting closed at 1910 hrs