

# GREAT ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 15 April 2015

### Present at the meeting.

**Councillors:** Cllr C Fry (in the Chair), Cllr A Fischelis and Cllr H Mayes.

**In attendance:** Mrs H Hoier (Clerk), Cllr D Hughes (ENC Woodford Ward) and two members of the public.

### 15/280 Formalities.

a) **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C May, Cllr N Palmer, Cllr E Scott and Cllr M Scott (all because of family commitments). An apology for absence was also received from Cllr S Hughes (NCC Irthlingborough Division).

**RESOLVED** that the reason for absence provided by Cllr C May, Cllr N Palmer, Cllr E Scott and Cllr M Scott be **APPROVED** by this Council.

b) **To receive information requests/comments from members of the public/press.**

There were no information requests/comments from members of the public/press.

c) **To receive declarations of discloseable pecuniary/other interests by Councillors and dispensation requests.**

There were no disclosures of interest by members in items on the agenda.

d) **To resolve to exclude members of the public/press from the meeting when agenda items containing confidential information are transacted.**

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

### 15/281 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 March 2015.

**RESOLVED** that these minutes be **CONFIRMED** by this Council as being a correct record of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 March 2015 and signed by the Chairman.

### 15/282 Minor items.

a) **To receive and note the Chairman's announcements (for information only).**

There were no announcements by the Chairman.

(i) **ENC Woodford Ward.**

At the Chairman's invitation, Cllr D Hughes summarised any relevant issues to this Council and/or to Great Addington (with particular reference to development control within conservation areas along with the Council's application to the ENC Member Empowerment Fund). The Chairman then took the opportunity to place on record this Council's thanks to Cllr Hughes for his support of Great Addington during his terms of office as member for ENC Woodford Ward.

(ii) **NCC Irthlingborough Division.**

At the Chairman's invitation and on behalf of Cllr S Hughes (NCC Irthlingborough Division), Cllr D Hughes (NCC Raunds Division) summarised any relevant issues to this Council and/or to Great Addington (with particular reference to schemes to improve the efficiency of children's services, health and well-being together with highways maintenance). Cllr Hughes advised that grants via the NCC Empowering Councillors and Communities Scheme will be available for community projects.

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

Details of these items were noted (with particular reference to the current status of repairs to streetlights in several areas of the village) and Councillors and the Clerk summarised any information received/action taken since 18 March 2015.

### 15/283 East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

a) **To note details of the latest ENC Monitoring Officer Town and Parish Council Briefing documents.**

The Council was unable to note the latest details of recent legislation and recommended good practice because no new ENC Monitoring Officer Town and Parish Council Briefing documents were received prior to the meeting.

b) **To receive and note ENC correspondence/reports/publications (for information only).**

There were no additional reports/publications to those already summarised by Cllr D Hughes which were of significant relevance to this Council and/or to Great Addington.

**15/284 Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).**

**To receive and note 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 launch of the NCC Flood Toolkit).

**15/285 Constituency for Corby and East Northamptonshire.**

**To receive and note parliamentary correspondence/reports/publications sent on behalf of Mr A Sawford MP (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 healthcare provision).

**15/286 Community.**

**a) To note the latest details of options and resources available regarding this Council's use of traffic calming schemes.**

The Council noted the latest details of the options and resources available to control the speed of vehicles travelling through Great Addington (with particular reference to collating prices for additional devices and the possibility of utilising electricity from the streetlights rather than battery power).

**RESOLVED** that the latest details regarding traffic calming schemes be **NOTED** and that resources available to this Council be utilised as effectively as possible.

**b) To note the latest details of options and resources available regarding effective methods of communication and engagement.**

The Council noted the latest details of the options and resources available to communicate and engage effectively with the community (with particular reference to social media).

**RESOLVED** that the latest details regarding communication and engagement be **NOTED** and that resources available to this Council be utilised as effectively as possible.

