

Minutes of the Meeting of Packington Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th June at 7.00pm at Packington Memorial Hall.

Present: Christopher Miles (Chairman), Robert Martin (Vice Chairman), Russell Powell, Paul Fleetham.

In attendance: Clerk to the Council: Alex Stretton

Three members of the public was present together with 2 representatives of the local police.

Questions from members of the public (15 minutes, maximum of 3 minutes per person).
No questions.

071/24 To receive apologies for absence and to note acceptance by the Council.

RESOLVED: Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Goodwin and Smith.

072/24 To note Declarations of Interest both Personal and Prejudicial on items within the agenda.

RESOLVED: None

073/24 To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th May 2024.

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

074/24 Questions to and reports from County and District Councillors

No reports received.

075/24 To receive a police report.

RESOLVED: Council welcomed the police officers and noted the following report of 5 incidents (out of a total 168 for the beat area) in the past month:

A case of damage and assault, theft from a motor vehicle, theft of a motor vehicle via a burglary to obtain the keys.

Current beat area priorities are focussed on drug and anti-social behaviour. Next month's focus will include speeding with spot checks across the area.

The officers agreed to look into parking issues.

Residents are encouraged to report issues, including anonymously via Crimestoppers.

076/24 Situation Updates:

076/24.1 Flooding

RESOLVED: Council noted that there have not been any flooding incidents since last meeting although there continues to be a problem on Babelake Street. LCC are due to attend to inspect and carry out works to the culvert under Babelake Street to try to alleviate the ongoing flooding there.

The meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss the River Mease Catchment area has had to be postponed due to the upcoming election.

076/24.2 CCTV To receive an update and consider future of the CCTV scheme.

RESOLVED: Cllr Powell reported that the CCTV group continue to look into the improvement of the current system.

076/24.3 Traffic Calming

RESOLVED: Clerk to chase up LCC about costings for traffic calming measures. Contact Traffic Calming Group for an update on their Speedwatch exercise.

076/24.4 Community Safety Event and Neighbourhood Watch – To receive an update.

RESOLVED: Council noted that articles had appeared in the latest Packington Post and liaison continues with groups across the village including Neighbourhood Watch. The new Neighbourhood Watch signs have been delivered.

077/24 Financial matters:

077/24.1 To approve the payments for June as listed on the attached schedule.

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

077/24.2 To review and approve the bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED: Council noted the reconciliation, including recent movements between accounts to separate solar funds from council funds.

077/24.3 To receive the Annual Internal Auditor's Report 2023/2024

RESOLVED: Noted.

077/24.4 To consider recommendations or matters arising from the internal auditor's narrative report

RESOLVED: Council noted the recommendations in the report and that some of these are already being met. Clerk to make changes to meet all recommendations in this financial year.

077/24.5 To complete and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2023-2024

RESOLVED: The chairman read through the annual governance statement, completing it during the meeting and council agreed that it could be signed as a true record.

077/24.6 To receive and sign the Accounting Statements 2023-2024

RESOLVED: Council noted and approved the Accounting Statements.

077/24.7 To receive and consider the bank reconciliation 2023-2024

RESOLVED: Noted

077/24.8 To receive and consider the explanation of variances

RESOLVED: Noted.

077/24.9 To receive and consider the breakdown of reserves held

RESOLVED: Noted.

077/24.10 To agree the dates for the period of public rights

RESOLVED: The dates 10th June to 19th July were noted.

077/24.11 To note the necessity for the purchase of replacement defibrillator cabinet and spare parts and approve payment.

RESOLVED: Council noted and approved the cost of replacing the defibrillator and spare parts.

077/24.12 To consider funding a training session in use of the defibrillator and first aid.

RESOLVED: Clerk and Chairman to liaise to arrange this.

078/24 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:

078/24.1 24/00558/LBC Demolition of existing buildings and erection of detached carport and workshop/store and external staircase to additional storage in roofspace. (Listed Building Consent) at 21 Babelake Street, Packington.

RESOLVED: Council noted that the clerk had received an email to say that applications relating to this property had been withdrawn. Council reserved the right to comment on the application if it transpired that this was not the case. It was noted that the application was for a building that appeared over large, built to standards that indicate it could in future become a residence, is not in keeping with the nearby listed property. Clerk to follow up with NWLDC.

078/24.2 24/00557/FUL Erection of detached carport and workshop/store and external staircase to additional storage in roofspace at 21 Babelake Street, Packington

RESOLVED: Council noted that the clerk had received an email to say that applications relating to this property had been withdrawn. Council reserved the right to comment on the application if it transpired that this was not the case. It was noted that the application was for a building that appeared over large, built to standards that indicate it could in future become a residence, is not in keeping with the nearby listed property. Clerk to follow up with NWLDC.

079/24 To consider the purchase of a planter for the corner of Home Croft Drive and High Street. To consider applying for an LCC Cultivation Licence for placing planters on the roadside.

RESOLVED: Council agreed that the clerk should contact LCC to request a cultivation licence for this area/

080/24 To review and accept the revised Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED: Council reviewed the revised Financial Regulations and resolved to adopt them.

081/24.1 Correspondence, to note correspondence received.

RESOLVED: None of note.

082/24 Clerks Report – to note the information and updates contained in the clerk's report.

RESOLVED: Council noted the report. Clerk to chase up repairs to the bridge and bollard on Bridge Street. The clerk confirmed that LCC have been contacted about a licence to place a dog waste bin at the footpath on Ashby Road.

083/24 Members Exchange

Councillors to have a site meeting to discuss rearranging a number of bins in the village to more suitable locations.

084/24 To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 2nd July, 7pm at the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at: 8.30pm.