

Minutes of the Hoton Parish Council Meeting Held in Hoton Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 7.00pm

In attendance: Cllr Girgis (SG) (Chair), Cllr Kennedy (DK) and Victoria Webster (VW) (clerk)

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

The meeting is not quorate due to only 2 Councillors being present. No formal decisions can be made.

59/24	<p>To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received and approved from Cty Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Rathod and Cllr Cassell.</p>
60/24	<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 for tonight's meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Kennedy reported that the Village Hall are reviewing their constitution and he will be joining the Village Hall as a Trustee. His role is to ensure the governance fits with the charity legislation.</p>
61/24	<p>To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 26th June 2024 Approval to be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
62/24	<p>Questions and comments from members of the public (10 minutes)</p> <p>One member of the village attended the meeting to discuss the central reservation outside the village hall following a recent accident that took place on the 15th August. The two bollards that were in situ on the central reservation were wiped out by the car. This was reported to the police and LCC. LCC acknowledged this and confirmed a highway inspector reviewed the central reservation and stated no further action will be taken but they will continue to monitor it. There is currently a temporary sign on the central reservation, do LCC just plan to leave the temporary sign there in the hope that it is adequate? The central reservation is constantly hit and debris from the broken bricks that act as the border to the reservation, are constantly having to be removed by villagers from the road. The central reservation is to slow cars down and to assist with pedestrians crossing the road. Without the bollards in place, it is even more likely that cars will crash into it as has been happening with bollards on it. The bollards that were wiped out need to be replaced for safety.</p> <p>Despite the meeting not being quorate and decision making not being permitted, Councillors decided to take action with this matter due to the safety of others that can not wait until the next formal meeting in December.</p> <p>Action: In the first instance make contact with LCC to request an explanation. Following this if further assistance is required, contact Cllr Shephard and inform him of the situation and request his support.</p>
63/24	<p>Borough Councillors Report There was no Borough Councillor present.</p>

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64/24	<p>County Councillors Reports</p> <p>The following report was provided by Cty Cllr Shepherd:</p> <p>I have no matters concerning Hoton in particular to report at the moment, but please let me know in due course of any issues which the Parish Council would like me to follow up or about which more information is needed.</p> <p>I am grateful to the Clerk for continuing to circulate media releases and other information items of general County interest.</p>
65/24	<p>Business</p> <p>a. Discuss reported issues and events from residents since the previous meeting. A villager's garage was broken into and several strangers have been seen lurking around the village recently. Whilst these are minor issues, the Parish Council feel they should be noted. It was suggested the Parish Council find out who the villages local beat officer is and make direct contact with them. Action: VW to locate this information and distribute. Action: VW to advertise the police contact website, Neighbourhood Link to the village.</p> <p>b. Discuss in more detail the proposed General Village Maintenance person and decide on the position details. To be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
66/24	<p>To Receive Reports from Councillors</p> <p>DK reported that the owner of the private field located next to the playing fields which has trees over hanging and need trimming back, has passed away. Therefore, the works that were previously stated would take place currently can't.</p>
67/24	<p>Asset Maintenance</p> <p>It was suggested the Councillors carry out monthly checks on the assets rather than weekly.</p> <p>The football pitch is uneven along one side and it was suggested that the Parish Council could use some funds to get this levelled. To be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was reported that a dead hedgehog was recently found in the cricket nets as it had got caught up in them. Is there anything the Parish Council could do to lift the nets? To be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
68/24	<p>Playing Field and Play Ground</p> <p>a. Use of Playing Field on the 20th September by a villager for a charity event All Councillors felt this would not be an issue but asked that they are considerate to other villagers if they wish to use any equipment on this day, that all activities and equipment used are at their own risk and the Parish Council will not accept any responsibility and finally that they think ahead about parking of vehicles as this is limited in the village.</p>
69/24	<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>
70/24	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. The Cash Book to be reviewed</p>

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	<p>The Cash Book was reviewed and no queries were raised.</p> <p>b. The Bank Reconciliation to be reviewed and signed off The bank reconciliations will be carried over to the next meeting.</p> <p>c. To agree payments due (Schedule of Payments to be signed) The Clerk used powers delegated to her to request that the cheques for these payments are signed as the Parish Council have not had a meeting since June and the next formal meeting is not until December which is deemed too long for companies to wait for payment. The Schedule of Payments will be carried over to the next meeting for signature.</p>
71/24	<p>Planning Applications (only those highlighted are new since the previous meeting or a decision has been made)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P/23/1477/2. 19 Loughborough Road. Tree in the front garden - Whole Tree Removal. No decision has been made yet. • P/24/0600/2. 21 Loughborough Road. Erection of single storey rear extension and partial garage conversion with new raised roof. Grant Conditionally. • P/24/0770/2. Prestwold Hall Estate. Retrospective Full Planning Application for the change of use of part of runway at Wymeswold Airfield to B8 Storage and Distribution (for Motor Vehicles) with associated works and proposed internal access road to link Burton Road (TO BE CONFIRMED) • P/24/1267/2. 28 Loughborough Road. Erection of two storey rear extension and alterations to front facade and fenestration. No decision has been made yet.
72/24	<p>Correspondence – Discuss and Agree Response to the following: No items received.</p>
73/24	<p>To agree items for the Press Release Councillor Vacancies. How to contact the Police, Neighbourhood Link</p>
74/24	<p>To agree agenda items for the next meeting It was suggested as the next meeting is informal, Councillors take this opportunity to do a walk around of the playing field to assess the assets.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record.

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