

# NONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 19:00

**Present:** Cllr Louisa Jarred (Chairperson); Cllr Julia Plumptre (Vice-Chair); Cllr Clare Delf; Cllr Jane Vurley; Cllr Woods; 12 Members of the Public; Mrs Steph Woods (Clerk)

1. **Apologies and approval of absences:** Cllr Jarred welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Manion (KCC), Cllr Pout (DDC) and PC Bowler (Kent Police).
2. **Declarations of interest:** None were received.
3. **Minutes of previous meetings:** The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was approved as true a record, proposed by Cllr Vurley, seconded by Cllr Woods. Signed by the Chairperson.
4. **Public Forum:** Members of the Public in attendance were afforded the opportunity to ask a question or make a statement.
  - New Speedwatch speed gun was raised – quote and email sent by Cllr Vurley to all members for comments. The Clerk also confirmed there were still issues with the Radar speed device and will be speaking to KCC regarding this.
  - Hedges overgrown by finger post on corner of Mill Lane. Clerk to report this to KCC Highways.

5. **Finance:**

Payments and Receipts: Bank Balance as of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024: £823.01 (Current Account) and £24,314.16 (Savings Account) = Total **£25,137.17**

Payments

Hugo Fox – Monthly Website Costs (Jun 24) - £11.99  
Stephanie Woods – Clerk Salary (Jun 24) - £383.76  
Envisage – May 2024 Grounds Maintenance - £210.00  
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Aviva Insurance – Annual Insurance - £444.12  
Grant payment – Nonington Fete - £100

These payments were proposed by Cllr Woods, seconded by Cllr Plumptre and ALL AGREED.

It was proposed by Cllr Vurley to transfer £1,000 from the savings account to the current account and this was seconded by Cllr Woods. ALL AGREED.

6. **Planning**

a) New Application:

24/00594 – Dunelm, Vicarage Lane, Nonington - Insertion of a dormer window to side roof slopes and fenestration alterations to facilitate conversion of detached garage to annexe accommodation – Neutral with no comments.

7. **Highways and Footpaths:**

Cllr Jarred reported that some of footpaths around the villages have been recently cleared and the others that still need doing are being monitored. The overgrown hedges opposite the Royal Oak was raised and it is unsure who owns these. Clerk to investigate.

8. **Playground, Playing Field and Pond:**

Envisage who carry out the cemetery maintenance have emailed requesting the frequency of the cuts in the cemetery be increased in the growing season. After discussion Cllr Plumptre proposed to go ahead with the extra cuts, which was seconded by Cllr Woods and ALL AGREED. Clerk to confirm this with Envisage.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the RoSPA inspection of playground, pond and adult fitness equipment is due to happen during July 2024.

Cllr Jarred is obtaining quotes for the decking maintenance/repair for discussion at the next meeting.

Clerk received an email from DDC regarding complaints of dogs in playground – clerk to speak to DDC get complaints and find out more information i.e. legislation.

**9. Matters arising not on the agenda:**

Proposed upgrading of Public Footpaths EE264, EE307A and EE307B to Restricted Byway status was raised following notifications around the village. Cllr Jarred speak to other PCs and respond to consultation.

As the community magazine has now stopped, Cllr Vurley read out some events happening soon:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Snowdown Choir in church with picnics (4pm), 14<sup>th</sup> July - Village Fete (1-5pm), Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Swing band in church with Pimm's and strawberries (4pm), 5<sup>th</sup> October - Just Men Signing (venue & time tbc) 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service, 16 November - Christmas Fete in village hall, 30<sup>th</sup> November quiz in village hall and 5-8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas tree with carol service.

**10. Date of next meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7pm in Village Hall, Nonington.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the public at 19:31.

**Please note these Minutes remain as draft until they are approved by the Parish Council at their next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

Future meeting dates: 02/10/24, 06/11/24 and 04/12/24