FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2024 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows,

Mr Geoff Holden, Mrs Chris Littlewood, (Mr John Thomason was attending a NCALC

training course)

2 Members of the public present (1 other member arrived near the end of the meeting

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mr Kev Beasley, Mr Simon Levell, Mr Tom Higginson, Unitary Cllr Mr Phil Bignell, Mr Charles Morton

Chair: Mrs Christine Littlewood

1071.0 Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion. Nothing declared.

1072.0 | **Public Forum:** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors

- Update received from Unitary Cllr Mr Phil Bignell regarding crime in Northampton town centre, the Local Transport Plan, registration of birds kept outside and new computer system for Council revenues and benefits.
- 1073.0 To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th July 2024. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.
- **1074.0** Outstanding items updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
 - Flood Warden: Noted drains at Kislingbury roundabout will be cleaned and inspected shortly
 - Climate Group: Written report received. Currently two consultations: Local Nature Restoration Strategy and the WNC Climate Strategy – attended going to both. Meetings on hold for a period of time due to work commitments.
 - · High Street: Still waiting for costings.
 - Flore not successful for the Kier tree lottery.
 - PFCC correspondence noted.

1075.0 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1075.1 Handrail extension, Ram Bank. To obtain two alternative options to the posts as original not available.
- 1075.2 Land behind Holiday Inn Enforcement action: Noted that WNC are looking into this and will follow up shortly. Further photographs have been sent to WNC
- 1075.3 Tree planting on bypass: Noted the proposed plans in place for Kier.
- 1075.4 Messenger advertising policy.

Resolved: To accept the new policy. FD/KB

1075.5 Business Plan.

Resolved: To accept the revised and up to date Plan as presented (no changes to be made). FD/GF 1075.6 Gov.uk Domain/Email.

Resolved: To obtain a domain and email address, GF/FD

1075.7 NCALC AGM: Clirs Fellows and Thompson to attend.

1075.8 | H&S fixed assets: quarterly inspection

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Closed Churchyard incl	Chris Littlewood	All ok		
Trees / Wall / Headstones /				
Fencing				
Planters outside PO	Chris Littlewood	All ok recently planted up		
Bus Shelters	Simon Levell	All ok		
1 cantilever				
2 enclosed bus shelters				
1 brick bus shelter				
Seats:	Geoff Fellows	All ok		
Metal /Composite / Wooden				
/Concrete				
Notice boards	Geoff Holden	Ok		
Dog/litter bins	Andy Anderson	Ok		

Clerk / Cllr Fellows

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Street lights	Kev Beasley	To be noted at next meeting	
War memorial including Lightning Conductor	Kev Beasley	To be noted at next meeting	
Flore Well	Kev Beasley	To be noted at next meeting	
Flagpoles	Commonwealth Flags Project	All ok	
Village sign, surround and Village map Village Gateways	Tom Higginson	To be noted at next meeting	
Consultations Climate Change – Climate Gro Tree & Woods Strategy – Cllr L			
		nust the Council had £43,173.11 in the bank are no matters arising. Reserves: approx. £2	
confirmed all present and corre	ect.	e paperwork, including bank statements, and nal audit examination with no concerns note	
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Retrospective paid July Turtle Engineering	Defib pads		131.
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Retrospective pad August			4000
SALIX	Loan repayment		1829.
Halkett	Salary		746.
HMRC	PAYE		210.
Halkett	Office costs		17.
Freeman		d and Playing fields	468.
T Drinkwater	Strimming memoria		130.
D Brown	churchyard	garden, removal fallen branch from tree in	156.
LC Hedging	Grass cutting, verg	es (3 invoices) August Total	1259. 4817.
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Halkett	Salary		746.
HMRC	PAYE		210.
Halkett	Office rent		17.
Design to Print	Messenger printing		159.
LC Hedging	Grass cutting		619.
T Drinkwater	Strimming memoria	al garden	100.
PKF Littlejohn	External audit		252.
Zurich	Council insurance 2		829.
Millennium Hall	Rent for library Jul-		75.0
Turtle Engineering	Replacement Defib	batteries x 2	479.
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges		18. 3507 .
Received after agenda publish	ed		00011
LC Hedging	Grass cutting 2 invo	oices	939.
		l churchyard grass cutting ne invoice currently in credit but tbc	234.
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		Total Monthly Total	4681

note that this application was refused at the WNC planning committee meeting in July. Noted

Application: Retrospective 2024/3172/S73. 32 The Crescent. Variation of Condition 2 of

1078.3 | Application: Retrospective 2024/3449/TCA. Mill Barn, The Avenue. Work to trees in a conservation

Plan and does not affect the street scene.

WMD/2022/0026. The Council has no objections to this application as it complies with the Neighbourhood

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area. The Council has no objections to this application as it is necessary for the health of the trees, does not adversely affect the street scene and is in line with the Neighbourhood Plan

- Application: Retrospective 2024/3618/TCA. The Old Queens Head, 72 High Street. Work to trees in a conservation area. The Council has no objections to this application as it is necessary for the health of the trees, does not adversely affect the street scene and is in line with the Neighbourhood Plan
- 1078.5 **Application: 2024/4104/OUT**. 20 The Green. Outline application (all matters reserved except access) for the erection of 1 no self-build dwelling.

Flore Parish Council objects to this proposal. The old village Green was first identified as an open space of historical importance, on which the village stocks and lock up were in place until 1834, in the Flore Village Design Statement of 2008 p25. The Neighbourhood Plan reinforces this with policy F9 which also protects the Old Green from adverse effects on its function, openness and permanence.

The lane onto which this proposal has a frontage is a remaining part of the infrastructure of the old village and, although it's demarcation has been largely lost on the west side of The Green by the introduction of large parking areas opposite nos .12 and 14, which merge into it, the stretch on the south side is largely intact and clearly delineated, in part by the low old stone retaining wall at the front of this plot which would be lost in the proposal.

Together with the grade 2 listed properties at 20 and 22, of which it could be considered to be part of their curtilage, the lane provides an important glimpse of how Flore would have been before the 20th century.

The introduction of motor vehicles into this remaining part of the lane would result in irreversible erosion of this important element of the Conservation Area and must be protected.

1079.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 1079.1 Brodie Lodge.
- 1079.2 | Millennium Hall. Nothing to report
- 1079.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Flags flying well
- 1079.4 | Charities: Nothing to report

1080.0 | CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a. Climate Group Update.1074

b. Kier Group Results of tree lottery 1074

c. Cllr Mortond. WNCUpdate on field being layby. 1075.2Update on bypass planting. 1075.3

e. NCALC AGM. 1075.7 f. WNC Consultations 1075.9 g. PKF Audit conclusion 1076.3

h. WNC Notification/planning applications. 1078.1-5

NCALC Updates and Training WNC Town & Parish Briefing

WNC Media Updates

WNC weekly planning register

ACRE newsletter

1081.0 | CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Date of next meetings: 8th October, 12th November

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Flood Warden and High Street work updates Climate Group (only if something to report) Field behind layby enforcement update Trees on bypass further update, if received.

The meeting closed at 2010 hrs