

Minutes of the Meeting of Hawton Parish Council held in the All Saints Church, Hawton on Wednesday, 27th September 2023

Present: **Councillor T Pykett (Chair)**
 Councillor I Brownhill
 Councillor D Adams
 Councillor Mrs K Adams
 Councillor K Sutton

Also present District Councillor Allen and one member of the public

HPC23-036 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Saddington and District Cllrs Haynes & Kellas.

HPC23-037 Declarations of Interest

It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

HPC23-038 Minutes of the Parish Council held on 26th July 2023

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th July 2023 were accepted as a true and correct record.

HPC23-039 Public Session

The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 5.35pm to allow questions from the public present.

A resident referred to the poor condition of Hawton Lane, with deep potholes between the junction with Cotham Lane and the bridge. The Clerk to follow up with Via as 'patching' was expected to have been done along this strip, not just filling.

Concern was also expressed at the ongoing work by Urban & Civic in the village and the lack of information and also mis-information that was being put out by the company.

The Chair thanked the resident for their input and reconvened the meeting at 5.40pm.

HPC23-040 Parish Council Matters

To receive the notes of the meeting held with Urban & Civic on Thursday, 7th September 2023

With the agreement of Members, the Chair brought forward consideration of agenda Item 8(a)

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Members noted the notes that had been put together following the meeting held with the village on Thursday, 7th September. The Clerk confirmed that a request had been received from three residents for information following the event.

Following the meeting, Cllr Mrs Saddington had confirmed that no request had been received by Via from U&C for the road closure referred to during the evening. A meeting had been arranged for Tuesday, 26th September at the request of County Councillor Girling, to discuss the closure but this had subsequently been cancelled by U&C.

Members expressed their concern at the potential road closure and the lack of discussion from U&C to understand the impact this closure would have on the Church, businesses and residents in the village. An impact statement was in the process of being produced by Reverend Murray to highlight concerns. The Clerk was asked to liaise and determine if any support was needed from the Parish Council.

It was AGREED that a standing item be placed on each Parish Council agenda regarding Middlebeck and communication from U&C. In the meantime, the Clerk would seek an update on outstanding matters from the meeting.

HPC23-041 County Councillor Session

No report was presented as Cllr Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.

HPC23-042 Nottinghamshire County Council

(a) **To note the outcome of the bid to the Local Communities Fund for funding towards Village Gateway Signs, and to agree payment of the deposit**

Members noted that successful outcome of the bid to the Local Communities Fund for funding towards the Village Gateway Signs. The Clerk confirmed that 75% of the grant payable had now been received. It was AGREED that a deposit of £5,694 be made to Morris Cast Signs so that the signs could be progressed.

HPC23-043 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 5.49pm for Cllr Allen to present his report.

Cllr Allen advised that the glass recycling scheme, that was scheduled to be introduced in September 2023, had been put back to 2024.

Reference was made to new traveller sites, one of which was at Quarry Farm. The Clerk to investigate to determine if this was within the boundary of the Parish Council as no consultation had been received.

The Chair thanked Cllr Allen for his report and reconvened the meeting at 5.55pm.

HPC23-044 **Parish Council Matters (cont)**

To note the dates for the Remembrance Event and the Christmas Fayre.

Cllr Mrs Adams referred to the dates put aside for the Remembrance Event, which

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would be on Saturday, 11th November between 4pm and 6pm. The Christmas Fayre would be on the 2nd December 2023 between 2pm and 5pm.

- (b) To consider the provision of a Christmas tree
It was AGREED that a Christmas tree again be provided to be put in place prior to the Christmas Fayre on 2nd December. The Clerk to source some static lights for the tree.
- (c) To consider a change to the Parish Council's email system
After discussion it was AGREED that the Parish Council move across to Google and Google Drive. The Clerk to investigate and report back.

HPC23-045 Planning

- (a) 23/01525/S73M – Solar Farm, The Grange, Cotham Lane, Hawton - Variation to condition 1 attached to planning permission 22/00732/S73M to amend the approved plans to allow changes to the String Inverters and LV panel, Fencing and Gates, Racking detail and Access Track.
Members noted the application as outlined.
- (b) **Decision Notice**
23/00501/FULM – Lark Energy Ltd Solar Energy Farm, Cotham Lane, Hawton - Alterations to replace existing monofacial panels with bifacial panel
Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission for the alterations as outlined.

HPC23-046 Financial Matters

- (a) To consider accounts for payments:
There were none.
- (b) To note any receipts:
Members noted the following receipt:
 - £3,559 – 75% of grant from Local Communities Fund
- (c) To note the Council's financial position as at 31st August 2023
Members noted the Council's financial position as at 31st August 2023 with the account balance being £53,251.65.
- (d) To note the recommendation to open a 95 Day Notice Account and agree the amount of funds to transfer from the current account.
After discussion it was AGREED that a sum of £40,000 be transferred into a 95 Day Notice Account with NatWest Bank. It was also AGREED that Councillor Brownhill be added to the Council's banking mandate.

HPC23-047 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils

There was nothing to report.

HPC23-048 Correspondence

(a) The Clerk referred to correspondence received from Cotham regarding the community benefit fund that was payable from Lightsource BP. The Clerk had confirmed that this was not held by Hawton Parish Council and that an approach would need to be made direct to the company.

HPC23-049 Items for Notification

Cllr Adams queried whether contact should be made with the Wellcome Trust regarding issues being experienced with U&C. After discussion, it was not considered this was necessary at this time.

HPC23-050 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 22nd November 2023 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 6.25pm

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