

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: Cllrs Fellows and Thompson to attend.
- 1075.8 H&S fixed assets: quarterly inspection

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

Clerk / Cllr
Fellows

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

1078.4 **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

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| a. | Climate Group | Update.1074 |
| b. | Kier Group | Results of tree lottery 1074 |
| c. | Cllr Morton | Update on field being layby. 1075.2 |
| d. | WNC | Update 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 |

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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