**c) To note the latest details of options and resources available regarding this Council's purchase of a village commemorative sign.**

The Council noted the latest details of options and resources available regarding its purchase of a sign to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and it was acknowledged that its recent application to the ENC Member Empowerment Fund may be successful.

**RESOLVED** that the latest details regarding the village commemorative sign be **NOTED** and that resources available to this Council be utilised as effectively as possible.

**d) To note issues of concern/interest raised by residents since 18 March 2015 and to consider the options and resources available to this Council.**

The Council noted details of concerns expressed by residents relating to a natural spring in Lower Street.

**RESOLVED** to seek professional advice to discover the source of the natural spring and establish whether it is the responsibility of the landowner or the local authority.

**e) To approve this Council's copy for the May 2015 issue of Saints Alive!**

Copy to be included in the May 2015 issue of Saints Alive! was considered (with particular reference to business transacted at the April meeting).

**RESOLVED** that a renewed invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting (of electors) to meet the newly elected Council along with further appeals for volunteers to assist with Community Speed Watch 2015 be included with the regular items.

**f) To receive and note reports of Addingtons organisations. Addingtons Playing Field Association (APFA).**

On behalf of the APFA, Cllr C Fry reported to the Council on the latest details of the APFA's new facilities, fundraising activities and improvement work (with particular reference to planting of a wild flower garden, a new container for sports equipment along with the removal of an overhanging and diseased ash tree).

**15/287 Northamptonshire Action with Communities in Rural England (NACRE)/Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC)/Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC).**

**a) To note the latest details of NACRE/NCALC/SLCC conference 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 attendance of newly elected members at an 'Off to a Flying Start' training course offered by NCALC at the cost of £39.00 per delegate be **APPROVED** by this Council.

- b) **To receive and note 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 openness and accountability).

**15/288 Finance.**

- a) **To finalise the timetable for this Council's Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015.**

The Council finalised the timetable for this statutory procedure which must be undertaken by 30 June 2015.

**RESOLVED** that Sections 1 and 2 of this Council's Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015 be **APPROVED** by this Council ideally at its Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday 20 May 2015 or at the following meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday 17 June 2015 (minute 15/277 refers).

- b) **To consider the options available regarding this Council's dividend entitlement and note details of the Lloyds Banking Group plc Dividend Reinvestment Plan.**

The Council noted details of this re-launched scheme and considered the options available to receive its dividend entitlement of 0.75p per ordinary share.

**RESOLVED** that details of the Lloyds Banking Group plc Dividend Reinvestment Plan be **NOTED** and that the Council's dividend entitlement be received as a payment into its bank account.

- c) **To approve payments in accordance with relevant legislation.**

**RESOLVED** that cheques 100229-100231 at the total expenditure of £534.35 be proposed, seconded and with all members present in favour; **APPROVED** by this Council for payment following confirmation that the proposed transactions have been budgeted accurately.

- (i) **Payment to E.ON for street lighting energy (January-March 2015).**  
100229 - £221.18 (Parish Councils Act 1957, s 3).
- (ii) **Payment to E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd for street lighting maintenance (January-March 2014).**  
100230 - £92.18 (Parish Councils Act 1957, s 3).
- (iii) **Payment to Northants CALC for the annual membership subscription.**  
100231 - £220.99 (Local Government Act 1972, s 143).

**15/289 To confirm any additional business to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.**

**RESOLVED** that there was no further 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 the next or other subsequent meeting.

**15/290 To confirm the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council (scheduled to be held in the Memorial Hall, Woodford Road, Great Addington on Wednesday 20 May 2015 at 8:45 pm).**

**RESOLVED** that the Annual Meeting of this Council will be held in the Memorial Hall, Woodford Road, Great Addington on Wednesday 20 May 2015 at 8.45 pm.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.*

**Signed by Cllr N Palmer (Chairman) at the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 20 May 2015.**