

Minutes of the Meeting of Packington Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th November at 7.00pm at Packington Memorial Hall.

Present: Christopher Miles Chairman, Robert Martin, Vice Chairman, Keith Goodwin, Russell Powell, Paul Fleetham, Bryan Smith.

In attendance: Two Members of the public, Clerk to the Council: Alex Stretton

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

Question/s raised from both attendees were about the recent flooding in particular the issue to a broken/damaged drainage pipe on Springs Lane that is causing water to back up towards houses and flood them. Council agreed to back up the residents with a letter to LCC and NWLDC.

Recent flooding in the village was raised and it was noted that there is to be a meeting of FLOAT with various agencies during November to discuss the recent major floods which affected many but also flooded 15 houses. Among the items to discuss is mitigation of new building and the effectiveness of new and existing balancing ponds plus the warning system which at the moment is inadequate.

163/23 To receive apologies for absence and to note acceptance by the Council.

RESOLVED: Apologies from Cllr Rushton (LCC) noted.

164/23 To note Declarations of Interest both Personal and Prejudicial on items within the agenda.

RESOLVED: None

165/23 To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd October 2023.

RESOLVED: Proposed acceptance by Councillor Martin, minutes approved and signed.

166/23 Questions to and reports from County and District Councillors

None present and no reports received.

167/23 To receive a police report.

RESOLVED: No incidents of note for the month up until 27th November.

168/23 Situation Updates:

168/23.1 Hall Lane/Home Croft Drive signage

RESOLVED: Noted that the clerk has written to residents who have properties on Hall Lane near to where the sign will be placed. Once the consultation period is over, the clerk will complete the application to LCC for a roadside licence.

168/23.2 Village Safety

168/23.2.1 To receive an update from FLOAT

RESOLVED: Council noted that FLOAT have been active in responding to flooding and contacting the relevant agencies for assistance. A meeting with outside agencies will take place in November and there will be a number of questions asked about warning systems and plans for mitigation. The clerk will write to agencies in support of the FLOAT concerns including asking NWLDC planning for information and reassurance regarding balancing ponds, their usefulness,

their maintenance and the mitigations that can be included in future planning items to ensure flooding in Packington is not exacerbated but the developments.

168/23.2.2 CCTV To receive an update and consider future of the CCTV scheme.

RESOLVED: Councillor Powell has met with the CCTV team including the owners of the CCTV company. A quotation for upgrading the system will be created and the team are looking into formalising the scheme with a contract to include service level agreements.

168/23.2.3 Neighbourhood Watch – to receive a report

RESOLVED: Cllrs Smith and Miles to liaise over the village contact list.

168/23.2.4 Traffic Calming – to receive an update

RESOLVED: A meeting with LCC will take place on November after which it will be clearer what LCC will agree to and what role the Parish Council can play. The council reiterated that they support the traffic calming group's aims but can't make any decisions until it is clear what can or will be allowed by LCC.

168/23.2.5 To set a date for a Community Safety Meeting.

RESOLVED: date set for 15th March 2024. Local groups and emergency services to be invited.

169/23 Financial matters:

169/23.1 To approve the payments for November as listed on the attached schedule.

RESOLVED: On the proposal of Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Goodwin, payments agreed and approved.

169/23.2 To review and approve the bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved

169/23.3 To review the draft budget and consider next steps

RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange to review the draft budget with Cllrs Miles and Powell before the December meeting.

169/23.4 To receive an update on the insurance renewal

RESOLVED: Council noted that the renewal has been arranged and paid for. This is a specialist policy only provided by Hiscox that allows a parish council to also cover a charity recreation ground.

169/23.5 To approve the expenditure involved in applying to the Land Registry in order to ascertain the ownership of land on Coleorton Lane.

RESOLVED: Clerk to apply to the land registry for the title register.

169/23.6 To approve the payment of the 2nd instalment of the annual grant to the Packington Post (S137).

RESOLVED: Council approved the payment of £1,250.

170/23 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:

170/23.1 23/01108/FUL Works to an existing clubhouse to include raising the roof height to provide first floor accommodation, dormer windows and a balcony with the erection of a single storey building

to provide changing room facilities, retention/extension to terrace stand and new pathway Ashby Ivanhoe Football Club Lower Packington Road

RESOLVED: Clerk to request that NWLDC ensure any water run off is alleviated at the site. Also to check where land drains and surface water drainage from the site runs to. This question to apply to all future planning applications to help alleviate flooding in the village.

171/23 To consider the purchase of hedgehog doors and to encourage a scheme across the village.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to purchase a pack of hedgehog doors for distribution in the village.

172/23 To note that the minutes and financial records of the Breedon & Kiddier (Recreation Ground) Charity and the Earl of Huntingdon Charity have been reviewed and approved by the Trustees at their relevant meetings. To note that the Breedon & Kiddier (Recreation Ground) Charity Trustees receive regular reports on inspections of equipment at the park and carry out all necessary repairs in line with insurance and risk assessment requirements.

RESOLVED: Noted

173/23 Correspondence, to note correspondence received.

RESOLVED: None received

174/23 Clerks Report – to note the information and updates contained in the clerk's report.

RESOLVED: Noted.

175/23 Members Exchange

Council noted that one of the notice boards is due to be renovated.

A councillor raised the car wash and valet still working on the verge and clerk to chase NWLDC for a response.

176/23 To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.00pm. Venue: Packington Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at: 9.04pm.

Payments and Receipts Schedule – November 2023

To give approval for the following payments:

A Stretton – Salary and expenses	£527.23
HMRC PAYE	£24.40
Bank charges	£5.00
Packington Memorial Hall – Room Hire for October meeting	£20.00
Packington Memorial Hall – room Hire for traffic calming meeting	£16.00
ICO annual fee (data protection)	£35.00
Packington Post – second half of annual grant (S137)	£1,250.00
Total:	£1,877.63