

Minutes of the Hoton Parish Council Meeting

Held in Hoton Village Hall on Monday 4th December 2023 at 7.45pm

In attendance: Cllr Girgis (Chair), Cllr Cassell, Cllr Rathod, Cllr Kennedy and Victoria Webster (clerk)

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm

59/23	<p>To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received and approved from Cty Cllr Shepherd.</p>
60/23	<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>
61/23	<p>To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th September 2023 The minutes were accepted as true and accurate.</p>
62/23	<p>Questions and comments from members of the public (10 minutes) Fiona Wingate, Councillor for Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold attended the meeting to discuss the joint Neighbourhood Plan Hoton holds with them. The plan is currently half way through its life span but a review is needed due to a change in the parish boundaries. It was suggested a meeting is arranged for the first quarter of 2024 to discuss this further. Action: VW to arrange this meeting and notify all concerned.</p>
63/23	<p>Police Report and Correspondence The reports were distributed prior to the meeting. No comments were made and no questions raised.</p>
64/23	<p>Borough Councillors Report There was no Borough Councillor present.</p>
65/23	<p>County Councillors Reports Apologies were received from Cty Cllr Shepherd but he sent the following report: I am grateful to the Clerk for continuing to circulate information about County Council matters. All homes should have received the Winter Edition of Leicestershire Matters, distributed by Royal Mail, by Friday, 24th November. If you are aware of any issues with delivery, please let me know. I have one item of concern to Hoton in particular to report, and that is the latest information available about progress with my Member Highway Fund (MHF) Application for SID/VAS signs (I understand both terms are used).</p>

	<p>On 30th November I heard from the County Council officer who is in touch with the supplier, SWARCO, as follows: "...the sign is likely to be fitted sometime in the new year. They can't give me a date yet it's still in manufacture."</p> <p>This is obviously disappointing news and I have asked the officer to tell me when he hears anything further. If I have not received an update after a reasonable period I'll enquire again.</p>
66/23	<p>Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To appoint a Police Liaison Representative Clerk to remain as point of contact at present and the item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting once further information has been received. b. To discuss volume of traffic concerns on the airfield It has been noted that additional transporters, trucks and HGVs are passing through the village and additional storage items are on the airfield. A few local residents have commented on the danger of the lorries turning and also blocking the road. It was previously quoted that there would be a total of 80 vehicles a day traveling to and from the airfield, 70 cars and 10 HGV's. However, these figures don't include individuals that go to the site to collect vehicles. It was suggested we contact both Hamish to ask about the increased numbers and the planning team at CBC to make them aware of the increased numbers if Hamish's response is not satisfactory. Action: VW to contact Hamish regarding the visible increase in trailers, small, large and HGV's. c. To discuss the option of a tree survey in the village The tree survey is following a visit from an LCC tree surgeon after it was noted there was a tree of concern in the playing field. The tree of concern is not the responsibility of the Parish Council or LCC and the person who owns the land that the tree is on has been contacted. All Councillors agreed the tree survey should be carried out by LCC on all trees in the playing field area. d. To discuss the playing field responsibilities All documents have now been received relating to the playing field maintenance from the previous Councillor who previously maintained the playing field. VW will check through these and store as required. The question was raised if LRALC have any training courses that current Councillors could attend Action: VW to check this.
67/23	<p>To Receive Reports from Councillors</p> <p>DK reported that the slabs are still broken on the corner of Wymeswold Road and Rempstone Road. Action: VW is to chase this.</p>
68/23	<p>To make comments and agree action on the following planning applications:</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/23/0841/2. Rose Farmhouse, 22 Loughborough Road. Erection of single storey extension at rear and air-conditioning units at side and rear of house (Revised scheme - P/22/2449/2 refers). Granted conditionally.

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69/23	<p>Correspondence – Discuss and Agree Response to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Condition of tennis courts email from village resident Moss is growing on the side of the tennis court which is hazardous. It is the time of year which is causing this issue with is being so damp. It was suggested that a sign should be erected for both the tennis court area and playground that equipment is being used at individuals own risk. The Parish Council will look at having the moss treated/removed. Action: VW to obtain a quote from the local company suggested and from M&BG. Action: VW to purchase signs and get them erected. b. Climate & Ecology Bill All agreed not to support this.
70/23	<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> <p>The Clerk wanted to note that there is a tree in a planer in front of the notice board at the entrance to the playing field and asked if this could be moved.</p> <p>Action: SG offered to move the tree.</p>
71/23	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial update - The Cash Book & Bank Recs to be reviewed and signed off The paperwork was reviewed and agreed. b. To agree payments due for the month (Schedule of Payments to be signed by the Chair). The payments were reviewed and signed off. c. 2024-2025 Budget All councillors agreed to a 10% increase in the precept for 2024/2025 from £13,340 to £14,674. All paperwork was completed and signed.
72/23	<p>To agree items for the Press Release</p> <p>Mailing List Use facilities at own risk Councillor vacancies</p>
73/23	<p>To receive agenda items for the next meeting</p> <p>Airfield Police Representative</p>

The meeting closed at 8.46pm.

These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record.

Chairman Signature: _____

Date: _____