

# GREAT ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 20 August 2014

*The Chairman explained that new legislation (Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014) requires that paragraph 31 of Standing Orders must be suspended and that members of the public are permitted to record part or the whole of the meeting without the Council's prior consent.*

### Present at the meeting.

**Councillors:** Cllr E Scott (in the Chair), Cllr A Fischelis, Cllr C May, Cllr H Mayes, Cllr N Palmer and Cllr M Scott.

**In attendance:** Mrs H Hoier (Clerk) and two members of the public.

### 14/187 Formalities.

**a) Apologies for absence.**

An apology for absence from Cllr C Fry (because of work commitments) was received. Cllr D Hughes (ENC Woodford Ward) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC Irthlingborough Division) also sent apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED** that the reason for absence provided by Cllr C Fry be **APPROVED** by this Council.

**b) Information requests/comments from members of the public/press.**

A comment was received via a member of the Council regarding inconsiderate parking and malicious damage to cars.

**c) Declarations of interest by members in items on the agenda.**

Cllr E Scott, Cllr H Mayes and Cllr M Scott disclosed other interests in the variation of premises licence application on behalf of The Hare and Hounds (due to a close association with an employee) and declared their intention to withdraw from the meeting when this business is transacted (agenda item 14/190 b) refers).

**d) Exclusion of the public/press from the meeting during the transaction of agenda items containing confidential information.**

This procedure was not required as there were no agenda items identified by this Council as containing confidential information.

### 14/188 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 July 2014.

**RESOLVED** that these minutes be **CONFIRMED** by this Council as being a correct record of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 July 2014 and signed by the Chairman.

### 14/189 Minor items.

**a) Chairman's announcements.**

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

**b) General correspondence/reports/publications (for delegated action and/or information only).**

Details of these items were noted (with particular reference to the effectiveness of circulating Council documents to members via a dedicated e-mail address together with the latest details of the village commemorative sign) and Councillors and the Clerk summarised any information received/action taken since 16 July 2014. Cllr H Mayes reported that a meeting of the Ringstead Grange Quarry Liaison Group had been held recently and that excavation of top soil on the site has begun.

### 14/190 East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

**a) EN/14/01336/FUL planning application for a conversion of an existing barn to form one dwelling at Rectory Farm, Cranford Road, Great Addington.**

The Council considered its response to this application for full planning permission which has been resubmitted.

**RESOLVED** that this Council will raise no objection to EN/14/01336/FUL planning application but that it notes and supports the comments submitted on behalf of the Ramblers Association regarding public footpath MA2.

**b) Variation of premises licence application on behalf of The Hare and Hounds.**

The Council considered its response to this variation of premises licence application regarding opening hours, the sale of alcohol, recorded music and late night refreshment.

**RESOLVED** that this Council will raise no objection to the variation of premises licence application on behalf of The Hare and Hounds but it recommends that time restrictions of recorded music at outdoor events should be clarified in the supporting documentation.

- c) **ENC Monitoring Officer Town and Parish Council Briefing documents.**  
The latest details were noted of recent legislation and recommended good practice (with particular reference to publishing members' register of interests).
- d) **ENC correspondence/reports/publications (for information only).**  
These documents were received and the current issues of relevance to this Council and/or to Great Addington were summarised by the Clerk (with particular reference to the availability of guidance on successful bid writing).

**14/191 Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).**

**NCC correspondence/reports/publications (for information only).**

These documents were received and the current issues of relevance to this Council and/or to Great Addington were summarised by the Clerk (with particular reference to the latest details of the NCC Superfast Northamptonshire initiative to improve broadband speed/quality).

**14/192 Constituency for Corby and East Northamptonshire.**

**Parliamentary correspondence/reports/publications sent on behalf of Mr A Sawford MP (for information only).**

These documents were received but there were no new issues of relevance to this Council and/or to Great Addington.

**14/193 Community.**

- a) **Available options and resources to address issues of concern raised by residents.**  
The Council noted concerns expressed by residents received since 16 July 2014 relating to stray dogs along with the maintenance of footpaths and considered the available options and resources (if any) to address these issues.

