

HUGGLESCOTE AND DONINGTON LE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting on Thursday,17 March 2022

Present

C Robinson Chairman - A Ali; K Hinks; J Jordan; C Lofthouse and D Wood

Apologies R Johnson, J Jordan, L Ross-Foden and S Willey

Clerk S Weaver

Minutes G Anderson

PCSO Lawrence

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22/41 NOTIFICATION OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wood declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 12 (Minute 22/51 refers) in respect of the proposed Queen's Jubilee street party at The Brambles.

22/42 POLICING MATTERS

PCSO Lawrence attended the meeting and briefed Members on actions taken to seize two off road bikes which were later returned for a fee. Speeding traffic issue had been raised with the Beat Team and would require discussion with LCC on options available. Beat meetings had restarted and choice of venue was important as two had been unattended. Members were advised that thieves were able to access keyless vehicles and so the Police would be addressing this by making pouches available to drivers soon – Bear Facts publicity to follow. The Clerk advised that the Parish's speed indicator had recorded a vehicle speeding at over 70mph on Grange Road. Cllr Jordan to be asked to retrieve data to submit to the Police.

22/43 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Queen's Jubilee street parties in Dennis Street and The Brambles – noted.

22/44 WARD AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

DCllr Eynon attended the meeting and briefed Members on DC matters related to the Parish including an explanation of charging for the Green Bin service. Fairfield Court residents would be having their own Jubilee Party.

LCllr Merrie attended the meeting and brought Members up to date with his work at the County Council including meetings held regarding the Local Plan. The process of reviewing the Plan would involve Planning Committee, Cabinet and Full Council. The preferred route for lorries and wheel washing on the Standard Hill development had been agreed for developers to follow; dust and noise monitoring would also be required. An enforcement plan was now being sought from officers, which would need financing.

LCCllr Merrie was also seeking an explanation to justify the 7.2% increase in Council Tax from the Fire Authority. As part of the plan to plant 700,000 trees in the County, available trees for the Parish would be identified and notified to the Clerk by the end of May 2022.

22/45 WHITWICK MINING DISASTER MEMORIAL EVENT SUNDAY 24/4/22

Cllr Wood updated Members on progress with the painting of the wheel and the storage of benches, costs being reimbursed to the PC. Unveiling ceremony would include relatives of deceased and rescuers.

22/46 MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

22/47 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

- (i) App Ref 21/01778/FULM - Blackberry Farm Change of Use

Application to be Refused due to Highways concerns.

- (ii) App Ref 22/00224/FUL - 65A Central Road Hugglescote -Change of use of first floor to Beauty Salon

No Comments other than to note a possibility of increase in parked traffic.

- (iii) App Ref 22/00321/FUL - Newbridge High School -Alterations to car park

No Comments.

- (iv) App Ref 22/00317/FUL - Garage Site Fairfield Road Hugglescote - Erection of two dwellings (revised app to 21/01397/FUL

No objections.

- (v) App Ref 22/00313/REMM - Land Off Grange Road Hugglescote - Erection of 35 dwellings

No Comments.

- (vi) App Ref 22/00332/FUL- Coalville Aquatics 2A North Avenue - Change of use from Commercial to residential

Comments to be made

- (vii) App Ref 22/00203/FUL - Land at Baron Close Hugglescote - Erection of Office and garage

Objections to be made.

- (viii) App Ref. 22/00274/FUL - 115-117 Station Road Hugglescote - Demolition & relocation of existing boundary wall to App ref 18/01599/OUTM

Issues raised regarding brickwork. Cllr Wood to check if application had been withdrawn.

- (ix) App ref 21/02227/REMM - Land of Grange Road Hugglescote - Erection of 116 dwellings to App ref 13/00956/OUTM

Planning Group not discussed

22/48 NWLDC MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk reported that the Local Government Association had been commissioned by the Government to develop a national code of conduct for adoption for all tiers of local government. The Parish Council had previously adopted the District Councils Members Code of Conduct. This ensured the same rules were being applied, which avoided confusion and inconsistencies if or when determining Member complaints.

