



St Giles on the Heath
With Northcott Hamlet Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr K Hamlyn (Chairman)
Cllr S Paulger
Cllr S Trusler
Cllr R Nicholson
Cllr R Atkinson
Cllr G Thorne
Cllr L Pugh

In Attendance:

Clerk Kayleigh Walker
District Councillor Philip Hackett
Members of the public: 8

The Chairman welcomed all those present and commenced the meeting at 7.30pm prompt.

1 PUBLIC SESSION

- 1.1 Members of the public expressed disgust with regards to the workmanship of the pavement resurfacing, the lack of pedestrian walkway and the conduct of some of the contractors. The Chairman advised that the Clerk had already reported this to DCC Highways and will follow up again with the additional comments made.

2 RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Cllr M Stanbury, Cllr A Curtis, Cllr A Nicholson.
- 2.2 The Chairman declared all declarations of interests are to be raised at the appropriate agenda item.
- 2.3 The Chairman welcomed District Cllr Hackett to the meeting. Cllr Hackett advised as it is currently the period of purdah he could not discuss anything that may affect voting but could answer any general queries.
- 2.4 After a long period as a Council member Cllr R Nicholson advised that she would not be standing at the upcoming election but expressed her gratitude for the opportunities that had arisen over the years and wished the Parish Council all the best for the future.

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting held March 14th 2023 were previously circulated, proposed by Cllr Paulger seconded by Cllr Atkinson and agreed by all as a true record of the meeting, the Chairman signed a copy.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 Cllr Thorne asked if a response had been received from TDC regarding the payment of grants. The Clerk confirmed that Staci Dorey, Head of Legal at TDC advised that if the grant is being awarded to an organisation and Council is satisfied of this the payment itself can be made to a member of that organisation if the organisation does not hold its own bank account.

Chairman sign and Date _____



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5. RECEIVING CLERKS REPORT AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 The Chairman read an email from Cllr Powlesland which notified Council of his immediate resignation. Cllr Powlesland wished the Parish Council well but advised he could no longer be part of it. The email addressed some comments made at the previous Council meeting in relation to the skittles teams minutes. The Chairman responded to these comments however Cllrs and the Clerk reminded the Chairman that these are not matters for the Parish Council to consider and should be discussed at a Coronation Hall Committee meeting.
- 5.2 Councillors confirmed that if most of the daffodils had died off it would be acceptable for the new contractor to cut these areas.
- 5.3 The Clerk had previously circulated a letter from St Giles Social Hub which requested an apology from Cllr Trusler following comments made at the previous Parish Council meeting. Cllr Trusler read out a statement explaining that the questions raised were on behalf of parishioners, in relation to public money and advising that she knew the rules and regulations that must be upheld by the Social Hub organisation. Cllr Trusler confirmed she did not feel the need to offer an apology and in fact felt that an apology was owed to her for bringing her name in to disrepute. Cllr Pugh responded that unfair accusations had been made but all aspects of the social hub are run according to appropriate regulations. Cllr Atkinson advised that there was no requirement for the organisation to publish their accounts however they are available and appropriate insurance is in place. Cllr Pugh read a statement on behalf of St Giles Social Hub confirming that following a successful wine and wisdom evening they are now in the enviable position of having secured the necessary funding to support the Kings Coronation celebratory event. The statement confirmed that they no longer required the funding granted by the Parish Council at the previous meeting.
- 5.4 The Chairman read out letters of thanks from St Giles Cemetery Fund and St Giles on the Heath Women's Guild for the grants awarded earlier this year.

6. RECEIVING REPORT OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

- 6.1 None

7. REVIEWING PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

- 7.1 Community Speed Watch – Cllr Atkinson confirmed that a combination of bad weather and road works through the Village had meant no sessions have been carried out.
- 7.2 Defib at Chapmans Well – The Chairman reported that the landlord of the property was happy for the defib to be installed on the wall and the pavement is wide enough to satisfy safety concerns. The Clerk will try to arrange a meeting with the tenant to confirm the electricity supply.
- 7.3 The Clerk confirmed a second quote had been received for the playground repairs from Richard Mitchell who advised he could complete the items marked with highest importance on the inspection report for under £700. Cllrs agreed to proceed with this quote, proposed by Cllr Paulger, seconded by Cllr Thorne, agreed by all.

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8. OAB
- 8.1 The Clerk asked Councillors if they wished to continue with Gareth Pollard Accounting for the end of year accounts as per previous years. Councillors confirmed this was the case.
- 8.2 As two of the current bank signatories are not standing for election in May new signatories will be required. The Clerk had obtained a form from the bank to process this. Councillors agreed to add Cllr Pugh, Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Trusler to the bank mandate. Proposed by Cllr Paulger, seconded by Cllr R Nicholson and agreed by all. The form was signed.
9. FINANCES
- 9.1 Authorisation of Expenses – Clerk: postage £5.44, fuel for driving to TDC 65miles at 45ppm £29.25, DALC Membership £173.00. Proposed by Cllr Thorne, seconded by Cllr Atkinson, all agreed.
- 9.2 Current Account as of 17 March 2023 £6609.32.
- 9.3 Monthly budget sheet – for Cllrs information.
10. NEXT MEETING
- 10.1 Next Parish Council Meeting – The Clerk proposed the next meeting be held on May 16th however as some Councillors are unable to attend it was requested that the date be changed to May 23rd. The Clerk will try to rearrange another meeting to make this possible and will confirm as soon as possible.

Meeting closed at 20.15.

Chairman sign and Date _____