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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH, AND MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. 21st MAY 2024

Attended by: Cllr Lisa Duval (chair), Cllr Richard Horrell, Cllr Julian Gunby, Cllr Alanah Spencer, Cllr David Sobey, Cllr David Brackenbury

24/01a	Election of the Chairman- Cllr Duval re-elected as Chair. Proposed by Cllr
	Richard Horrell and seconded by Cllr Alanah Spencer
24/02a	The Chairmans Acceptance and Declaration of Office - acceptance received
24/03a	Election of the Vice-Chairman - Cllr E Taylor re-elected as Vice Chair, proposed
	by Cllr Julian Gunby, seconded by Cllr David DObey
24/04a	The Vice-Chairman's Acceptance and Declaration of Office - acceptance
	received
24/05a	All councillors to update their Register of Interests at North Northants if there
	have been any changes since last year. No changes to be made

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24/15	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-
	Ian Brown, Jean-Sebastian Vecten, Emma Taylor
24/16	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-
	none
24/17	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
	none
24/18	Minutes of 16 th April approved.
24/19	GOVERNANCE-
	 All current policies and procedures approved. Rosie Tarling -Toley coopted onto the council, Proposed by Cllr Lisa Duval, seconded by Cllr. Richard Horrell. She will resume the role she had as a councillor last year – leading on community events and activities. The resignation of Cllr Jean-Sebastien Vecten was received and accepted Cllr David Sobey to take lead role for highways, and will also attend training for new councillors.
24/20	PLANNING APPLICATIONS- to discuss and comment where necessary
	No new planning applications received.
24/21	See below NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS' REPORTS-
24/21	Cllr David Brackenbury provided information about the current situation in regards to proposed developments to the west of Thrapston. He described the systems and processes for planning in North Northants, and pointed out that the proposed developments on the two sites in Thrapston are actually in "open country" and so are "speculative" planning applications. Logistics development applications will only be supported by NNC if certain conditions are met which include: good access to major roads and motorways, satisfactory employment

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opportunities, and environmental conditions are met. The issue of queuing traffic and current road layout of the A605 and the A14 and the cumulative impact this has in the region is a major consideration. The proposed Thrapston Business Park development is being moved further south/west of the site alongside the A605 between Thrapston and Titchmarsh.

- The council discussed with Cllr Brackenbury general issues about planning in the area, and it was noted that the government has a perceived need for logistics in Northamptonshire/Leicestershire and Warwickshire due to it being in central England and within a "one tachograph" distance from major ports and large cities. It was noted that the logistics industry is changing and many smaller warehouses are now not suitable for the technology, units are bigger and turnover is bigger.
- The Kettering Energy Park was part of the local plan and strategy adopted in 2016.
- The state of the roads was discussed, and Cllr Brackenbury reported that potholes and road repairs are recognised as a national issue. He stated that progress is being made in regards to carrying out a "proper fix" rather than patching. (referencing North Shropshire Road repairs policy) He acknowledged that heavy goods vehicles coming from the Primark site are causing significant damage to the roundabout on the A6116. It was reported that NNC budget for highways is limited due to very high expenditure on Adult Social Care and Childrens Services.
- It was noted that the water run-off from The Magna Park Development at Corby should actually reduce flooding of Harpers Brook, as there is a water management system being built including various dams.

24/22 | **FINANCE**

- financial report and bank reconciliation received and approved
- payments for May 2024 received and authorised
- Revised budget for sports field received and approved
- Application to have a corporate bank card approved
- Internal auditors report received and approved
- Section 1, Annual Governance Statement, of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24 completed and approved
- Section 2 Accounting Statements accepted and approved
- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and a declaration that the accounting statements are as yet unaudited from 10th June to 22nd July (30 working days) noted

24/23 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- It was noted that parts of Thrapston have had pavements resurfaced, whilst islip paths are just patched. This will be pursued
- Speed sign on Lowick Road is now working
- 20 is plenty signs are damaged new signs to be acquired from NNC
- Ridge Road has still not been repaired by Anglian Water. Clerk to pursue

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24/24	RECREATION GROUND-
	 rec checks received
	 Rospa check is imminent.
	Cllr Gunby to check the defib box
24/25	SPORTS FIELD
	 Noted that a new lead councillor for the Sports Field is required. Various
	options were discussed.
	 Cllr David Sobey and Cllr Alanah Spencer happy to help with grant
	applications.
	 A meeting of the Sports field working group is scheduled for 11th June.
24/26	COMMUNITY MATTERS
	 Councillors to consider various projects at the sports field and in the
	community. E.g. Possible outdoor table tennis table in the children rec
	The proposed Trinity school bus charges was discussed and progress noted.
	Idea of bench on Lowick Road on hold
	Agreed to pay St Nicholas church a donation towards repair of war
	memorial.
	Village Hall matters- Cllr David Sobey reported that the Village Hall is
	revising its Governing Statement.
	Cllr Julian Gunby to follow up the lack of action in mending the fence
	opposite Mill House.
	 Various issues raised by residents in regards to grass mowing in the village have been resolved.
24/13	CLERK UPDATES AND CORRESPONDENCE-
24/13	The move to a gov.uk domain was approved
	 More over to the new business system in underway with the clerk
	undertaking training.
	 Issue of rubbish being left near Froggo bins in the park has been
	reported to Thrapston Town Council
24/14	OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE COLLEAGUES- For information only- no resolutions to be
	made.
	 Medbury trust cottage renovation is almost complete.
	DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- 18th June