

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Great Houghton Parish Council to be held at 7.30pm
on Tuesday 11 February 2020 in the Village Hall, Leys Lane, Great Houghton**

In Attendance: Cllr T Bowler, Cllr V Sampson, Cllr D Avill, Cllr R Shaw, Cllr S Williams, Cllr M Barham, Cllr R Jeakins

Also in Attendance: M Billingham Parish Clerk, P Townsend Warden, NCC Cllr L Bowen

<p>820/20 Opening procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive and approve apologies for absence. b) To approve the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 14 January 2020 c) To receive declarations of interest related to the business on the agenda. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Apologies from NBC Cllr P Flavell, b) The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesdays 14 January 2020 were APPROVED c) There were No declaration of interests relating to the agenda items
<p><i>Members are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business</i></p>	
<p>821/20 Public Participation Section</p>	<p>No members of public were present</p>
<p><i>Members of the public are invited to address the council. limited to 15 minutes maximum with individual contributions limited to 3 minutes</i></p>	
<p>822/20 Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive a report from County Councillor representative b) To receive a report from Borough Councillor representative c) To receive a report from Police / Neighbourhood Warden d) To receive a report from Great Houghton Playing Fields Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) NCC Cllr Bowen reported, working with commissioners on adult social care - now deputy leader - preparing for unitary -financial stability -tough period but now more stable - budget set – no adverse feedback this year - 4% increase from Government Children Trust being funded separately - £30 million for services £447mil this year £1.2 billion for county in total - More spending on road repair equipment can do four times the number of potholes 10,000 last year 48,000 this year better value - under budget at present. building up reserves. - Forefront of integrated healthcare - NCC officer leading. ACTION chairman to write to Jason Smithers Highways regarding restrictions to be included in development plans. b) No report from NBC councillor but let know if anything needed. c) Meeting referred to zero crime report, and additional report on street parking and speed check. Warden reported no issues not much storm damage. Cllr raised Concern raised by resident about issues High St – suspect drug dealing from vehicles late at night. d) GHPFA report provided relating to kitchen extension. It was RESOLVED that the council approved in principle the proposal to alter the kitchen and look forward to receiving further details. Council would hope that an alternative meeting room could continue to be provided.
<p>823/20 To receive and adopt the Finance & Administration Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive and approve the Receipts and Payment Accounts at end of January 2020 b) To receive report on payments to be authorized c) To receive quarterly internal report d) Consider renewal of GHPFA Insurance 18 March 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Accounts to the end of January 2020 were APPROVED b) All Payments were AUTHORISED c) The internal quarterly control report to end December 2019 was RECEIVED d) The GHPFA insurance to be renewed ACTION Clerk to contact GHPFA for information and to process renewal
<p>824/20 To receive the Clerk's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To consider memorial plaque for bench in Brackmills Wood b) To consider 2020 council election process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was RESOLVED that no memorial plaque is required for the new bench. The meeting was advised that Brackmills BID are considering funding for a further bench. The Warden will seek clarity on procedure for delivery and installation. b) Having attended a Training session the Clerk explained the election process that needed to be complied with. ACTION council elections to be promoted application forms to be provided before next meeting.

<p>825/20 To receive and consider the planning report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To consider the planning report b) PAG Report – c) NPSG Update - d) Report on joint meeting of Parish Councils Against Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Planning report was considered. There were no planning applications within the Parish for January b) There was no PAG report c) The meeting was referred to the further quote received for professional planning services in formulating the Neighbourhood Plan. It was RESOLVED that the business be placed with Kirkwells. ACTION Clerk to notify company and arrange further meeting with Steering Group. The meeting was advised that Sarah Horner Brackmills BID and resident Will Robinson had agreed to join the steering group
<p><i>Planning report previously circulated and accessible at www.greathoughton.org.uk</i></p>	
<p>826/20 To consider Bus Service Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To consider representations at Village Hopper review meeting b) To consider update on real time bus display Bedford Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Matters to be raised at review meeting on Monday 17 February being: loss of top stop – failure to consult council on major change – clash with Bedford bus timetable – picking up passengers from unofficial stops – leaving stop before due time – use of bus shelter at the Cross b) The meeting was referred to communications sent to appropriate district councilors and representatives expressing council concerns and seeking their support. Regrettably no response has yet been received. The meeting was advised of a Stagecoach App available to those with I-phones and mobile data. ACTION Clerk to chase up responses and promote App on website and notice boards
<p>827/20 To receive Report on village maintenance matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Consider GB Spring Clean campaign b) General maintenance issues – Dog Bins – grass cutting – Pocket Park maintenance c) Cemetery Gates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The meeting was referred to communications previously circulated related to Government Spring Clean Initiative. b) Update on grass cutting and pocket park now that contractor was back in action. Copy of renewed liability insurance will be provided next month. The chain link fence at Rectory Close was considered. ACTION enquiries to be made with property owner and to be included in repair work if established council responsible. c) The meeting was referred to complaint received from resident regarding cemetery gates. Inspection had shown that although somewhat weathered the gates were fully operational and therefore most unlikely that the district authority would be willing to replace them. ACTION Clerk to enquire with Martin George NBC Cemetery Officer
<p>828/20 To receive updated report on traffic management issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Community Speed Watch- update 	<p>The meeting was advised that the training course would be going ahead on Saturday 21 March and that the equipment would be delivered on the 27 March. The meeting was referred to the report provided by police of no speeding cars! Council were concerned with the time of day not being appropriate. Information was provided on Captis Smart Speed camera which captures and reports vehicle registrations. The cost being £6946.42 ACTION Clerk to make further enquiries as to providing evidential support for prosecutions</p>
<p>829/20 To Consider Insurance cover for Open Garden event.</p>	<p>The meeting was referred to enquiry received relating to insurance of community fund-raising event – open gardens. It was clarified that subject to risk assessment being completed Council insurance would cover event. It was RESOLVED that cover be provided accordingly.</p>
<p>830/20 To consider the monthly public messages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Encourage nominations for election. To promote Stagecoach Bus App for Bedford Bus real time information

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

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