

HEMINGTON,LUDDINGTON AND THURNING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Hemington, Luddington and Thurning Parish Council held on **Thursday 9 January 2025** at 19:30 hrs in Thurning Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Capp (T), Cllr P Dawson (L), Cllr J Gibson (H),
Cllr P Harkness (H) [Chairman], Cllr I Mallett (L), Cllr G Paskell (T), Cllr K Strelczuk (H),
Cllr A Whitehall (T), Cllr A Wills (L)

In attendance: Mr R Allinson (Clerk to the Council)

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25.01.01	Apologies for absence and approval thereof Apologies were received from Cllr G Shacklock of North Northants Council.	
25.01.02	Declaration of Interests Cllrs Dawson declared an interest I item 7c as her spouse is a volunteer driver for Volunteer Action. It was agreed she could remain in the room during the discussions.	
25.01.03	Public Forum No members of the public were present.	
25.01.04	North Northants Councillors Report No members from NNC were present.	
25.01.05	Approval of Minutes of Meeting 14 November 2024 The minutes had been circulated to Councillors shortly after the meeting and posted on the website. The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
25.01.06	Matters Arising from minutes a) The Actions Checklist prepared by the Clerk was received . The Clerk reported on outstanding matters. b) No further items were raised.	
25.01.07	Financial Report a) The Clerk presented a report on the current bank position showing a balance of £12,563.61 at the end of December.	

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	<p>Income and Expenditure in the current year is broadly in line with budget, though in year savings on Clerk costs, Hall rental and Training amounting to £920 are anticipated . The report was received. Cllr Wills reviewed and signed the bank reconciliation for December.</p> <p>b) The following payments were approved:</p> <table><tr><td>DCK Payroll Services – Qtr to December</td><td>£ 30.00*</td></tr><tr><td>CPRE – subscription for 2025</td><td>£ 60.00</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk expenses to 31 December 2024</td><td>£ 71.41</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">* Items marked with an asterisk include recoverable VAT</td></tr></table> <p>c) It was agreed that a contribution to costs of providing the car scheme to the villages should be made to Volunteer Action, in view of in year savings identified in 7a above, at an amount of £300. No other organisations were identified as requiring such support.</p> <p>d) The draft budget circulated with the papers was considered and adjusted to remove £1,500 of costs to be met either within the 24-25 year or at a later date from general reserves expected at 31 March 2025.</p> <p>The total approved budget is £5,876 as follows:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Budget 2023-24</td></tr><tr><td>Payments</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk Costs</td><td>3,350</td></tr><tr><td>Insurance</td><td>390</td></tr><tr><td>Hall Rental</td><td>160</td></tr><tr><td>Subscriptions</td><td>440</td></tr><tr><td>Audit</td><td>231</td></tr><tr><td>Website</td><td>220</td></tr><tr><td>Office Costs</td><td>150</td></tr><tr><td>Maintenance</td><td>200</td></tr><tr><td>Training Costs</td><td>200</td></tr><tr><td>Unitary Council charges</td><td>360</td></tr><tr><td>Expenses</td><td>225</td></tr><tr><td>Contingency/ Grants Given</td><td>150</td></tr><tr><td>VAT recoverable</td><td>(200)</td></tr><tr><td>Total Payments</td><td>5,876</td></tr></table> <p>e) It was agreed to set the precept for 2025-26 at £5,876 and the Clerk was authorised to advise NNC of this figure.</p>	DCK Payroll Services – Qtr to December	£ 30.00*	CPRE – subscription for 2025	£ 60.00	Clerk expenses to 31 December 2024	£ 71.41	* Items marked with an asterisk include recoverable VAT			Budget 2023-24	Payments	£	Clerk Costs	3,350	Insurance	390	Hall Rental	160	Subscriptions	440	Audit	231	Website	220	Office Costs	150	Maintenance	200	Training Costs	200	Unitary Council charges	360	Expenses	225	Contingency/ Grants Given	150	VAT recoverable	(200)	Total Payments	5,876	
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25.01.08	<p>Thurning Pocket Park Renovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">As reported at the last meeting, the tree clearance work phase 1 had now been completed, effecting safer passage																																									

