

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY
16TH MARCH 2024, 2.00PM, AT ST MARKS CHURCH, ST MARKS CRESCENT, KINGSTHORPE**

PRESENT: Cllrs, Titus Ajayi (Chair), Eluned Lewis-Nichol, Gill Askens, Sally Beardsworth, Tony Ward, , Anthony Antoniou, Elaine Miller, Bryan Lewin, Dilip Kumar, Rachael Ball, Mike O'Connor, Sam Kilby-Shaw, Mamun Ali

ALSO PRESENT: A Barnes (Clerk), Ana Savage-Gunn, one member of the public

ABSENT: Cllrs, Steve Miller, Arthur Newbury

35/24 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs, S Miller due to other commitments, and Cllr Newbury due to sickness. It was proposed by Cllr Askens, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth, and unanimously resolved that the apologies be accepted

36/24 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None notified

At 14.05 Cllr Ali arrived at the meeting

37/24 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Beardsworth, seconded by Cllr E Miller, and resolved with 9 votes for and 3 abstentions, that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st February 2024 were considered, agreed, and signed as a correct record

38/24 REPORTS FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES AND WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS

38.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Rumens

38.2 Cllr Beardsworth reiterated the WNC budget includes an average increase to Council Tax by 4.99%, to help generate extra funding of £12m with a further 2% specifically for Adult Social Care to help with the shortfall. There will also be an average increase in housing rent of 7.7% from 1 April 2024.

Cllr Beardsworth also advised, Council have approved its Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy

39/24 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr Ajayi welcomed the members of the public. At the Chairs discretion, allowed Ana Savage-Gunn to give a brief introduction about herself

40/24 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None received

41/24 FINANCE

It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved:

41.1 To approve and authorise payments for March expenditure totaling £18,360.77

41.2 To receive and note the budget report expenditure year-to-date

41.3 To receive and note the Bank Reconciliation for February 2024

42/24 COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

It was resolved the minutes of the undermentioned be approved and adopted:

42.1 Climate Change and Environment Committee - Monday 4th March 2024

42.2 Planning Committee - Monday 4th March 2024

43/24 RISK ASSESSMENT

It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved to approve and adopt the protocol

44/24 SYSTEMS OF INTERNAL CONTROL

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Antoniou, and resolved with 12 votes for and 1 abstention to approve and adopt the protocol

45/24 ASSET REGISTER

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Lewin, and unanimously resolved to note the Council's Asset Register for year ending 31st March 2024

46/24 INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was proposed by Ball, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved to approve the appointment of Lynn Lavender, Ncalc Internal Audit Service for year-end audit

47/24 COUNCIL'S INSURANCE 2024-25

It was proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved and approve the annual review of the Council's Insurance arrangements

48/24 21 GROUP LIBRARIES NETWORK

It was proposed by Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved as recommended, that the Council does not renew its membership

49/24 WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

It was proposed by Cllr Beardsworth, seconded by Cllr Miller, and resolved with 12 votes for and 1 against that the Climate Change and Environment Committee has delegated authority to respond on Councils behalf

50/24 MOTIONS

It was proposed by Cllr Ball, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved that the Council asks the Clerk to write to West Northamptonshire Council, regarding the condition of Kingsthorpe Cemetery

51/24 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 51.1 Cllr Lewin gave a verbal update regarding the West Northamptonshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024. The Clerk to source a boundary map
- 51.2 Correspondence was considered from Northants PFCC pertaining to Min Ref 161/23 & 16/24 (CCTV in the Kingsthorpe area). Members were disappointed by the response. Cllr Kilby-Shaw stated he will propose a future motion that Council considers writing to the new Commissioner

52/24 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- 52.1 There was a good turnout by Councillors and feedback following the Day of Action on litter

53/24 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Noted as Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.00pm

54/24 TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- 54.1 It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved to move into a closed session due to the confidential business to be discussed
- 54.2 It was proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Ball, and unanimously resolved to approve the draft Lease to install a Defibrillator and Bleed cabinet at Pastures Community Centre and the expenditure of £562 for WNC legal fees in connection with this licence

MEETING CONCLUDED 15.55

**Signed:
Chair**

Date: