

NONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 19:00

Present: Cllr Louisa Jarred (Chair); Julia Plumptre (Vice-Chair); Cllr Clare Delf; Cllr Jane Vurley; Cllr Woods; 4 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 given for cancelling last month's meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Pout (DDC).

2. Declarations of interest:

None were received.

3. Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2023 was approved as true a record, proposed by Cllr Delf, seconded by Cllr Woods, and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Forum:

Members of the Public in attendance were afforded the opportunity to ask a question or make a statement.

None were received.

5. Finance:

- a) **Payments and Receipts:** Bank Balance as of 29th December 2023: £2,592.75 (Current Account) and £10,045.12 (Savings Account) = Total £12,637.87

Receipts

Unity Trust - Credit Interest - £69.63

Payments

Hugo Fox – Website Costs (Dec 23) - £11.99

Unity Trust – Service Charge - £18.00

Stephanie Woods - Clerk Salary (Dec 23) - £264.84

HMRC – PAYE (Dec 23) - £42.60

Hugo Fox – Website Costs (Jan 24) - £11.99

Ricky Edwards – Hedge Cutting and Strimming at pond, playground and cemetery - £250.00

Stephanie Woods – 25% reimbursement paper order - £4.75

Stephanie Woods – 123 Reg Annual Domain Registration - £14.39

The expenditure above was proposed by Cllr Vurley and seconded by Cllr Perrin. ALL AGREED.

b) 2024/25 Precept

DDC require precept demand by 26th January 2024 so it was decided to hold an extraordinary meeting before this date to finalise the precept request. Clerk to organise the extraordinary meeting.

6. Planning

a) Local Plan Hearings

The Chair attended the rural and highways hearing and was disappointed with the session. The session was well attended by parishes around the district including Shepherdsweil, Alkham and Deal but it was felt that the inspector was not interested in what was being raised. The Chair will be raising a formal complaint with inspector regarding the hearing and the outcome of the session. One positive outcome was that Shepherdsweil PC want to collaborate with us to help tackle highways issues jointly and the one of the District Councillors (Green Peace) who was present and knowledgeable offered further assistance to the PC when needed.

b) **New Applications**

No new applications received.

c) **Decisions**

- 23/00803 - Gooseberry Hall Cottage, Sandwich Road, Nonington - Conversion of garage/store and extension to side (including change in roof) to create holiday let (amended description). **GRANTED**
- 23/01218 - 16 Park View Rise, Nonington - Erection of outbuilding for massage & beauty treatments (retrospective). **GRANTED**

7. Highways and Footpaths:

An enquiry concerning flooding by church, with concern over the long-term potential damage to the road and wall was received by the Chair. There is also a large pot hole which is covered by the water. This has been reported to KCC and flood warning road signs have been requested. This has already raised three times but this needs to be reported by as many as possible as the more that report, the more likely they will act quicker. There was nothing else to raise apart from an update that the leaves have now been cleared off footpath on Holt Street.

8. Playground, Playing Field and Pond:

Clerk to obtain at least three quotations for the new grounds maintenance contact for the play area, pond and cemetery for next meeting on 7th February 2024.

9. Matters arising not on the agenda:

- The forthcoming road closure on Mill Lane was discussed and it was confirmed that it is planned to only be for one day.
- Clerk still to complete actions from last meeting on Speedwatch and will update at the next meeting.

10. Date of next meeting: 7th February 2024 at 7pm in Village Hall, Nonington

There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the public at 19:18.

Signed (Chair)

Date

Please note these Minutes remain as draft Minutes until they are approved by the Parish Council at their Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 18th January 2024.

Future meeting dates: 07/02/24, 06/03/24, 03/04/24, 01/05/24 (Annual & Village Meeting), 05/06/24, 03/07/24, 04/09/24, 02,10/24, 06/11/24 and 04/12/24