

**Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th
September 2019
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Dingley**

Members Present	Cllr R Hinxman (Acting Chair) Cllr S Dudson Cllr E Whitesides Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk)
Others in Attendance	Fiona Barnaby (Village Hall Committee)

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934	To receive and approve apologies: Cllr B Jones (Holiday Commitment) Cllr M Anderson County Cllr A Matthews	
935	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.	
936	To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd July 2019 were agreed as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Dudson Seconded Cllr Whitesides	
937	Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting: There were no matters arising from the last meeting not covered on the agenda.	
938	Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council: There were no members of the public present. Cllr Whitesides asked how village information, including details of parish council meetings, was passed on to new residents. The Council will place an invitation/reminder in the Village Pump, post a welcome pack on the website and identify new residents, to whom a pack could be sent, at each meeting. It was also noted that the recent publication sent through from Borough Cllr Howes was very informative. This can be found at file:///C:/Users/parish1/Downloads/Village%20Vewpoint%20Summer%202019%20(1).pdf (Meeting closed to the public.)	
939	Planning: There were no planning applications to consider.	

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	<p>Ongoing Matters:</p> <p>(i) Neighbourhood Watch (NW):</p> <p>The following report was received from NW Co-ordinator Simon Edwards.</p> <p>'There have been no reports of any crime in Dingley recently. You may be aware of news reports that crime is spreading from the cities to the countryside; we should always be vigilant but remember that we live in a very low crime area and the large media organisations (based in large cities) make very generic statements about what they consider to be the 'countryside' and are not referring to the likes of Dingley. Similarly, the police themselves group crimes into vague geographic areas with abandon, which the broadcasters then blindly use. I suppose what really matters in this day and age of fanatical data and poor journalism is what we know and do as a community and not what others tell us about it.</p> <p>Rural crime is more of an issue for us though, you may have heard about the recent illegal sheep butchery close by (see https://www.northants.police.uk/OpStock) so please be especially vigilant of any suspicious activity and report it to the police.</p> <p>Please be reminded to sign up to the Neighbourhood Watch alert system at https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/join/ if you have not already done so. You can then join the Dingley scheme at https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/4211/dingley-area-k0094/ which I will see and approve online (all very GDPR compliant). There is a vast amount of information that you can subscribe to, I'd advise that you sign up for everything and then slim it down once you get a feel for the importance of it to you. If you are not happy with working online then drop me an email and I can add you to the manual list for the occasional and most important stuff. I have also had a few emails bouncing back, if you have changed your email also let me know.'</p>	
940	<p>(ii) Village Hall Committee:</p> <p>Mrs Barnaby informed the Council that the Village Hall Committee had donated nearly £4,000 to the PCC towards repairs to the Church roof and that the Committee would be looking at sources of funding for the Village Hall to rectify the sinking floor. She also drew the Council's attention to a new switch to turn off the electric supply.</p>	
	<p>(iii) Friends of Dingley Park:</p> <p>Cllr Dudson informed the Council that no new members had signed up and that he had not received a response from the agent regarding his request to extend the period of access to the Park. However a provisional agreement had been received from the agent via Borough Cllr David Howes that, under licence, access could be restored to Dingley Woods. Cllr Dudson will contact the agent to suggest administering this through the existing 'Friends of Dingley Park' scheme which will ensure only members are given permission to access the Woods.</p>	SD
	<p>(iv) Safety Review of Parish Assets:</p> <p>Cllr Hinxman carried out an inspection of the defibrillator, stating that all was in order. He advised that it was important to inspect the defibrillator every month even when there was no meeting. Mrs Barnaby advised that a request for expressions of interest in defibrillator training had been placed in the 'Pump' newsletter</p> <p>Cllr Anderson had passed on a report that the bus shelters were in good order.</p>	
	<p>(v) NCALC AGM 5th October:</p> <p>The Council noted that unfortunately no Councillors were able to attend the AGM this year. The Clerk will send the Council's apologies.</p>	JM
	<p>(vi) Emergency Plan:</p> <p>The Council agreed that it would be beneficial to the village to have a plan in case of emergencies. The Clerk had circulated a Community Emergency and Flood Plan Guidance Toolkit. Cllr Hinxman requested that all Councillors individually consider the document and pool ideas for formulating a plan relating to Dingley at the next meeting. Cllr Whitesides will research the 'What 3 Words' Scheme.</p>	All Cllrs EW

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941	<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: 80%;">100579 J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses August</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: 80%;">Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,502.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£270.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- Transparency Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£336.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Balance of Reserves</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£5,895.65</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on dingley-pc.gov.uk</p>	100579 J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses August	£294.05	Current Account	£6,502.02	Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies	£270.00	- Transparency Fund	£336.37	Total Balance of Reserves	<u>£5,895.65</u>	
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942	<p>Parish Highways:</p> <p>Village Footpath – Cllr Dudson had drawn up and circulated plans and photographs of the village identifying existing footpaths and verges that could be used to create a safe footway as part of the proposal to extend the footpath. This would provide safe access to the top of Dingley Lane which leads to Sutton Bassett and then eventually from that point down to the B664 junction. Cllr Dudson will pass this on to Northamptonshire Highways for further guidance on how this initiative might be progressed.</p>	SD										
943	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Amongst other correspondence were the following items, all e-mailed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. KBC – Rural Forum Meeting / Standards Advisory Meeting ii. Northants Police – Newsletter iii. Milestone Society – Enquiry re Boundary Stones iv. ACRE – Village Viewpoint Newsletter 											
944	<p>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:</p> <p>Village Footpath Emergency Plan Welcome Pack for new residents Access to Dingley Wood</p>											
945	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 2nd October 2019 Cllr Whitesides gave her apologies</p>											

The Meeting Closed at 8.00 pm