

Great Oxendon Parish Council

Village Hall, Main Street, Great Oxendon

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 17th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Patel-Brown (Vice-Chair), Cllr Lindsay-Smith, Cllr Hogarth, Cllr Barker, Cllr Harris,

241. Apologies for Absence were received: Cllr Steedman (Chair), Cllr Rumsey, Cllr Irving-Swift, Cllr Parker

Cllr Patel-Brown chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Steedman.

242. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests under the Councils Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – None

243. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 March 2023

Approved. Prop: Cllr Lindsay-Smith, Sec: Cllr Hogarth

244. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings held on 13 March 2023

- i. **(231i) Plant a Tree for Jubilee** – Cllr Hogarth assessed and measured the site to double confirm suitability. It was noted a power cable crossed over the area so it was decided that planting a tree here just would not be suitable. Another site was queried. Cllr Lindsay-Smith to make enquiries due it being private land. Update due at next meeting.

245. Open Forum – No members of the public in attendance.

Cllr Harris gave an update to the Council.

A reminder that the Ward Boundary Consultation deadline is the 15 May 2023. All are encouraged to comment on the proposals.

No figures have yet been received regarding Period 12, the last month of the financial year, from West Northamptonshire Council. To date, WNC were overspend mainly in child services. An update will be shared once final figures are published.

A recent Ofsted report gave a negative review of fostering within West Northamptonshire. Adult Social Care is also an ongoing concern for the Council.

Results from the recent judicial review on the sale of land near the football ground is due soon and a peer review on the planning department has been published detailing the ongoing issues.

Cllr Harris also mentioned that nine new Local Area Partnerships (LAPS) are being set up. These partnerships are made up of representatives from West Northamptonshire Council, Council Officers, representatives from local voluntary services, medical practitioners, the police, and fire services. Cllr Harris is one of the representatives on the DSN1 group which covers the wards of Brixworth, Moulton, Braunston, Crick and Long Buckby. The strategy will outline a delivery plan on how to achieve the 10 'Live your Best Life' ambitions and the steps that will need to be taken.

Parish Councillors are being asked to share their own views via the Health and Wellbeing Survey recently published. The deadline is 8 May 2023.

246. Finance:

Date of Meeting: 17th Apr 2023

Payments to be Approved not yet Paid

DATE	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
01/04/2023	Mrs Sarah Smith	Parish Clerk Salary - Apr23	263.65	0.00	263.65
01/04/2023	Mrs Sarah Smith	Expenses - Ink & Domain Renewal	30.05	0.00	30.05
15/03/2023	Eon	Streetlight Maintenance Q1 2023	37.37	7.47	44.84
03/04/2023	NCALC	Annual Membership 2023/24	538.97	53.20	592.17
16/03/2023	S Hogarth	Flyer Print for NH Plan	19.00	0.00	19.00
05/04/2023	Npower	Streetlight Electricity Jan-Mar23	69.78	3.49	73.27
30/11/2022	Village Hall	Oct/Nov22 NH Plan Meetings	22.50	0.00	22.50

Payments to be Approved - Paid via Direct Debit

DATE	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
24/03/2023	BT Group PLC	Telephone and Broadband - Mar23	27.95	5.59	33.54

Invoices presented for Signature - Payment resolved at Previous Meeting

DATE	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
21/03/2023	House of Flags Ltd	Purchase of Flagpole & Flag for Village Hall	419.00	83.80	502.80

- i. The monthly payments were approved – see list above. Invoices were circulated prior to the meeting and were signed. Payments are processed as per the Internal Controls policy found on the website.

All approved apart from NCALC – Annual membership. Clerk to query and add to May payment run.

Prop: Cllr Barker, Sec: Cllr Hogarth

As per the Internal Control policy, the Clerk has delegated powers to spend up to £500 on day to day running expenses.

- ii. The accounts to 31st March 2023 (year-end) were presented. These consisted of:
 - a. Receipts
 - b. Expenditure
 - c. Bank Reconciliation
 - d. Statement of Reserves
 - e. Neighbourhood Plan Grants Expenditure
 - f. Spend v Budget
 - g. Copy of Payments to be Approved.
 - h. Bank Statements

The accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. All documents were approved and signed.

