

GREAT ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present at the meeting.

Councillors: Cllr N Palmer (in the Chair), Cllr A Fischelis, Cllr H Mayes and Cllr M Scott.
In attendance: Mrs H Hoier (Clerk).

15/312 Formalities.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr H Rainbow and Cllr C Wilkinson (due to family responsibilities and employment commitments respectively). Apologies for absence were also received from Cllr D Hughes (ENC Woodford Ward) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC Irthlingborough Division).

RESOLVED that the reasons for absence provided by Cllr H Rainbow and Cllr C Wilkinson be **APPROVED** by this Council.

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

It was noted that a written information request via e-mail regarding Community Speed Watch (CSW) had been received from a member of the public. The Clerk confirmed that as the Council does not hold any of the information requested, the member of the public had been provided with the contact details of Northamptonshire Police which administers CSW.

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.

15/313 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2015.

RESOLVED that these minutes be **CONFIRMED** by this Council as being a correct record of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2015 and signed by the Chairman.

15/314 Minor items.

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

There were no announcements by the Chairman.

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 need for improved communication with Northamptonshire Police regarding notification of monthly reported crime figures) and Councillors and the Clerk summarised any information received/action taken since 17 June 2015. It was noted that the CSW Co-ordinator may be any of the volunteers and suggested that Mr R Johnson be approached regarding this role.

15/315 East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

a) **To note details of the latest 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 accessibility of the Council's register of members' interests).

b) **To receive and note 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 ENC full meeting of the Council).

15/316 Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

a) **To consider this Council's response to the NCC Draft Equalities Objectives Consultation.**

The Council considered its response to this consultation regarding NCC's duty under the Equality Act 2010 to review its objectives every four years. It was acknowledged that the Council complies with relevant discrimination legislation.

RESOLVED that this Council will not be submitting a representation in response to the NCC Draft Equalities Objectives Consultation because there are no specific issues of concern and that this item be included in Saints Alive! should Great Addington residents wish to respond individually.

- b) **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 Superfast Northamptonshire along with the Mobile Library Service routes from September 2015).

15/317 Constituency for Corby and East Northamptonshire.

To receive and note parliamentary correspondence/reports/publications sent on behalf of Mr T Pursglove MP (for information only).

There were no parliamentary correspondence/reports/publications received prior to the meeting.

15/318 To note the latest details of this Council's Four Year Plan; confirm its priorities; and consider the options and resources available regarding achieving its short, medium and long term objectives (including any legal responsibilities).

The Council noted the latest details of this action plan which has been introduced by the Chairman to assist in confirming the Council's priorities, achieving its objectives and monitoring its progress over the next four years.

RESOLVED that the latest details of items within the Four Year Plan reported at the meeting be **NOTED**, updated as necessary and that options and resources available to this Council be utilised as effectively as possible.

a) **E.ON's 50% price increase for street lighting energy from May 2015.**

The Clerk reported that E.ON had overcharged the Council for the quarter from April to June 2015 but this had been credited and an amended invoice is being issued. Mr D Moody (NCALC Chief Executive) is acting on behalf of members to procure electricity and expects to confirm details of available buying options by September 2015.

b) **Traffic calming schemes.**

Cllr A Fischelis reported that responses are expected regarding issues discussed at a meeting with Mr S Barber MIRS0 (NCC Collision Analysis and Investigation/VAS Projects). These include the proposed use of wooden telegraph poles to support additional vehicle activated signs supplied by Messagemaker Displays Ltd which is not currently an approved supplier.

c) **Communication and engagement.**

Cllr M Scott reported that the Council's new website is fully operational and prepared for its official launch in the August 2015 issue of Saints Alive! It was acknowledged that the Council's financial documents must be accessible on the website by 31 July 2015 in order to comply with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities and the Clerk was instructed to ensure that all required data is available.

d) **Village commemorative sign.**

Cllr A Fischelis reported that there may be less expensive options than expected originally regarding the purchase of a sign to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

15/319 Community.

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

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

RESOLVED that the launch of the Council's new website and the NCC Draft Equalities Objectives Consultation be included with the regular items in the August 2015 issue of Saints Alive! (minutes 15/316 and 15/318 refer).

b) **To receive and note reports of Addingtons organisations.**

There were no reports of Addingtons organisations.

15/320 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 forthcoming NCALC and SLCC annual events may of interest and will be included on a subsequent agenda.

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 electricity procurement).

15/321 Finance.

- a) **To receive and approve the monthly financial statements and bank reconciliation.**

The Council received and scrutinised the latest accounting documents.

RESOLVED that the Council's net bank balance of £14,293.14 on 15 July 2015 reconciles to its receipts and payments.

- b) **To approve payment to JME Ground Services Ltd for All Saints Church mowing (June 2015).**

RESOLVED that cheque 100238 to JME Ground Services Ltd for £108.00 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).

15/322 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.

15/323 To confirm the date of the next meeting (scheduled to be held in the Memorial Hall, Woodford Road, Great Addington on Wednesday 19 August 2015 at 7:45 pm).

RESOLVED that the next meeting of this Council will be held in the Memorial Hall, Woodford Road, Great Addington on Wednesday 19 August 2015 at 7:45 pm subject to there being sufficient business to transact.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:12 pm.

Signed by Cllr N Palmer (Chairman) at the meeting held on Wednesday 19 August 2015.

APPROVED