NWLDC had approved a new Member Code of Conduct, effective from April 2022, and Members were requested to consider whether they wished to adopt and follow the revised code. LRALC were encouraging parish councils to strongly consider adopting the local version of the Code of Conduct adopted by NWLDC. Copies had been circulated for Members' consideration along with revised Member Interests & Declarations of Office forms.

If Members agreed to adopt the new Members Code of Conduct, NWLDC *“strongly recommended that your members attend one of the sessions available as the new code specifies an obligation to attend training on the code and your members need to have a clear understanding of the changes. It is also advised that members would need to sign a new agreement to abide by the Code.”*

Training dates had been circulated.

Resolved

- (a) That the new Members Code of Conduct be adopted.
- (b) That in adopting the Code Members agree to be bound by it.
- (c) That Members note and if diaries permit, attend the training on dates specified.

22/49 ASSET REGISTER

Members received a revised schedule of assets as at March 2022. This information forms part of the annual audit return for 2021/22.

Resolved

That the Asset Register be accepted as presented.

22/50 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Bank Reconciliation March 2022 – noted.

(b) Accounts for Payment

Resolved

(i) That the payments for March 2022 be authorised.

(ii) To delegate authority to the Clerk to pay invoices received after this meeting to the 31 March 2022. Details to be circulated for authorisation by email and submitted for retrospective approval to April's meeting.

(iii) To note that the NJC salary pay award had been settled for 2021/22 at 1.75% and backdated payments made in accordance with the staff contract and the Finance Assistant's charge.

(c) On Line Banking

Resolved

Required action agreed by Members for on-line electronic banking.

22//51 QUEEN'S JUBILEE WEEKEND 2-5 JUNE 2022

Members noted that there was interest in street parties at The Brambles; Dennis Street; St Mary's, Standard Hill and The Green. It was agreed that support for the provision of decorations and bunting would be considered and met from the Community Engagement budget. A suitable Facebook post would appear in social media.

Resolved

(a) To invite applications for grant support for decorations and bunting, up to £75, on behalf of community groups from residents of the Parish.

(b) That each application for grant support identify the venue of the intended street party to be held on the weekend of 2-5 June 2022.

(c) That applications for grant support should reach the Clerk by 18 May 2022.

22/52 COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATION

Cllr Ali raised the potential for producing and distributing Parish Information Packs to home owners and having Meet and Greet events with new residents. Cllr Robinson suggested that monthly litter picks could be expanded, when the weather improves, to include a meet and greet element and perhaps include the Police. Cllr Wood commented that the Annual Parish Meeting might be an opportunity for meet and greet and provide Parish information to newcomers.

22/53 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2022

Discussion of this year's provision was deferred to the next meeting.

22/54 LCC MEMBERS HIGHWAYS FUND

Deadline end of July 2022 for proposals to reach LCCllrs Merrie and Smith.

22/55 LAND AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The Clerk would look into usage of the showers at Millfield to establish need.

22/56 CLERK'S UPDATE

Members noted work on Clerk's training.

22/57 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

It was agreed to combine arrangements for the Annual Meeting of the Parish and the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 19 May 2022.

22/58 CORRESPONDENCE

- Community Garden suggestion – carried forward.
- E-Scooters email received and to be borne in mind.
- WI / PC joint tree / flower planting initiative

Resolved

That a tree be purchased for up to £500 as part of the joint venture with WI.

22/59 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Lofthouse

- Bio diversity (LCC) training
- National Forest discussion

22/60 BEAR FACTS

Cllr Wood advised that preparation was underway with the May edition.

22/61 DATES

Community Tidy up	Saturday 2 April 2022
Parish Council meeting	21 April and 19 May 2022
Annual Meeting of the Parish	19 May 2022
Whitwick Mining Disaster Commemoration	Sunday 24 April 2022

The meeting closed at 10pm

The next meeting will be held on 21 April 2022