

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON
8th OCTOBER 2024 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Kev Beasley, Mr Geoff Fellows,
Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
Unitary Cllrs: Mr Phil Bignell
Public: 4 Members of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Miss Freya Davies, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden
Unitary Cllrs Mr Charles Morton

Chair: Mrs Christine Littlewood

1082.0 **Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion.** Cllr Littlewood declared an interest in item 1089.2,

1083.0 **Public Forum:** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors

- Resident mentioned the climate change and animals/insects in the Churchyard that could be monitored. Also, he questioned the charges re the grass cutting – he was advised that the Council pay a contractor directly who cuts the closed churchyard grass but not the open part of the churchyard as that comes down to the PCC.
- Other residents had come along to listen. 2 were the owners of the property being discussed at item 1089.2
- Cllr Bignell informed meeting that he was one of the Conservative candidates representing the Campion ward and would be Flore's representative, if elected in May. Cllr Morton would be remaining in the Long Buckby ward. He also mentioned the new crematorium to be built in Northampton and the treescapes consultation.

1084.0 **To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th September 2024.** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

1085.0 **Outstanding items - updates** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- Flood Warden: Following the heavy rain - balancing pond at Bovis worked well, area around the Mill flooded. Signs were erected during the flood. Collins Hill residents have been given permission to dig a ditch at the rear of their properties to take water away from the hill. Cllr Thomason informed the meeting that he has been liaising with other nearby village's flood wardens to coordinate flood issues, in similar circumstances to what happened recently at Kislingbury roundabout where the roads were completely closed. These villages include Heyford, Harpole and Kislingbury. He will also contact Bugbrooke
- Climate Group: Emmie and John to attend the WNC Climate Summit at Delapre Abbey on 9th October
- High Street: Noted that the costings have been received, group looking at a possible match funding.
- Flore domain www.flore-pc.gov.uk has been confirmed, Email is clerk@flore-pc.gov.uk which is now up and working. Cllr Fellows to look how to link to Wix site. Council set a date of 1st March 2025 to only hold the gov.uk domain. Advertising to be on website, Messenger and Facebook.
- The Green registered ownership - Noted

1086.0 **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

1086.1	Handrail extension, Ram Bank. Contractor cannot find anything that could be used – to look at getting posts casted or using a different material. Nov agenda	November
1086.2	Land behind Holiday Inn: Clerk to write to traveller's unit to find out what action has taken place. Cllr Bignell informed meeting that Cllr Morton is still on the case but has not heard anything recently.	Cllr Fellows/ Clerk
1086.3	Bypass Tree planting: The first phase of vegetation clearance has taken place. Consultants walked the route and have submitted comments which will be discussed on 18 th October, likely to include more vegetation clearance and a phase of seeding the ground.	November
1086.4	Nature Recovery Strategy – nomination Cllr Thomason to ask the Climate Group whether someone would be the nomination.	
1086.5	Council assets not recorded in Sept. Village gateways, map and sign all OK. Cenotaph, surround has a few loose columns, to be looked at and a price to fix sought. Street lights all working but many covered	November

	by trees. Cllr Beasley to note addresses of these lamps and either a quote to be sought for highways trees or residents to be contacted to clear if in gardens.	
1086.6	Elections: Cllr Fellows and Thomason attended the NCALC AGM and reported back on election plans. promotional info expected from NCALC. To be advertised in depth from January but a notice to be put on website shortly.	
1086.7	WNC: Grass cutting grant. Confirmed that the annual amount would be £1348.33. Resolved: Councillors agreed to accept. Cllr Littlewood signed the form and Clerk to send off with invoice	Clerk
1086.8	WNC: Consultation – pharmacies. Cllr Baines would take a look and if necessary submit comments.	Cllr Baines
1087.0	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
1087.1	Finance update. It was reported that as at 30 th September the Council had £58,233.43 in the bank account. Income received - £20,435 Precept and £325 Messenger adverts. There were no matters arising. Reserves: approx. £21,000. Figures accepted.	
1087.2	Internal Control. Cllr Holden had looked through the paperwork, including bank statements, and confirmed all present and correct. Cllr Thomason asked about a savings account and would send info on an account he had heard about to Cllr Holden to investigate.	
1087.3	Wreath: Councillors agreed to pay £20 for a handmade wreath and donate £30 to the RBL.	Clerk
1077.0	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	
	Accumulated invoice for year to date – new contract	
	SSE Street light electricity (Feb-Sep)	1018.11
	Agreed at meeting	
	Halkett Salary	746.44
	HMRC PAYE	210.53
	Halkett Office rent	17.00
	Design to Print Messenger printing	159.00
	LC Hedging Grass cutting	619.92
	NCALC Code of Conduct course	50.40
	Unity Trust Bank charges	5.40
	M Freeman Grass cutting	234.00
	Cuttlefish Gov.uk email	38.10
		2080.79
	Received after agenda published	
	LC Hedging Grass cutting	619.92
	D Brown Grass cutting/spraying – Memorial Park	192.00
		Total 801.92
		Monthly Total 2892.71
1089.0	PLANNING	
1089.1	Application: Retrospective: 2024/4308/TCA. 23 Kings Lane. Work to trees in a conservation area. The Council has no objections to this application. The work is needed for the health and safety of the respective trees.	
1089.2	Application: 2024/4382/Full. 47 Kings Lane. Single storey link and rear extension with alterations to existing dwelling including conversion of garage to habitable use. Cllr Littlewood left the room. Cllr Baines took charge of the item to be discussed. The Council has no objections to this application conforms with the Neighbourhood Plan and does not affect the street scene. Cllr Anderson asked residents if the fascia that would be replaced, would still be a dark colour, this was confirmed.	
1089.3	Application: 2024/4516/TCA. 23 Kings Lane. Work to trees in a conservation area. The Council has no objections to this application. The work is needed for the health and safety of the respective trees.	
1089.4	Application: 2024/4557/TPO. Crossroads Hotel, High Street, Weedon. Work to trees and felling of a tree with TPO. The Council has no objections to this application. The work is needed for the health and safety of the trees	
1090.0	REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS	
1090.1	Brodie Lodge. Maintenance day this Sunday, de-ivying and cutting back some overhanging trees.	
1090.2	Millennium Hall. Nothing to report	
1090.3	Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Nothing to report	
1090.4	Charities: Nothing to report	

1091.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC High Street plans. 1085
- b. Cuttlefish Domain name. 1085
- c. WNC Info on The Green. 1085
- d. WNC Proposed consultation Nature Recovery Strategy. 1086.4
- e. WNC Grass cutting grant. 1086.7
- f, WNC Planning applications x 3 (resident's note) 1089 (1-3)

NCALC Updates and Training
WNC Town & Parish Briefing
WNC Media Updates
WNC weekly planning register
ACRE newsletter

1092.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

WNC: Potential removal of White Hart from Asset of Community Value register. - November agenda, clerk to write to owner and inform him about this
EDF (via Cllr Thomason). No news on the application at present although there is some objection to the cable route. Cllr Bignell confirmed it is likely to be discussed at the December planning meeting. Subject to the decision, work to commence summer/autumn 2025.

Clerk

Date of next meetings: 12th November, (no meeting in December), 21st January (third Tuesday

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.
Handrail extension on Ram Bank
Memorial surround, quote for work to refix loose posts into ground.
Asset of Community Value – White Hart

The meeting closed at 2040 hrs