Prop: Cllr Lindsay-Smith, Sec: Cllr Hogarth

247. Planning and Licensing Consultations:

Planning

Consultations

- i. **Noted. Ward Boundaries in West Northamptonshire, Local Government Boundary Commission** – Draft recommendations for new wards, ward boundaries and ward names for WNC Consultation closes **15 May 2023**.
Note: Parish Councils are asked to comment for or against the proposals.

- ii. **Noted. West Northamptonshire Council – Variation to the Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Control and Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places) 2022** – Council seeking to vary the order to cover the Northampton Area and include requirement of dogs on leads in the town centre and at Upton Country Park Phase 2. **Consultation closes Monday 17 April 2023**

Of Note: This applies to the Brampton Valley Way whereby the maximum of 4 dogs that can be walked at any one time.

- iii. **Noted. Regulation 18 of Town and Country Planning - North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan Consultation** – The scope and options consultation marks the first engagement stage in preparing the new plan. The Council is inviting comments on what should be included. All documents can be viewed here. <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/planning-strategies-and-plans/gyps-y-and-traveller-local-plan>
The Consultation closes Wednesday 31st May 2023.

Cllr Hogarth is attending the Cross Borders meeting at the end of the month so will report back on this consultation.

- iv. **Noted. Draft Arthingworth Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16 Submission** – As Great Oxendon PC are a statutory consultee, comments are welcomed in a 6-week consultation. **Deadline Tuesday 23rd May 2023.**

248. Update from Councillors with regards to Areas of Responsibility

- i. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Councillor Hogarth

The Draft Plan has been submitted to West Northamptonshire Council and it has passed the Strategic Environment assessment stage.

An Open Event will be held on **Saturday 29th April 2023 at the Village Hall in Great Oxendon from 10am to 1pm.** All residents are welcome to attend, view and comment on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The next stage after the event will be to publish the plan under Regulation 14. All households will receive a printed copy. This consultation will last 6 weeks.

The old DDC planning application website has now migrated to the new WNC system. It can be found here - <https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk/>. The Clerk will update the village website with the new link.

Windmill Close boundary fence is under query. Clerk to continue to investigate.

- ii. **Highways** – Councillor Rumsey

Cllr Rumsey was absent from the meeting.

The damaged drains on the A508 were mentioned. After continuously reporting on fix my street/street doctor, Cllr Harris agreed to take the issue to Highways directly to assist in getting it resolved. Clerk to send reference numbers.

Clerk to add reflective strips to the next agenda for resolution. Estimated of cost approx. £60. Update at next meeting.

- iii. **Public Rights of Way** – Councillor Lindsay-Smith

- Bench Refurbishment – Ongoing. Works will commence once the better weather returns.
- A508 Footpath condition – Ongoing

iv. **Police & Community Safety** – Cllr Barker

February 2023 - In the Daventry rural area, the total number of reported crimes was 501 vs 426 in 2022. In Great Oxendon village, 1 crime was reported, a burglary on Clipston Lane.

v. **Environment**

- Safety Barrier – Ongoing – Works will commence when good weather returns. Second quote will be obtained.
- Flagpole – The flagpole has been delivered and will be erected in due course.

vi. **Community engagement and communication** – Councillor Patel-Brown - None

vii. **Lighting** - Councillor Patel-Brown – None

viii. **Audit and Compliance** – None

249. Urgent Matters for report only (Notified to the Chairman before the meeting)

Cllr Harris mentioned a **consultation** launched regarding Home to School Transport. This will be added to the May agenda for noting. **Deadline for comment is the 30 May 2023**

The ongoing Councillor vacancies were mentioned. Clerk to add to next agenda for further discussion and further advertisement.

250. Date and Time of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Monday 15th May 2023** at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, Great Oxendon.

The Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7:30pm. This meeting is for all residents of the Parish and all are encouraged to attend, raise concerns, and meet your Councillors. Following this will be the Annual General Meeting.

For Note - Dates of Future Meetings

- Mon 15th May 2023 (Annual Parish and Annual General Meeting)
- Mon 12th June 2023
- Mon 10th Jul 2023
- Mon 11th Sept 2023
- Mon 9th Oct 2023
- Mon 13th Nov 2023
- Mon 11th Dec 2023
- Mon 8th Jan 2024
- Mon 12th Feb 2024
- Mon 11th Mar 2024
- Mon 8th Apr 2024

251. The meeting was closed at 20:27



Mrs Sarah Smith, Parish Clerk
Great Oxendon Parish Council

Date & Signature of Chairman

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