

Cofton Hackett Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th April 2023

Held at Cofton Village Hall, Cofton Hackett

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Cllr Mr R Westbury (Chair)
Cllr Mr M Pattison
Cllr Mr J Slack
Cllr Mrs J Fay
Cllr Mr N Banyard
Cllr Mrs J Webb
Cllr Mr R Deeming
Cllr Mr G Cook

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Andrew Billau

APOLOGIES:

County Cllr Mr A Kriss

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions	Action
046/23	Apologies There were no apologies, all Councillors were in attendance. County Cllr Adrian Kriss was unable to attend.	
047/23	Declaration of Interests Register of Interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.• To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.• To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.• Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items. Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.• To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – written requests to be with the clerk at least 4 clear days prior to a meeting.• Interests were noted to be recorded in the Register	
048/23	Dispensations There were no applications for dispensations received.	
049/23	Public Forum There were no members of the public in attendance.	

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<p>050/23</p> <p>050.1/23</p> <p>050.2/23</p>	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies / County Councillor</p> <p>The Clerk advised that Cllr Kriss had sent an email stating that the traffic data collection exercise has shown that there is 'no speeding' evident on Groveley Lane, and that he can therefore push for a pedestrian crossing at the brow of the hill. Councillors asked if Cllr Kriss could supply more information. Clerk to follow up on this and other outstanding items for Cllr Kriss.</p> <p>It was noted that this would be Cllr Deeming's last meeting as District Council representative. Councillors thanked Cllr Deeming for his efforts on the District Council over an extensive period.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>051/23</p>	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council dated 20th March 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>052/23</p> <p>052.1/23</p> <p>052.2/23</p>	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Cllr Westbury reported that 6 nominations for Councillor positions had been submitted. As this is less than the 9 positions available, all nominees will be automatically elected. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike Pattison - John Slack - Jennie Webb - Joan Fay - Richard Deeming - Nick Banyard <p>Cllr Westbury said that this was his last meeting as a member of Cofton Hackett Parish Council. He thanked all Councillors and the Clerk for all their hard work and support during his 11 years on the Council, the last 5 of those as Chair.</p>	
<p>053/23</p> <p>053.1/23</p> <p>053.2/23</p> <p>053.3/23</p> <p>053.4/23</p>	<p>Highways, Environment and Open Spaces</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Kriss, there was no update on traffic safety measures. Councillors agreed that the results of the traffic data collection were needed, especially for Barnt Green Road, and the results of the survey on Ten Ashes Lane. Councillors discussed potential purchase of traffic monitoring cables, Clerk to investigate legalities and public liability.</p> <p>Decision on planting of trees in Oakfield Drive deferred – awaiting confirmation on positioning from Cllr Kriss.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had agreed the rental of allotment plot 6b, to a local resident.</p> <p>The Clerk reported he was awaiting a response from Solicitors regarding rights of way across Shadow Close. Councillors again asked that the Clerk approach the Land Registry for their opinion on the 'trapped land' at the Old Sewage Works site. Councillors suggested alternative solicitors be engaged.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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055/23	<p>Community Services</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
056/23 056.1/23	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk reported that application 22/00896/FUL, Single storey side extension, 11 Oakfield Drive, had been granted.</p>	
057/23 057.1/23	<p>Communications</p> <p>The new website is now live and looks to be operating well. There are a few minor issues to resolve.</p>	Clerk
058.23 058.1/23	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>The Clerk reported on a number of emails he had received regarding tree felling at the old sewage works site, advertising signs left by contractors and the footpath at Kendal End Road, Clerk has responded appropriately.</p>	
059/23	<p>Items for Next Meeting</p> <p>None requested.</p>	
060/23	<p>Thanks to Outgoing Chairman</p> <p>Before the close of the meeting, Cllr Pattison thanked Cllr Westbury for his time with the Parish Council, 11 years in total with 5 as Chair. Cllr Westbury was presented with a gift from the Parish Council in recognition of his outstanding contribution.</p>	
061/23	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Parish Council meeting, which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, to include election of Chair and Vice-Chair is scheduled for Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8.30pm.</p>	