

Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 14:00 hours in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Dingley

Members Present	Cllr Jones (Chair) Cllr Anderson Cllr Garratt Cllr Hinxman Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk)
Others in Attendance	There were none

Minute		Action
701	To receive and approve apologies: Cllr Linsell and Borough Councillor David Howes	
702	Member's declaration of interest in items on the Agenda and any changes to the members Register of Interests: None declared. There were no changes to the members Register of Interests.	
703	To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 6 th June 2017 were agreed as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Garratt Seconded Cllr Anderson	
704	Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting: There were no matters arising.	
705	Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council: There were no members of the public present. (Meeting closed to the public.)	
706	Ongoing Matters: (i) Unitary Status: There was nothing further to report at this time.	

Chairman

Date

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	<p>(ii) Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Hinxman informed the Council that there was nothing to report regarding Neighbourhood Watch, but that the Rural Watch had flagged up break-ins to sheds and garages and incidents of Hare Coursing. Cllr Hinxman presented the findings from the Village Survey which had been completed by 72 of the 82 households in the parish. There was a very positive feeling expressed by the residents regarding location, community, activities, architecture and buildings. The main points of concern were as follows: Traffic – This was the biggest issue raised and included concerns over the speed, volume, size, noise and pollution. Roads – Maintenance and absence of footways Parking – Lack of parking in all areas including the Village Hall Amenities – Lack of pub, shop, focal point, allotments and recreation facilities Transport – Poor bus service and lack of cycle lane Housing – Lack of smaller and affordable housing</p> <p>The Council agreed to prioritise the areas identified and to incorporate into an action plan.</p> <p>The Council commended Cllr Hinxman again on his excellent efforts with this initiative. The Survey will now be written up and formally approved by the Council along with the Action Plan.</p>	RH										
	<p>(iii) Parish Defibrillator: The Council observed that it was still awaiting a response from Kettering Borough Council regarding its success in applying for the Community Capital Grant to fund this project.</p>											
	<p>(iv) Village Welcome Pack: The Council discussed producing a 'Welcome Pack' for new residents. Cllrs Anderson and Hinxman agreed to co-ordinate this.</p>	RH/MA										
	<p>(v) Casual Vacancy: The Council noted that as yet no candidate had come forward to fill the casual vacancy.</p>											
707	<p>Planning: There were no applications to discuss.</p>											
708	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>(i) Payments The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed:</p> <table data-bbox="225 1585 1342 1659"> <tr> <td>100534</td> <td>J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses June and July</td> <td>£545.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100535</td> <td>Dingley Village Hall – Annual Hall Hire</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Receipts None</p> <p>(ii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</p> <table data-bbox="225 1821 1342 1910"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£4,836.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Balance of Reserves</td> <td><u>£4,836.45</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>The Bank Reconciliation and Bank Statement was unanimously approved and then duly signed by the Chairman.</p>	100534	J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses June and July	£545.10	100535	Dingley Village Hall – Annual Hall Hire	£100.00	Current Account	£4,836.45	Total Balance of Reserves	<u>£4,836.45</u>	
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709	<p>Parish Highways:</p> <p>I. Site Meeting – NCC Highways</p> <p>Following communications with Northamptonshire Highways, there is to be a site visit / village walkabout on Thursday 20th July at 10 am with senior representatives from the Highways department. Matters to be raised at this meeting will include the Highways and Road Safety issues raised in the village survey. All Councillors will endeavour to attend this meeting. The Clerk will confirm with NCC and invite Cllrs Howes and Matthews.</p> <p>II. Clearance of Footways</p> <p>The Council furthered its discussions on employing a local gardener / contractor to maintain the parish footways and pavements. It noted that Northamptonshire Highways emphasised that the contractor has adequate public liability insurance to work on the public highway and to insure that whoever works on the highway is adequately protecting the general public from the consequences of their works. Cllr Anderson agreed to pursue this with a local contractor for an initial idea of the work involved and associated costs.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>MA</p>
710	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Amongst other correspondence were the following items, all e-mailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Local Resident – Vibration on A427 II. NCC Highways – Structure Change and Contacts for Rights of Way Team III. NCC – Parish Satisfaction Survey IV. NCALC – Councillors Guide to Finance V. KBC – Rural Forum 29th June <p>Cllr Garratt attended and gave a brief overview from the Rural Forum meeting on 29th June. He relayed the view raised at this meeting of the importance of having a Neighbourhood Plan and funding opportunities available. The Council noted that it had discussed this in the past and had agreed at the time not to pursue due to the diverse layout of the village in terms of spread of properties and lack of parish boundary, the associated costs in producing a Neighbourhood Plan and the work involved for a very small parish.</p> <p>Full minutes of this meeting can be found on Kettering Borough Council's website http://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/committee/19/rural_forum</p>	
711	<p>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:</p> <p>Emergency Planning</p>	
712	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 7.30 pm</p>	

The Meeting Closed at 3.43 pm

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