

Minutes of the Hoton Parish Council Meeting Held in Hoton Village Hall on Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.45pm

In attendance: Cllr Girgis (SG) (Chair), Cllr Kennedy (DK), Cllr Boker (left at 8.17pm) and Victoria Webster (VW) (clerk)

The meeting commenced at 7.49pm

It should be noted that the meeting is not quorate and therefore no decisions can be made.

1/24	<p>To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received and approved from Cty Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Rathod and Cllr Cassell.</p>
2/24	<p>Declarations of interests: disclosable pecuniary interests; personal interests; or personal interests that may lead to bias, by parish councillors to items on the agenda. There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3/24	<p>To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th February 2024 Deferred to the next meeting due to not being inquorate.</p>
4/24	<p>Questions and comments from members of the public (10 minutes) One member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the ongoing issue of transport, particularly HGV's that come and go from the Prestwold Estate. Along with an increase in vehicles, they are also causing damage to the village road sides and pavements. The Prestwold Estate previously confirmed to the Parish Council that the car numbers they store have increased by 2,500 over the planning application numbers. The Parish Council have already contacted both LCC and Charnwood Borough Council about this ongoing issue. LCC have confirmed that the roads in and around the village are suitable for the vehicle types that are using them and no further action will be taken. Charnwood Borough Council have confirmed they will be looking into a potential breach of planning condition. The villager also mentioned a minimum of two lorries each day going in and out of the estate carrying soil which is new movement. The Parish Council confirmed this is for work that is being carried out on the bund to sound proof the estate from Wymeswold. The Parish Council will find out when the work is due to be completed.</p>
5/24	<p>Police Report and Correspondence No reports have been received since the previous meeting.</p>
6/24	<p>Borough Councillors Report Local Plan. There was another 2-day hearing in February which resulted in slight improvements being required. The final hearing is to be held in May to sign off the modifications. Cllr Boker is in discussions with the Prestwold Estate for screening to be erected coving the towering vehicles at the Auction Group. The Prestwold Estate are proposing to run a road through the estate for the Auction Group and the HDT driver training school traffic. Cllr Boker believes it will come out on Prestwold Lane but will</p>

	confirm this with the Parish Council. The Prestwold Estate previously informed the Parish Council the entrance/exit would be coming out near Burton.
7/24	<p>County Councillors Reports</p> <p>Apologies were given but the following report was sent ahead of the meeting:</p> <p>If there are any matters concerning Hoton in particular which the Parish Council would like Cllr Shepherd to follow up or about which more information is needed, please let him know. For matters of general interest, he would like to thank the Clerk for continuing to circulate to Councillors information items and media releases which he sends. He would like to draw attention especially to the following:</p> <p>‘Flooding Enquiries’ – sent on the 13th March ‘Network North Funding’ – Sent 14th March ‘Cabinet to discuss update on transport cash’ – Sent 18th March ‘New analysis highlights councils’ high performance’ – sent 21st March Item 9 on the Agenda for the County Council Cabinet meeting on the 26th March – County Council Performance and Expenditure Benchmarking – update – sent 25th March Item 7 on the Agenda for the County Council Cabinet Meeting on the 26th March – Network North Funding and the local Transport Fund’ – sent 28th March. This includes a link to the entire Agenda Pack on the County Council website.</p>
8/24	<p>Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discuss the possibility of employing an individual or company to carry out small maintenance tasks around the village Deferred to the next meeting. b. Discuss if the Parish Council should change the email address to a .gov.uk account NALC recommends that councils adopt a gov.uk domain name to improve professionalism within the sector and better manage information within the council. The Cabinet Office have agreed to fund the set-up cost (£100 + VAT) which includes the first 2 years of hosting. There is limited funding and on a first come first served basis. The two Councillors present felt this would be a positive move for the Parish Council. It was therefore agreed the Clerk would use their power of delegation to approve this to enable the Parish Council to apply for said funding. c. Discuss the ongoing issue of traffic concerns arising from HGV vehicles from the Prestwold Estate and traffic generally throughout the village Discussed above in item 4. d. Discuss any issues raised from villagers following a call for comments, good or bad The Parish Council have received two responses so far. The concerns of the first villager are that of the traffic that comes from the Prestwold Estate. The second villager has concerns about HGV’s that exceed 7.5 tons using Wymeswold Road. The Parish Council are going to try and look into this but it is a difficult situation as they could be travelling to the businesses on said road. They also suggested a Helping Hands Group within the village to support older villagers. The Parish Council are going to look into this. e. Receive an update on the joint Neighbourhood Plan Burton is reviewing the Plan due to a Parish Boundary Change. The change effects a couple of dwellings in Cotes as they have moved within the Loughborough boundary. This is an opportunity for Hoton Parish Council to review their section of the Neighbourhood Plan. The decision will be deferred to the next meeting.

9/24	<p>To Receive Reports from Councillors</p> <p>No reports to present.</p>
10/24	<p>Playing Field and Play Ground</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review Action Plan that has been drawn up following the annual playground inspection and agree actions. Defer to the next meeting. b. Discuss the Playing Field Strategic Plan Defer to the next meeting.
11/24	<p>To Receive the Clerks Report</p> <p>The report was distributed prior to the meeting and there were no items for further discussion.</p>
12/24	<p>Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial update - The Cash Book & Bank Recs to be reviewed and signed off Deferred to the next meeting b. To agree payments due for the month (Schedule of Payments to be signed by the Chair). The Clerk used their power of delegation to approve the payments otherwise the Parish Council would be late paying several invoices. The payments were reviewed and signed off.
13/24	<p>Planning Applications (only those highlighted are either new since the previous meeting or a decision has been made)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P/22/1777/2. 7 Rempstone Road, Hoton. Tree and vegetation removal to area identified on map in red, and also to remove all trees and vegetation to create access track for works to be completed shown edged. No decision has been made. • P/22/1603/2. 40 Loughborough Road, Hoton. Construction of 4 dwellings with associated parking, hard surfacing and landscaping. No decision has been made. • P/22/2163/2. Land off Prestwold Lane. Part change of use of airfield runway to Storage and Distribution of motor vehicles (Class B8) with associated infrastructure (Retrospective Application). No decision has been made. • P/23/1477/2. 19 Loughborough Road. Tree in the front garden - Whole Tree Removal. No decision has been made yet. • P/23/1660/2. Hoton Farm, Rempstone Road. Installation of farm incinerator. No decision has been made yet.
14/24	<p>Correspondence – Discuss and Agree Response to the following:</p> <p>No items for discussion.</p>
15/24	<p>To agree items for the Press Release</p> <p>Villagers Opinions on the village.</p>
16/25	<p>To receive agenda items for the next meeting</p> <p>No further items to add.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.27pm

These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record.

Chairman Signature: _____

Date: _____