**RESOLVED** to seek advice from the ENC Dog Warden before taking further action.

**RESOLVED** to write to the property owner regarding the condition of footpath MA3 and request that they arrange for the removal of side growth.

- b) **Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Northants Autumn Planning Road Show to be held at Parsons Memorial Village Hall, Great Houghton on Thursday 30 October 2014 from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm.**

The Council considered attendance at this event at the cost of £29 for up to two delegates from non-member parishes to improve awareness of planning issues relating to ridge and furrow fields and solar farms.

**RESOLVED** that this Council is unable to be represented at this event.

- c) **Forthcoming celebratory events organised by Keep Britain Tidy.**

The Council noted details of forthcoming events to celebrate 60 years since Keep Britain Tidy was established and considered organising an additional litter pick in October 2014 to coincide with the Big Jubilee Tidy Up.

**RESOLVED** to organise a countryside litter pick of the footpaths at a date to be confirmed in October to coincide with the Big Jubilee Tidy Up.

- d) **September 2014 issue of Saints Alive!**

The Council noted copy submitted with the regular items at the Clerk's discretion and in accordance with delegated powers which included the availability of funding via the Council's Grant Awarding Policy; a reminder of the meeting to gauge interest in community led planning and the Council's purchase of dog bins.

- e) **Addingtons organisations.**

- (i) **Addingtons Playing Field Association (APFA).**

On behalf of the APFA, Cllr C May reported to the Council on the latest details of the APFA's new facilities, fundraising activities and improvement work (with particular reference to a forthcoming inter-village cricket match in early September).

- (ii) **Great Addington Memorial Hall Committee (GAMHC).**

On behalf of GAMHC, Cllr E Scott and the Clerk reported to the Council on the latest details of GAMHC's bookings, fundraising events and enhancements (with particular reference to internal redecoration of the Memorial Hall during the summer holidays).

**14/194 Northamptonshire Action with Communities in Rural England (NACRE)/Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC)/Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC).**

- a) **NACRE/NCALC/SLCC conferences and training courses.**

Details were noted of these forthcoming events (with particular reference to compliance with new legislation and awareness of recommended good practice).

**RESOLVED** that there were no additional conferences or training courses to those attended in recent months which are of sufficient relevance to this Council and/or to Great Addington.

- b) **NACRE/NCALC/SLCC correspondence/reports/publications (for information only).**  
These documents were received and the current issues of relevance to this Council and/or to Great Addington were summarised by the Clerk (with particular reference to the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014).

**14/195 Finance.**

- a) **Financial statements and bank reconciliation.**  
The Council received and scrutinised the latest accounting documents to ensure that bank balances reconcile to receipts and payments.  
**RESOLVED** that this Council's net bank balance of £11,831.69 reconciles to its receipts and payments at 20 August 2014.
- b) **Payment for All Saints Church mowing (July 2014) in accordance with relevant legislation.**  
**RESOLVED** that cheque 100198 to JME Garden Services Ltd for £90.00 be proposed, seconded and with all members present in favour; **APPROVED** by this Council for payment following confirmation that the proposed transaction has been budgeted accurately (Local Government Act 1972, s 215).

**14/196 Additional business to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.**

**RESOLVED** that with the exception of assessing the effectiveness of this Council's current methods of communication and considering the alternative options and resources available, there was no additional business to that already transacted which is of sufficient relevance to this Council and/or to Great Addington to be included on the agenda of a subsequent meeting.

**14/197 Date of the next meeting.**

It was noted that the Memorial Hall had been booked by another user on Wednesday 17 September 2014 prior to the Council amending its scheduled ordinary meeting dates to be the third Wednesday of each month.

**RESOLVED** that the next of this Council will be held in Great Addington CEVA Primary School, Woodford Road, Great Addington on Wednesday 17 September 2014 at 7.45 pm.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.*

**Signed by Cllr H Mayes (Chairman) at the meeting held on Wednesday 17 September 2014.**