Minutes of the Meeting of Packington Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th February at 7.00pm at Packington Memorial Hall.

Present: Christopher Miles Chairman, Robert Martin Vice Chairman, Russell Powell, Keith Goodwin, Paul Fleetham..
In attendance: Clerk to the Council: Alex Stretton

Questions from members of the public (15 minutes, maximum of 3 minutes per person).
None present.

014/24 To receive apologies for absence and to note acceptance by the Council.
RESOLVED: Apologies accepted from Cllr Bryan Smith.

015/24 To note Declarations of Interest both Personal and Prejudicial on items within the agenda.
RESOLVED: None

016/24 To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th January 2023.
RESOLVED: Proposed acceptance by Councillor Martin, seconded by Cllr Goodwin, minutes approved and signed.

017/24 Questions to and reports from County and District Councillors
None present and no reports received.

018/24 To receive a police report.
RESOLVED: No incidents of note.

019/24 Situation Updates:
019/24.1 Hall Lane/Home Croft Drive signage
RESOLVED: Noted that the roadside licence application has been granted by LCC and will come into effect once both parties (LCC and the Parish Council) have signed. It. The Chairman and Vice Chairman signed the licence agreement. Once licence signed by LCC the clerk will order the sign and liaise with utility companies.
019/24.2 Village Safety

019/24.2.1 To receive an update on recent flooding issues including issues on Springs Lane and Babelake Street
RESOLVED: Council noted that the clerk has been chasing NWLDC and LCC for a response to the flooding on Babelake Street. NWLDC have carried out some work to clear gullies.
019/24.2.2 CCTV To receive an update and consider future of the CCTV scheme.
RESOLVED: Councillor Powell reported that the CCTV team have received an update and contract, including SLAs, from the supplier and will review it before the next council meeting.
019/24.2.3 Neighbourhood watch – to receive a report
RESOLVED: defer to next meeting.
019/24.2.4 Traffic Calming – to receive an update
RESOLVED: Council noted that the Traffic Calming Group have begun the process of applying to have a Speed Watch scheme in the village and noted their support for this. The traffic calming

group will be attending the village safety event. Clerk to chase up LCC who are due to attend before the end of the financial year to review roads and make a proposal for suitable traffic calming.
019/24.2.5 Community Safety Event – 15th March 2024 – update on plans for the event
RESOLVED: Plans for the Community Safety Event are in hand with village groups invited and a flyer planned for delivery to all houses. Council approved a budget of up to £150 to pay for the printing of flyers, purchase of refreshments and room hire.
019/24.3 Community Orchard
RESOLVED: Council noted that volunteers and expert advice are needed. The clerk had received correspondence from a local representative of the National Forest. Clerk and Chairman to liaise.

020/24 Financial matters:
020/24.1 To approve the payments for February as listed on the attached schedule.
RESOLVED: On the proposal of Cllr Goodwin, seconded by Cllr Powell payments agreed and approved.
020/24.2 Unity Bank Update
RESOLVED: Council noted that £5,000 had been transferred to Unity Bank from HSBC and that there were sufficient councillors registered with Unity Bank to start using it for regular payments.
020/24.3 To agree 2 councillors to approve the Unity Bank Payments
RESOLVED: It was agreed that Cllrs Powell and Fleetham would approve the payments once set up by the Clerk.
020/24.4 To review and approve the bank reconciliation.
RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Clerk to provide an update on solar farm accounts at March meeting to enable the Council's funds to be transferred in full to Unity Bank, leaving solar funds in the HSBC account.

021/24 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:
021/24.1 To note and consider the NWLDC draft local plan consultation.
RESOLVED: Council noted the plan that had been circulated and the information about forthcoming open events. Clerk had advertised the open events on the council website.

022/24 To consider adopting a Biodiversity Policy and revie the draft policy
RESOLVED: Council noted the previously circulated draft policy and on the proposal of Cllr Goodwin, seconded by Cllr Fleetham, agreed to adopt it.

023/24 To consider setting up a Staffing Committee, review draft terms of reference and, if approved, appoint a committee.
RESOLVED: Council reviewed the terms of reference and on the proposal of Cllr Miles, seconded by Cllr Fleetham, approved the appointment of a Staffing Committee.

024/24 Correspondence, to note correspondence received.
024/24.1 Email from LCC seeking nominations for Parish Representatives on the Audit and Governance Committee.
RESOLVED: Noted.

024/24.2 Email from the PCC to request a light on the public right of way leading from Mill Street to Holy Rood Church
RESOLVED: Clerk to look into this to find out what options are available for lighting along this route.

025/24 Clerks Report – to note the information and updates contained in the clerk's report.
RESOLVED: Council noted the report, including an update on plans by LCC to reduce the power of street lamps to 30% from 8pm. Council asked whether there is an option for councils to pay to keep the lights brighter.

026/24 Members Exchange
None.

027/24 To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.00pm. Venue: Packington Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at: 8.30pm.

Payments and Receipts Schedule – February 2024

To give approval for the following payments:

A Stretton – Salary	£545.17*
HMRC PAYE	£49.80
Bank charges	£5.00
Packington Memorial Hall – Room Hire H1900	£17.50
NWLDC – Election Expenses	£135.76
NWLDC – bin emptying	£338.00
LRALC – annual internal audit fee	£245.00
Astley Computers – Back up (annual fee)	£140.00
D R Watkins – repairs to notice board	£75.00
Total:	£1,551.23

To note a transfer of £5,000 from the HSBC current account to the Unity Bank current account on Friday 26th January.

*Salary payment above will be adjusted down to £544.17 if the test payment of £1.00 from Unity Bank is successful.

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