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	<p>through to the water. The Clerk has endeavoured to obtain quotations for an Ecological survey, but two firms approached have not responded. He will seek further names to approach from councillors and his professional contacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Final Report Form to be submitted to NNC for the Community Grant Fund was considered and the extent to which the significant delays in pursuing the project might impact on the funding. Positive comments from villagers have been received by Cllr Capp and should be added to section 5. With this change, the Clerk is authorised to submit the form. 	<p>Clerk 31/01/25</p> <p>Clerk 31/01/25</p>
25.01.13	<p>Highways / Footpaths / Public Rights of Way</p> <p>a) The Clerk reported that he had resolved the amendments to the Section 50 licence as noted on the Action Tracker. He has downloaded papers for the grant application, and secured agreement of our contact at NNC to provide the required reference for the scheme. Cllrs Harkness and Paskell had provided some feedback on the style of speed device and he will now pursue suppliers for quotations.</p> <p>b) The Clerk advised that he has received expert advice in relation to the historical paths formerly crossing the Polebrook airfield from Hemington. The advice is that pursuing re-instatement of these paths is unlikely to be successful. It was agreed to cease work on these paths. The papers for the Luddington path have been submitted and acknowledged. Processing of them by the Definitive Map Officer at NNC is expected to take a significant amount of time. There is a further path for potential re-instatement in Luddington and the Clerk will work with Cllr Dawson to complete the paperwork. Cllr Mallett agreed to assist.</p> <p>c) The list of items referred to FixMyStreet was reviewed. It was noted that the Clerk had corresponded with the landowner in respect of NK003. Prior to pursuing further the Clerk is to walk this route together with Cllr Paskell, and is to check with NNC regarding progress with changes to the Definitive Map for this route.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that recent notification in respect of item 462046 (Chevron at 90° bend) still promises no timescale for action, but advises the item is to be regarded as closed.</p>	<p>Clerk 14/02/25</p> <p>Clerk 28/02/25</p> <p>Clerk 31/01/25 Clerk 20/01/25</p>

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	<p>It was agreed that the Clerk should take this up with Cllr Shacklock of NNC as it would appear credit is being taken for work that has not been completed.</p> <p>It was agreed that item 5456117 (difficult to operate gate) should be regarded as closed.</p> <p>d) The commencement of the bus service from Oundle to Rushden Lakes via (inter alia) Hemington was discussed. Should there be potential demand from our other villages then we could submit a request for the route to be from Hemington via Luddington and Thurning back to Barnwell. Luddington and Thurning are to make enquiries of residents re potential demand, the Clerk is to ascertain what evidence the Community Transport Officer at NNC might require, and the existence of the service is to be advised through Branches.</p>	<p>Clerk 20/01/25</p> <p>Cllrs Clerk 28/02/25</p>
25.01.10	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>a) a summary report of active planning applications was received;</p> <p>b) No additional planning applications had been received for consideration up to the date of the meeting.</p>	
25.01.11	<p>Training</p> <p>a) The written report submitted by the Clerk was received. Cllrs Capp, Dawson and the Clerk are booked to attend a planning session organised by NNC on 30 January.</p>	
25.01.12	<p>Police Liaison Representative Report (PLR)</p> <p>The Clerk advised that there were no significant items for the Council's attention. He is continuing to try and arrange attendance at a meeting by one or more police officers.</p>	
25.01.13	<p>Correspondence and Council Briefings</p> <p>a) The log of correspondence received was reviewed.</p> <p>b) The Clerk reported that he had responded to the consultation on the Code of Conduct in his role as Clerk. The link to the consultation, should councillors wish to respond, is https://tinyurl.com/2p8xhnmv .</p>	
25.01.14	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No items were proposed for future discussion. 	

25.01.15	Meeting dates for 2025 The next meeting is 13 th March 2025 in Thurning Village Hall. The dates for other meetings in 2025 were noted: <table><tr><td>8th May 2025</td><td>Luddington Church</td></tr><tr><td>10th July 2025</td><td>Luddington Church</td></tr><tr><td>11th September 2025</td><td>Hemington Village Hall</td></tr><tr><td>13th November 2025</td><td>Hemington Village Hall</td></tr></table>	8 th May 2025	Luddington Church	10 th July 2025	Luddington Church	11 th September 2025	Hemington Village Hall	13 th November 2025	Hemington Village Hall	
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25.01.16	Close of Meeting The meeting closed at 20.58 hrs									

Signed by Chairman

Date

13 March 2025