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Islip Parish Council Meeting 18TH June 2024

Attendees: Cllr Duval, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Sobey, Cllr Brown, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Tarling-Toley

MINUTES

24/29	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- To approve any apologies sent to the Clerk Julian Gunby
24/30	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- none
24/31	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS none
24/32	minutes for 21 st May 2024 approved
24/33	GOVERNANCE- none
24/34	PLANNING APPLICATIONS- to discuss and comment where necessary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• current situation with the Rose and Crown considered, and it was unanimously agreed to support the planning application as all options have been pursued• Tree reduction mill road - supported• Mill Barn, Mill Lane – planning application and documents studied by councillors and it was felt that the position and height of the proposed building would detract from the view of the restored barn, and the river. Councillors voted: 1 in support, 1 abstained and 5 not to support the plan in its current state.• Cllr Horrell attended an event at the Corby Magna Park development along with other parish councils, and organised by NIKE. He reported that the park is huge. Concerns about water run-off into Harpers Brook were raised, but the old railway line have been used to build water holding “dams”. The developers will hold events every 6 months. It was stated that there will be a 10% increase in traffic on the A6116
24/35	NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS' REPORTS- For Information Only Cllr Wendy Brackenbury and Cllr David Brackenbury attended and reported back about the meeting in Thrapston regarding the developments proposed by IM properties. The scheme is being changed due to the discovery of an ancient site. Town councillors and Thrapston residents had raised interesting questions. Reconfigured road systems would include a new roundabout between Lazyacre entrance and the “fishing layby” roundabout. It was agreed that this would cause even more congestion as that span of road is

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	<p>quite short to have 4 roundabouts from the A14 through to the end of the Thrapston bypass. The scheme will add another 700 hgv's per day onto already crowded roads. National Highways will not tolerate an additional slip road off the A14, and this scheme will cause accumulative problems further along the A14 towards Kettering. It is believed it will be autumn before the amendments are considered.</p> <p>General concerns about the disruption to traffic on the A6116 roundabout were raised.</p>
24/36	<p>FINANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• financial report and bank reconciliation approved – see attached,• payments for June 2024 approved – see attached• Clerk to arrange for two more signatories for payments – Cllr Sobey and Cllr Brown• Clerk to apply for a bank card to be used for the Sports Field a/c
24/37	<p>HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complaint re Nene way footpath – NNC will only cut in twice a year as per their schedule.• Complaint re footpath Lowick Road/Drayton close – This needs strimming• Area of grass around the footpath from Mill Lane to Drayton close has been cut but badly – Clerk to find out if this is the responsibility of Longhurst Group
24/38	<p>RECREATION GROUND- checks from councillors received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Taylor checking on a past problem and will report back• Inspection Report noted – no high-risk issues, but several medium risks highlighted.• New equipment is being considered i.e. Outdoor table tennis table, and possibly replacement of equipment for smaller children. Quotes and grants being sought along with safety specifications for the base.
24/39	<p>SPORTS FIELD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The sports field report was received. Many issues were discussed including recent problems with drains being blocked (probably out of mischief or maliciousness), the oven needing replacing, and other maintenance tasks. The cost of installing hand dryers and toilet roll dispensers will be sought, a window cleaner has been asked for a quote to clean the windows once/8 weeks, and the current cleaners will be providing another session on Thursday afternoons from July onward. see attached report and list of tasks to do.• The need for formal meetings for the Sports Field Working Group was debated and how effective these are. The IPC agreed that the Working Groups will now only meet when deemed necessary by the

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	<p>Chair, and invitations will be sent to a core group and individuals with specific expertise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active involvement of volunteers was acknowledged and greatly appreciated, and a Volunteer morning has been arranged for July 14th from 10.00 – to be advertised on notice boards and Facebook.• Positive feedback was received from the Fete committee regarding the use of the Pavilion for the Village Music event, and the council sent thanks via Cllr Sobey for the extremely clean and tidy state of the pavilion and surrounding area the following day.• Positive feedback also received from Cllr David Brackenbury on behalf of the Thrapston Opera Society who had their annual party in the Pavilion and had a wonderful time.• The general feeling regarding bookings and use of the Sports Field and Pavilion is good and positive, but if there is any level of maltreatment those users will be banned in the future.• A concise “what if” manual to be put in the Pavilion kitchen to inform users what to do in emergency, and where to find things, who to contact etc.
24/40	<p>COMMUNITY MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-positioning of dog poo bin – Mill Lane was discussed. This is now in the way of tractors going through the new gates onto Drayton Estate land. Cllr Brown to discuss with occupants of Mill Barn regarding repositioning.• It was agreed to plan some form of display or memorial event for Remembrance Day in November• It is proposed to arrange for a catering truck to visit the village once a month. Cllr Tarling-Toley has received positive feedback on Facebook and from villagers. Clerk to check if there are any legal issues to be dealt with.• It was noted that there is no news regarding the proposed sale of the allotments
24/41	<p>CLERK UPDATES AND CORRESPONDENCE-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•
24/42	<p>OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE COLLEAGUES</p> <p>The councillors wished Cllr Gunby well, and a speedy recovery from his recent illness</p>
	<p>DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- July 16th 2024</p>