

Minutes of the Meeting of Packington Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at Packington Memorial Hall

Present: Chris Miles, Paul Fleetham, Russell Powell, Bryan Smith, Keith Goodwin.

Clerk to the Parish Council: Alex Stretton.

Questions from members of the public (15 minutes, maximum of 3 minutes per person).
There were no members of the public present.

150/23 To receive apologies for absence and to note acceptance by the Council.

RESOLVED: Apologies were noted and accepted from Cllr Martin.

151/23 To note Declarations of Interest both Personal and Prejudicial on items within the agenda.

RESOLVED: None.

152/23 To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st August 2023.

RESOLVED: One the proposal of Cllr Fleetham, seconded by Cllr Powell, minutes approved and signed.

153/23 Questions to and reports from County and District Councillors

RESOLVED: Clerk to invite councillors Rushton and Smith to attend the October meeting.

154/23 To receive a police report.

RESOLVED: Clerk to circulate the latest report.

155/23 Situation Updates

155/23.1 Hall Lane/Home Croft Drive signage

RESOLVED: Council noted that Western Power and Cadent have agreed in principle that a sign can be placed on the verge. A licence will need to be obtained from the County Council.

155/23.2 CCTV - To receive an update and consider future of the CCTV scheme.

RESOLVED: Cllr Powell agreed to liaise with the CCTV team to continue the process of formalising the scheme and report back next meeting.

155/23.3 Neighbourhood Watch – to receive a report

RESOLVED: Cllr Smith reported that he had been in touch with the list of current Neighbourhood Watch representatives (as listed in the Packington Post) and most are still interested in being involved in a scheme. It was agreed that an overall coordinator for the village is needed and that a scheme needs to ensure that all can be reached, especially those who do not have smart phones and access to apps such as Whatsapp. Perhaps a phone tree for those without apps that could run alongside other alerts. An advert will be put in the PP for a coordinator and the Clerk and Cllr Smith will liaise to look into support and grants towards NW schemes. An event will be held in late November to be an open event for the whole village and cover security such as CCTV, Neighbourhood Watch and we will invite the police and fire service and ask NWLDC for their input. It was agreed that a leaflet should be produced to ensure everyone in the village is aware.

155/23.4 Village Safety – street lighting

RESOLVED: Council agreed to ask LCC for an update of their recent survey into the dimming of street lights after 8pm.

155/23.5 Traffic Calming – to receive an update, consider options and decide next steps

RESOLVED: Council noted correspondence received since the last meeting from the Packington Traffic Calming group. Clerk will keep in touch with them for any updates.

156/23 Financial matters:

156/23.1 To approve the payments for September as listed on the attached schedule.

RESOLVED: Council noted the payments for September and on the proposal of Cllr Goodwin, seconded by Cllr Russell, approved all payments.

156/23.2 To review and approve the bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED: Council reviewed and on the proposal of Cllr Russell, seconded by Cllr Fleetham, noted the bank reconciliation.

156/23.3 To receive an update on bank changes and set a date for moving to online payment authorisation.

RESOLVED: Council noted that 2 Councillors are now registered for online banking, Cllr Goodwin has the paperwork. The 2 new Councillors need to be added, clerk to check the paperwork submitted to Unity.

156/23.4 To consider quotations for the annual insurance renewal.

RESOLVED: Council noted that not all quotations have been received and clerk will circulate them once received ready for approval next meeting.

157/23 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:

157/23.1 23/01045/VCU – Roecliffe Farm, new Packington – conversion of agricultural building

RESOLVED: Noted.

157/23.2 23/01078/FUL – 25 High Street, Packington – enclosure of porch, replacement windows, remedial render

RESOLVED: Noted.

158/23 Correspondence, to note correspondence received.

None of note.

159/23 Clerks Report – to note the information and updates contained in the clerk's report.

RESOLVED: Noted. The clerk gave an update on items recently raised:

- Mill Street and Measham road signs – signs have been ordered.
- Road condition outside the Kellers development on Ashby Road – reported.
- Ashby Road footpath – reported to LCC and should be included in their next mowing/trimming visit.
- Various blocked drains – LCC are aware
- Wooden entrance gates – not carefully mowed or trimmed, look untidy – reported. Should pay more attention next visit.
- New road layout sign now more than 5 years old, can it be removed? LCC report that this has now been removed.
- Bin opposite round house – can it be moved elsewhere in the village, there is a bin on the opposite side of the road.

- 26 Ashby Road – add a new street lamp to the existing pole. LCC have refused this – email circulated.
- Little Lane mowing/trimming and overgrown hedges – LCC will make sure it is included in the mowing schedule next time they are in the village.
- Little Lane Bridge – chased up LCC re the protruding screws and they will attend.
- Bridge slats on Bridge Street - LCC have added remedial work to their schedule.

160/23 Members Exchange

For information purposes only.

Cllr Powell asked for an update on the repairs to the zip wire; the clerk reported that these have been ordered.

Concerns were raised about a car cleaning business on Grove Close/Normanton Road and whether they have a licence to dispose of water and whether there is any impact on the Giliwiskaw which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Cllr Miles gave an update on the allotments project which is being run by the Breedon and Kiddier Charity. A keen group has come forward interested in taking on an allotment and a first meeting has taken place, including a walk around the field.

161/23 To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 3rd October at 7.00pm. Venue: Packington Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 8.48pm.

Payments and Receipts Schedule – September 2023

To give approval for the following payments:

A Stretton – Salary and expenses	£510.63
HMRC PAYE	£100.00
Bank charges	£5.00
Packington Memorial Hall – Room Hire for August meeting	£20.00
Packington Memorial Hall – Annual Horticultural Show	£193.50
Packington Memorial Hall – Allotment meeting	£12.00

Total: £841.13