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Minutes of the Meeting of the Duddington-With-Fineshade Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st August 2023.

Present:

Mrs S Parsons Chairman
Mrs M Scott
Mrs S Hackett

Mr Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents in attendance.

2023/051 Apologies for absence

Cllrs. Mr R Holder, Mr J Maunder Taylor, Mr J Waldock and Mrs R Spencer Jones

2023/052 Declarations of interest

Nothing on agenda items

2023/053 Public Time

There were no residents in attendance.

2023/054 Police Matters

The Clerk had received nothing from the Police.

2023/055 To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16.05.23

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16th May 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Mrs M Scott Jones and seconded by Cllr. Mrs S Parsons. It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of that meeting.

2023/056 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16.05.23

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2023/057 Matters arising

The Clerk had exchanged e-mails with Sophie van den Bergh regarding the latter's attendance at a meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr. Mrs Hackett said she would speak to her.

2023/058 Estate Matters

There had been no report from Adam Farnsworth and the planning application has not yet been submitted.

2023/059 Highways

Cllr Mrs Hackett said that emergency repairs had been carried out on the road to Top Lodge. Due to lack of action by Highways, Cllr. Mrs Parsons had arranged for David Bates to cut back the vegetation at the A47/Stamford Road junction to restore visibility.

The VAS sign northbound at Wakerley Crossroads was still not displaying the text properly.

2023/060 Neighbourhood Plan: Working Group Update.

Cllr. Mrs Hackett expected the NHP to be going out for the Regulation 16 consultation shortly.

2023/061 Casual Vacancy

Following the passing of Cllr. Mrs D George, the notices announcing the vacancy would be effective from 04.08.23 until 24.08.23. If fewer than ten residents request an election, the vacancy can be filled by co-opting.

2023/062 Correspondence

As per list previously circulated to councillors.

2023/063 Planning

- a) There were no planning applications for consideration.
- b) NE/23/00317/LBC had been considered since the last meeting. There were no objections.
- c) There were no other planning matters.

2023/064 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting. Cllr. Mrs Hackett proposed that the statement be accepted, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Scott.

Chairman

Date

- (ii) The following invoices were presented and Cllr. Mrs Hackett proposed that payment be made and this was seconded by Cllr. Mrs Scott..

Retrospective

23.05.23 Bourne Skip Hire £855.00 Cheque No. 101062

01.06.23 D Bates (*Reimburse Mrs S Parsons*) £100.00 Cheque No. 101063

01.06.23 Duddington Village Hall £180.00 Cheque No. 101064

10.07.23 D Bates (*Reimburse Mrs S Parsons*) £100.00 Cheque No. 101065

10.07.23 Npower Business Solutions £13.81 Cheque No. 101066

17.07.23 D Bates (*Reimburse Mrs S Parsons*) £100.00 Part Cheque No. 101067

01.08.23 D Bates (*Reimburse Mrs S Parsons*) £100.00 Part Cheque No. 101067

- (v) The External Auditor has acknowledged receipt of the Exemption Certificate.

2023/065 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

Cllr. Mrs Hackett spoke of the Northamptonshire Community Transport Directory which is available on NNC's website.

There had been no response so far for the first aid courses. Details are to be circulated and the setting up of a WhatsApp village group to distribute information was discussed.

Npower Business Solutions had announced an increase in its energy rates.

Barclays had written asking if the Parish Council wished to review of its business arrangements following the removal of Cllr. George from the signatory list.

2023/066 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further urgent business the meeting closed at 8:05pm.