Hemington,Luddington and Thurning Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Hemington, Luddington and Thurning Parish Council held on **Thursday 11 January 2024** at 19:30 hrs in Thurning Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Capp (T), Cllr P Dawson (L), Cllr P Harkness (H) [Chairman], Cllr K Strelcuk (H), Cllr A Whitehall (T)
In attendance: Mr R Allinson (Clerk to the Council); Cllr G Shacklock (NNC)

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24.01.01	**Apologies for absence and approval thereof** Apologies were received from Cllr Gibson (medical issues), Cllr Mallett (holiday), and Cllrs Plover and Wills (family commitments). These absences were approved.	
24.01.02	**Declaration of Interests** There were no declarations of interest in relation to the items on the agenda.	
24.01.03	**Public Forum** No members of the public were present.	
24.01.04	**North Northants Councillors Report** Cllr Shacklock reported he had no matters to raise.	
24.01.05	**Approval of Minutes of Meetings 9 November 2023** The minutes had been circulated to Councillors shortly after the meeting and were posted on the website. The minutes were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
24.01.06	**Matters Arising from minutes** **a)** The Actions Checklist prepared by the Clerk was **received.** It was **noted** that all matters not shown as Completed were included later on the agenda.	
24.01.07	**Planning Applications for consideration** **a) Pre-planning Consultation Letter from Galliford Try** The letter, a follow-up on previous correspondence for the erection of a phone mast, was noted as proposing a further alternative site on land at Longbrook Farm.	

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	Members were aware that the landowner had worked with the consultants on the proposal and is believed to be supportive. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should respond to the letter confirming that the proposed site is acceptable to the Parish Council, but noting that all developments in the parish area are expected to comply with the policy for the Management of Light Pollution (Dark Skies), and seeking confirmation (given the increased height of the mast at 30m), that the RAF site at Molesworth has been consulted and that no warning light would require to be affixed to the top of the mast (which would be contrary to the Parish Dark Skies policy).	Clerk 17/01/24
	Cllr Shacklock undertook to try and obtain information showing the coverage of various masts proposed in the area so that the Parish Council may be aware in relation to all three villages in the Parish Council area.	Cllr Shacklock
	b) **East Northants Local Pan Part 2** It was **noted** that this document had now been approved and adopted and is available on the North Northamptonshire Council website.	
	c) Summary of active planning applications The summary of the current status of outstanding applications was **received.** No approvals had been granted since the last meeting.	
	d) Planning Applications notified up to 11 January 2024 The Clerk advised that no new notifications had been received.	
	e) Indicative Wording to invite Planning Applicants to meetings The wording circulated had been produced with the aim of treating all applicants equally when advising them that their applications are being considered in a meeting, and their right to attend. The wording proposed by the Clerk was **approved**.	

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24.01.08	**Financial Report** a) The Clerk presented a report on the current bank position showing a balance of £13,521.83 at the end of December. There are no significant variances from budget. The report was **received**. b) The following payments were **approved**:	

NCALC – Planning training 20 November 2023 – Clerk plus 2 councillors (inc VAT)	£151.20
DCK Payroll – Quarter to December 2023	£18.00
Clerk Expenses to 31 December 2023	£79.40
CPRE Subscription	£60.00

c) The expenditure budget circulated was discussed and **agreed** including adding a subscription to Northamptonshire ACRE. The total budget is £5,465 as follows:

	Budget 2023-24
Payments	**£**
Clerk Costs	3,250
Insurance	370
Hall Rental	160
Subscriptions	450
Audit	220
Website	220
Office Costs	120
Maintenance	100
Training Costs	400
District/Unitary Council charges	0
Expenses	225
Contingency/ Grants Given	150
VAT recoverable	(200)
Total Payments	**5,465**

d) Taking into account the expenditure budget approved above, and the need to maintain reserves as set out in the Reserves Policy, it was **agreed** to set the precept for 2024-25 at £5,465. The Clerk was authorised to advise this figure to NNC for collection. — Clerk 19/01/24

24.01.09	**Thurning Pocket Park Renovation** The Clerk advised that he had received a draft Affidavit from LPR suitable to send to the Land Registry, and that LPR would prepare a map to accompany this (drawing on existing information on the Land Registry portal).	

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	LPR are seeking documents in relation to the installation of mains water in the 1940s demonstrating that Thurning Weir was the public source of water prior to that date. The Clerk will research through Northamptonshire Records Office. It was **noted** that the Weir is still a source of water for some livestock in the village, and that the Parish Council has maintained Public Liability insurance including the Weir for many years. The Clerk will aim to finalise documentation to go to the Land registry before the next meeting.	Clerk 31/01/24 Clerk 07/03/24
24.01.10	**Training** The Clerk presented a paper showing training that has taken place so far in the year and future bookings. This was **received**. The Clerk and two councillors attended *Responding to Planning Applications* on 20 November. Cllr Dawson and the Clerk reported that the session was useful. The Clerk was asked to circulate dates of further instances of this course to other councillors.	Clerk 19/01/24
24.01.11	**Highways / Footpaths / Public Rights of Way** a) The list of matters referred to FixMyStreet was **received.** Cllr Strelcuk will provide a photograph of the bridleway gate at Moor End which remains unsatisfactory. Cllr Harkness will provide photographs of the junction of Main Street and Luddington Road in Hemington where road markings have been eroded. Cllr Dawson will provide photographs of the overgrown drainage ditch near the junction with Gipsy Lane which leads to flooding of the main road during heavy rain. The Clerk will record these additional items on FixMyStreet. b) The results of speed monitoring in the villages carried out by NNC was **received**, noting that there is evidence of speeding in Luddington and Hemington. It was **agreed** to pursue further the installation of 'gates' on the verges at the approach to these villages. The Clerk to liaise with NNC on the steps to achieve this, including how to apply for grants available from the Police and Fire Commissioners Office, and follow up on existing commitments from NNC Highways Liaison Officer to refresh repeater speed signs where necessary, and to have 30mph roundels painted on the road.	Cllr Strelcuk/ Cllr Harkness/ Cllr Dawson 19/01/24 Clerk 31/01/24

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	c) The Clerk's report on progress with restoring old footpaths to the Definitive Map was noted. It was **agreed** that the Working Group should meet shortly to try and finalise plans and bring a definite proposal back to the full council. The Clerk to arrange a meeting.	Clerk 31/01/24
24.01.12	**Police Liaison Representative Report (PLR)** • A written report provided by the Clerk was **received**.	
24.01.13	**Correspondence and Council Briefings** The log of correspondence received was **reviewed.** Item CI556 was agreed under 24.01.08 d) above and will be marked as Completed.	Clerk 12/01/24
24.01.14	**Any Other Business** • **Great British Spring Clean litter picking** The Clerk will provide contact details at NNC for advice and equipment and Councillors will aim to set individual or co-ordinated village dates to carry out a clean up. • No further matters were raised for future discussion.	Clerk 19/01/24 All 28/02/24
23.11.15	**Date of Next Meeting** The next meeting was confirmed as 14th March 2024 in Thurning Village Hall.	
23.11.16	**Close of Meeting** The meeting closed at 20:42 hrs.	

Signed by Chairman ……
Date 14 March 2024.