

Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th June 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Dingley

Members Present	Cllr R Hinxman (Acting Chair) Cllr S Dudson Cllr M Anderson Cllr E Whitesides Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk)
Others in Attendance	Borough Cllr D Howes and County Cllr A Matthews

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910	<p>To receive and approve apologies: Cllr B Jones (Holiday Commitment) Fiona Barnaby (Village Hall Committee)</p>	
911	<p>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. The Chair welcomed Cllr Whitesides who duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by Cllr Dudson and completed the Register of Members' Interests which will be sent to the Returning Officer at Kettering Borough Council. At this point the Clerk advised Cllr Whitesides on training courses available and will forward the link to the NCALC training schedule.</p>	JM JM
912	<p>To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2019 were agreed as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Hinxman Seconded Cllr Dudson</p>	
913	<p>Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting: There were no matters arising from the last meeting not covered on the agenda.</p>	
914	<p>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.)</p>	
915	<p>Planning: KET/2018/0683 25 Harborough Road One New Dwelling The Council noted that the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate had been upheld.</p>	
916	<p>Ongoing Matters: (i) Neighbourhood Watch (NW): The Council noted two incidents of crime this month - items stolen from agricultural machinery and a telephone scam. Subscription to the NHW secure messaging service can be found at http://www.northantsnhw.co.uk</p>	

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	<p>(ii) Village Hall Committee: In the absence of Fiona Barnaby there was nothing to report on this item.</p> <p>(iii) Friends of Dingley Park: Cllr Dudson re-iterated that the membership levels were disappointing low at only 13 households due to the cost for limited access to the park. He informed the Council that he had emailed the land agent to request a justifiable extension to the 'open' period but had not received a response. Borough Cllr Howes volunteered to pursue this with the land agent as well as the possibility of reintroducing access to Bluebell Wood.</p> <p>(iv) Safety Review of Parish Assets: Cllr Hinxman carried out an inspection of the defibrillator, stating that all was in order. Cllr Anderson had carried out a safety review of the bus shelters, stating that both were in good order and that the rubbish collected at the recent litter pick had finally been removed. She drew the Council's attention to moss covering the pavement on the corner of Home Close. The Clerk will report to the County Council via Fix My Street. The Council commended the contractor responsible for maintaining the vegetation along the footpath for his good work.</p> <p>(v) Local Government Reform Update: The County and Borough Cllrs updated the Council on the current position with this reform. The Secretary of State's decision was to move forward with the creation of unitary councils for North and West Northamptonshire, with effect from April 2021 rather than 2020, as originally proposed. Although the government still has to embed these changes in a structural change order which has to receive parliamentary consent, it is understood that the following is intended in relation to elections to the new authority and to all town and parish councils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing district councillors will remain in role until April 2021, so for a further year than currently, and for two years longer than the normal term of four years. - In May 2020, there will be elections to the shadow councils and these elected councillors will then transition in May 2021 to the new councils. They will serve four years as councillors on the new authority until 2025, as well as the year in shadow form from 2020-21. - Parish and Town Council elections will take place in May 2020 and those councillors elected will serve a five year term until 2025. After 2025, the unitary, town and parish councils will revert to a four year cycle. 	<p></p> <p>DH</p> <p>JM</p> <p></p>												
917	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>(iii) Payments The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 150px;">100576 Zurich – Insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£167.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100577 J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses April</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£294.05</td> </tr> </table> <p>Receipts None</p> <p>(iv) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 150px;">Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,384.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£270.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">- Transparency Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£336.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>¹ Total Balance of Reserves</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£6,777.80</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on dingley-pc.gov.uk</p>	100576 Zurich – Insurance	£167.44	100577 J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses April	£294.05	Current Account	£7,384.17	Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies	£270.00	- Transparency Fund	£336.37	¹ Total Balance of Reserves	<u>£6,777.80</u>	
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918	<p>Parish Highways: Update on request for extension to footpath from village of Dingley to the A6 bypass roundabout near Market Harborough – There was nothing further to report on this item at this stage.</p> <p>Cllr Whitesides raised the strip of land between Church Lane and Sutton Lane which had historically been offered by the landowner for a safe footway. The Council agreed to place on the next agenda to discuss contacting the current landowner to see whether his might still be an option.</p>	
919	<p>Correspondence: Amongst other correspondence were the following items, all e-mailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Police Commissioner - Newsletter ii. Local Resident expressing support for planning complaint ref ENFO/2019/00087 	
920	<p>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting: Land for Village Footpath Cllr Hinxman gave his apologies for the next meeting.</p>	
921	<p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 7.30 pm</p>	

The Meeting Closed at 8.33 pm

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