

## Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

**in the Village Hall, Dingley at 7.00 pm.**

<b>Members of the Parish Council Present</b>	Cllr B Jones (Chair) Cllr S Dudson Cllr E Lomer-Wood Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk)
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	None

		<b>Action</b>
1417	<b>To receive and approve apologies:</b> Cllr L Jones NNC Cllr D Howes	
1418	<b>Member's declaration of interest in items on the agenda and any changes to the Members Register of Interests:</b> There were no declarations of interest in items on this agenda. There were no changes to the Register of Member's Interests.	
1419	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:</b> The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 were <b>agreed</b> as a true record of these meetings and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr S Dudson    Seconded Cllr B Jones	
1420	<b>Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting:</b> It was noted that the parish council vacancy had still not been filled. The Council urged any resident interested in the position to contact the clerk for further information on the role.	
1421	<b>Open Forum and Representations from members of the public – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council:</b> There were no members of the public present. <b>(Meeting closed to the public)</b>	
1422	<b>Planning:</b> There were no planning applications to consider.	
1423	<b>(i) Safety Review of Parish Assets:</b> It was noted that all assets including the defibrillator were in order.	
	<b>(ii) Local Government Update:</b> There was nothing to report under this item.	
	<b>(iii) Village Events:</b> The Annual Village Meeting will be taking place in the Village Hall before the fish and chip supper on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm. The Village Litter Pick has been arranged for Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April at 10am meet at the Church Lane bus shelter. Cllr Lomer-Wood will attend to represent the Council.	

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1424	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Approval of Certificate of Exemption 2023/24</b>  The Council noted that its gross income or expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and therefore <b>agreed</b> to certify itself as exempt from a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.  Proposed Cllr S Dudson      Seconded Cllr B Jones      All in favour</p> <p>The Certificate of Exemption was then duly signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer and will be returned to the External Auditor.</p> <p><b>(ii) Approval of Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2023/24</b>  The Council considered and <b>approved</b> the Annual Governance Statement 2023/24.  Proposed Cllr S Dudson              Seconded Cllr E Lomer-Wood      All in favour</p> <p>This was duly signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer</p> <p><b>Approval of Annual Accounting Statement 2023/24</b>  The Clerk had prepared the 2023/24 Financial Accounts in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Council considered and <b>approved</b> the Annual Accounting Statement 2023/24  Proposed Cllr B Jones              Seconded Cllr E Lomer-Wood      All in favour</p> <p>This was duly signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.</p> <p>The accounts will now be presented for internal audit.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Clerk for her all her work in preparing the accounts which will now be displayed on the website.</p> <p><b>(iii) Payments</b>  The following payments were presented and unanimously <b>agreed</b>:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>VAT element</th> <th>Legal Authority</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Information Commissioner</td> <td>Data Protection</td> <td>£40</td> <td></td> <td>Data Protection Act 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dingley Village Hall</td> <td>Annual Hall Hire</td> <td>£100</td> <td></td> <td>LGA 1972 s.111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amazon</td> <td>Office Supplies</td> <td>£33.89</td> <td>£4.65</td> <td>LGA 1972 s.111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NCALC</td> <td>Membership</td> <td>£188.18</td> <td>£2.40</td> <td>LGA 1972 s.143</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Municipal</td> <td>Insurance</td> <td>£167.44</td> <td></td> <td>LGA 1972 s.111</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>(iv) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</b></p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,523.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ringfenced – Cycle Path</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Balance of Reserves</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b><u>£4,023.89</u></b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on <a href="http://dingley-pc.gov.uk">dingley-pc.gov.uk</a></p>	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT element	Legal Authority	Information Commissioner	Data Protection	£40		Data Protection Act 2018	Dingley Village Hall	Annual Hall Hire	£100		LGA 1972 s.111	Amazon	Office Supplies	£33.89	£4.65	LGA 1972 s.111	NCALC	Membership	£188.18	£2.40	LGA 1972 s.143	Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£167.44		LGA 1972 s.111	Current Account	£11,523.89	Ringfenced – Cycle Path	£7,500.00	<b>Total Balance of Reserves</b>	<b><u>£4,023.89</u></b>	<p><b>JM</b></p> <p><b>JM</b></p>
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1425	<p><b>Parish Highways and Rights of Way:</b></p> <p><b>Highways Update</b> – The Council noted confirmation from North Northamptonshire Council of an Order now given under Section 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 40 mph along that length of the A427 Harborough Road, Dingley recently put in at the entrances to the 30 mph zone. Councillors felt that this had been successful in reducing speeds through the village.</p> <p><b>Safe Cycle Path</b> – Cllr Dudson provided an updated list of fund-raising activity. A letter requesting donations had been sent to local logistic companies that route their lorries through Dingley, the Clerk will follow up on this with an email. Cllr Dudson urged Councillors to put forward further suggestions of companies to approach. The Chair will write to the NNC members heading up the Greenway project (which will link up with Market Harborough) requesting the opportunity to be included in discussions.</p> <p>Cllr Dudson suggested the possibility of looking at phasing the groundworks in order to satisfy any funding requirements and will follow up with NNC, copying in the Portfolio Holder, regarding its contribution to the project now that a new financial year has commenced.</p>	<p><b>JM</b></p> <p><b>BJ</b></p> <p><b>SD</b></p>
1426	<p><b>Exchange of Information, Crime Report and Village Hall:</b></p> <p>Cllr Dudson informed the Council that there were currently 17 members of the 'Friends of Dingley Park', the lowest membership level yet. There was no further information on the sustainable farming incentive and access to the scheme remains open.</p> <p>The Chair will endeavour to attend the next Village Hall meeting.</p> <p>There were no reported incidents of crime in Dingley in the recent months as detailed on <a href="http://www.police.uk">www.police.uk</a></p>	
1427	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>Labour Candidate for the Police Fire and Crime, Danielle Stone – Election Statement.</p>	
1428	<p><b>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:</b></p> <p>None identified at present.</p>	
1429	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>Annual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024</p> <p>The Meeting Closed at 8.03 pm.</p>	

Signed .....

(Chair)

Dated .....