

# ISLIP PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Islip Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.15 in the Sports Pavilion,.

In attendance: Cllr L Duval (chair) Cllr E Taylor (Vice Chair), Cllr R Horrell, Cllr J-S Vecten, Cllr I Brown, Cllr A Spencer, Cllr D Sobey. Cllr W Brackenbury. Clerk. Jill Dickinson

# MINUTES

23/110	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-</b> To approve any apologies sent to the Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Julian Gunby</li></ul>
23/111	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-</b> <p>..... attended as a member of the public to observe.</p> <p>Revd Robson and Jan Colson attended the meeting to update and inform the council in regards to the proposed sale of the Islip allotments. He described the financial difficulties facing many churches, including St Nicholas in Islip and the need to find options to maintain the church. The church is in a cash poor situation with a very limited income stream. The building is very expensive to run and relies on giving from congregation and others.</p> <p>One option is to sell the allotments as a going concern ie. As allotments. The land is not registered and this could take up to 3 years to complete before the land can be sold. Money raised from the sale would be used to upgrade the church and install running water, etc which may encourage greater use of the building thereby increasing income., and also help finance the upkeep of the building for a short time. It was agreed that this proposal is not a long term solution.</p> <p>Several options were put forward and discussed by councillors</p> <p>Cllr Branbury to enquire if there is any money from North Northants Council that could assist.</p> <p><u>Church Clock</u> – Revd Robson reported that the clock has been repaired and the engineer will be coming back in a few weeks to adjust the automatic timing device.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Revd Robson and Jan Colson for attending and providing background information and updates.</p>

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23/112	<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b>
	none
23/113	minutes of the meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024, approved and signed
23/114	<b>GOVERNANCE-</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• none</li></ul>
23/115	a) <b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS-</b> to discuss and comment where necessary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To note any progress Staunch activity- Cllr Taylor attended meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March, and circulated minutes. No further information regarding the next meeting to be held at The Cube, but will probably be in May,</li><li>• To note response to Rose and Crown planning application . Following various correspondence to the Parish Council from members of the public the Councils respond to NNC was recorded as having the view that they wish the property to be saved from decline, either as a residential property or a pub and that all options are considered thoroughly, and were neither supporting or objecting to the planning application.</li><li>• .</li></ul>
23/116	<b>NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS' REPORTS-</b> For Information Only Council tax has gone up by 5%., and demand led services remain the main challenge to NNC. Cllr Brackenbury reported that NNC <u>plan to put in place</u> short stay facilities for travellers in North Northants. This will need to go through planning .
23/117	<b>FINANCE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Received and approved the Financial Reports for February</li><li>• payments agreed and authorised.</li></ul>
23/118	<b>HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• dangerous, broken fencing near Islip Mill has been reported to owner of the land, and the environment agency will be informed</li><li>• actions taken regarding flooding on the junction of Toll Bar road and Kettering road – the blocked ditch has been reported to NNC and it appears it is the responsibility of the landowner of the adjacent field. Landowner has been informed</li><li>• Mill Road repairs inadequate. Main road through the village is becoming worse.</li><li>• Cllr Sobey agree to attend a Kier transportation meeting at Cedar court later in the month, and will enquire how do Kier decide when a road surface needs mending.</li><li>• Cllr Brackenbury reported that the A6116 is priority due to the subsidence.</li></ul>
23/119	<b>RECREATION GROUND-</b> To receive checks from councillors and decide on any actions required- Checks received

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23/120	<p><b>SPORTS FIELD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sports field report was received from Cllr Vecten - minutes of sports field group meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> March attached.</li> <li>• Sports Field group are making a conscious decision to favour local sports teams using the Sports Field. Next years football users being considered.</li> <li>• Pitch improvement starts on 19<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• Council noted that there is a shortage of playing and training grounds in the area.</li> <li>• Finance report received, whilst payments are greater than budgeted, income is also higher due to the sale of machinery and increased bookings. Also a large refund from the water supplier will help fund various planned projects.</li> <li>• Clerk will send the weekly calender to more volunteers to share the increased caretaking role as more bookings are made.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
23/121	<p><b>COMMUNITY MATTERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council considered a request for a bench near bus stop on Lowick Road – this will be investigated before next meeting</li> <li>• Report received from Village Hall Committee (Cllr DS) and also agreed to work closely with VH bookings to signpost to either Village Hall or Pavilion when venues are already booked.</li> <li>• plans for June 14<sup>th</sup> Village event noted.</li> <li>• Noted that village mowing has resumed for the summer</li> <li>• Further complaint received from member of public regarding noise from a neighbouring residence being run as a business – Clerk and Cllr Brackenby to pursue</li> </ul>
23/122	<p><b>CLERK UPDATES AND CORRESPONDENCE-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
23/123	<p><b>OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE COLLEAGUES-</b> For information only- no resolutions to be made</p>
23/124	<p><b>DATE FOR NEXT MEETING-</b></p>
23/	<p><b>PART 2</b></p> <p>Resolution Under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 members of the public and press are to be excluded on the grounds that the following items to be discussed are of a confidential and sensitive nature (Members of the public and press will be moved to the waiting room)</p> <p>No items</p>
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