

Minutes of Dingley Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st May 2024

in the Village Hall, Dingley at 7.00 pm.

Members of the Parish Council Present	Cllr B Jones (Chair) Cllr S Dudson Cllr E Lomer-Wood Cllr L Jones
Others in Attendance	Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk) NNC Cllrs D Howes and B Mcelhinney

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1430	<p>Election of Chair: The position of Chair was open to all Councillors. Cllr Dudson nominated Cllr B Jones and was seconded by Cllr Lomer-Wood. Cllr B Jones agreed to become Chair.</p> <p>The Chair duly completed and signed the Declaration of Office, witnessed by the Responsible Financial Officer.</p>	
1431	<p>Election of Vice Chair: The position of Vice Chair was open to all Councillors. Cllr B Jones nominated Cllr Dudson and was seconded by Cllr L Jones. Cllr Dudson agreed to become Vice Chair.</p> <p>The Vice Chair duly completed and signed the Declaration of Office, witnessed by the Responsible Financial Officer.</p>	
1432	<p>To receive and approve apologies: There were none.</p>	
1433	<p>Member's declaration of interest in items on the agenda and any changes to the Members Register of Interests: There were no declarations of interest in items on this agenda. There were no changes to the Register of Member's Interests.</p>	
1434	<p>To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd April 2024 were agreed as a true record of these meetings and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr S Dudson Seconded Cllr E Lomer-Wood</p>	
1435	<p>Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting: 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.</p>	
1436	<p>Open Forum and Representations from members of the public – 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>	

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1437	<p>Planning:</p> <p>NK/2024/0152 The Cloisters, Dingley Hall To Replace rotting timbers and concrete paving slabs.</p> <p>The Council had no objection to this application.</p>																	
	<p>(i) Safety Review of Parish Assets:</p> <p>It was noted that all assets including the defibrillator were in order.</p>																	
	<p>(ii) Local Government Update:</p> <p>NNC Cllr D Howes introduced Cllr B Mcelhinney as the new Ward Councillor.</p> <p>Cllr Howes advised that NNC is now taking on the running of the old Welland Wanderer bus service from the rural parishes to Market Harborough and that existing Desborough route is being enhanced. He suggested that the Council write to Chris Wragg at NNC to ask if it would be possible to route the new service to Market Harborough through Dingley. Cllr Lomer-Wood undertook to contact Mr Wragg.</p>	ELW																
1438	<p>(iii) Approval of New Financial Regulations:</p> <p>The new model Financial Regulations had not yet been provided by NALC. It was hoped that these would be ready for ratification at the next meeting.</p>																	
	<p>(iv) Community Governance Review:</p> <p>The Council referred to correspondence from NNC regarding a Community Governance Review following the recent ward boundary review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Views on and the level of interest from Parish and Town Councils in undertaking a review of the electoral arrangements in the local area were being sought.</p> <p>The Council agreed that this would have little benefit for Dingley and would not take part in this review at this point.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr B Jones Seconded Cllr S Dudson All in favour</p>																	
1439	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>(i) Internal Audit Report 2023/24</p> <p>The end of year accounts, processes and governance had been examined by the Internal Auditor. All were found to be in good order with no issues raised.</p> <p>(ii) Payments</p> <p>The following payments were presented and unanimously agreed:</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>I H Arnott</td> <td>Internal Audit</td> <td>£75.00</td> <td></td> <td>LGA 1972 s.111</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(iii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£16,955.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ringfenced – Cycle Path</td> <td>£7,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Balance of Reserves</td> <td><u>£9,455.60</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on dingley-pc.gov.uk</p>	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT element	Legal Authority	I H Arnott	Internal Audit	£75.00		LGA 1972 s.111	Current Account	£16,955.60	Ringfenced – Cycle Path	£7,500.00	Total Balance of Reserves	<u>£9,455.60</u>	
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1440	<p>Parish Highways and Rights of Way:</p> <p>Highways Update – Cllr Lomer-Wood will once again report the feign gate at the entrance to the village which is in need of repair.</p> <p>Safe Cycle Path – Cllr Dudson provided an updated list of fund-raising activity. A follow up email regarding a request for donations had been sent to local logistic companies that route their lorries through Dingley. Cllr Dudson advised that he was collating a further list of large companies in the area to approach for a similar request.</p> <p>Councillors will be meeting with NNC Projects Officer Lucy Hawes to look at the proposed plans as this route sits on part of the route identified as one of the Greenway Project’s long-term ambitions to connect Market Harborough to Peterborough.</p> <p>The next step is to obtain a firm quote for the works.</p>	<p>ELW</p> <p>SD</p> <p>LJ</p>
1441	<p>Exchange of Information, Crime Report and Village Hall:</p> <p>The Chair reminded the Council about the Annual Village Meeting which will be taking place in the Village Hall before the fish and chip supper on Friday 3rd May at 7pm. An update from the tree and footpath warden will be included. It was suggested that the format of this meeting be rethought for next year to take more of the form of a celebration of active groups and organisations within the village.</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 www.police.uk</p>	
1442	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The Council had received a request for feedback on a website which provided clear, practical information about the potential risks and responsibilities for dog owners to consider when taking their dogs to the countryside or country parks. The Council felt this was a well thought out, informative site and will suggest that a note on the risk to horses is added. The Clerk will forward for possible inclusion on the Dingley Village website.</p>	JM
1443	<p>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:</p> <p>None identified at present.</p>	
1444	<p>Dates of next meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd July 2024 Wednesday 28th August 2024</p> <p>The Meeting Closed at 8:17 pm.</p>	

Signed

(Chair)

Dated