

Minutes of the Meeting of Packington Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st August 2023 at Packington Memorial Hall

Present: Chris Miles, Robert Martin, Keith Goodwin, Paul Fleetham, Russell Powell, Bryan Smith
Clerk to the Parish Council: Alex Stretton.

Questions from members of the public (15 minutes, maximum of 3 minutes per person).
There were three members of the public present.

137/23 To receive apologies for absence and to note acceptance by the Council.
RESOLVED: All councillors were present.

138/23 To note Declarations of Interest both Personal and Prejudicial on items within the agenda.
RESOLVED: None.

139/23 To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2023.
RESOLVED: One the proposal of Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Powell, minutes approved and signed.

140/23 Questions to and reports from County and District Councillors
RESOLVED: Clerk to invite councillors Rushton and Smith to attend the September meeting.

141/23 To receive a police report.
RESOLVED: Council noted the latest police report and that there had been No incidents reported up to 27th July.

142/23 Situation Updates

142/23.1 Hall Lane/Home Croft Drive signage

RESOLVED: Council noted that Western Power have refused permission to attach a sign to their telegraph pole. Other options will be looked into but will need input from power companies.

142/23.2 Missing signage for Measham Road and Mill Lane

RESOLVED: A new contact has been established and it is hoped that provision of these signs will be approved by NWLDC.

142/23.3 Capital Projects

142/23.3.1. CCTV - To receive an update and consider future of the CCTV scheme.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that a public meeting will be held to raise awareness of the CCTV system and what it is (and isn't). It was proposed and agreed to set up a working group that can manage the scheme and look into a number of things including formalising arrangements with the supplier, the process for when CCTV records are needed and regular updates for the Council to show effectiveness and return on investment. Other proposals included SLAs for maintenance and checking of cameras, review of the current system and whether more cameras are needed, a catalogue of other cameras in the village so that the CCTV group is aware of a network that could be utilised in case of an incident, provision of signage. It was agreed that a working group should take this further and make proposals, there are 2 members of the public interested in being involved and Cllr Powell offered to represent the council on the group.

A conversation was also had about Neighbourhood Watch and linking that to CCTV and it was agreed that the public meeting should include neighbourhood watch representatives. Cllr Smith will contact Neighbourhood Watch representatives to gauge interest.

It was agreed the proposed public meeting should cover all security issues including internet safety and if possible be attended by representatives of Leicestershire Police.

142/23.3.2 Traffic Calming – to receive an update, consider options and decide next steps

RESOLVED: Council noted that the Traffic Calming Group has written to the County Council and Leicestershire Police to share the results of their private traffic survey but no response has been received yet. It was agreed to await their response.

142/23.4 To note expressions of interest in allotments and decide next steps.

RESOLVED: Council noted that there had been a number of expressions of interest in allotments. It was unanimously agreed by councillors to temporarily suspend standing orders to allow a member of the public to speak. He also expressed an interest in taking on a plot and in helping to organise. It was agreed that any further discussion should take place at the Breedon and Kiddier trustees meeting as the charity own the land and should decide next steps. Standing Orders resumed.

143/23 Financial matters:

143/23.1 To approve the payments for August as listed on the attached schedule.

RESOLVED: Council noted the payments for August and approved all payments.

143/23.2 To review and approve the bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED: Council noted the bank reconciliation.

143/23.3 To receive an update on bank changes and set a date for moving to online payment authorisation.

RESOLVED: Council noted that not all councillors have registered for online banking, clerk to chase up with Unity to check that all paperwork has been processed.

143/23.4 To consider quotations for the annual insurance renewal.

RESOLVED: Council noted that not all quotations have been received and clerk will add this item to the September agenda.

144/23 Planning

To discuss/note planning applications, planning permissions, planning consultations and listed building consent from NWLDC including the following and any applications received after publication of this agenda:

No new applications.

145/23 To note the findings of the Planning Inspectorate inquiry into developments at Whitegates Stables, Coleorton Lane.

RESOLVED: Council noted decisions of the Planning Inspectorate to allow the traveller encampment to remain. They also noted that the site will be restricted to 12 static homes plus a maximum of 12 caravans. Council agreed that NWLDC should be asked to share their plans for monitoring the site and ensuring restrictions are adhered to.

146/23 Correspondence, to note correspondence received.

146/23.1 Email from parishioner about overgrowth of verges on Little Lane

RESOLVED: Noted and clerk has already reported to LCC.

146/23.2 Email from LCC about proposals to dim street lights from 8pm.

RESOLVED: Council noted that the survey has been shared with councillors and on the council's website and as many people as possible are encouraged to respond. Clerk to write

to LCC to object to the proposal on the grounds of health and safety and security and to ask what the savings across Packington will be.

146/23.3 Email from Packington Traffic Control Group re recent traffic surveys

RESOLVED: Noted.

147/23 Clerks Report – to note the information and updates contained in the clerk’s report.

RESOLVED: Noted. The clerk reported that items raised by Cllr Martin under Members Exchange in July have been reported to the responsible authorities

148/23 Members Exchange

For information purposes only.

Cllr Miles asked the clerk to chase up LCC repairs to the bridge on Little Lane and Cllr Powell asked the clerk to chase up an inspection of the foot bridge on bridge street.

149/23 To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 5th September at 7.00pm. Venue:
Packington Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 8.48pm.

Payments and Receipts Schedule – August 2023

To give approval for the following payments:

A Stretton – Salary and expenses	£510.63
HMRC PAYE	£140.09
Bank charges	£5.00
Packington Memorial Hall – room hire for August meeting	£20.00
NWLDC – playground inspections	£314.58
Total:	£990.30

Please note that last month council approved a payment to HMRC of £117.30. When I logged in to pay HMRC and check the calculation and payment code I found that they had also included in their calculation an additional payment for National Insurance and the bill for HMRC was therefore increased to £217.14. This has been paid in order to avoid incurring interest or penalties from HMRC and the payment list updated to reflect the new amount.