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Minutes of the meeting of Napton on the Hill Parish Council held on **Monday 8th January 2024** at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Cllr R Woodcock (Chairman of the Council)
Cllr J Veasey (Vice Chairman of the Council)
Cllr B Alsop
Cllr R Pelter
Cllr W Watson

Cllr N Rock
Mrs C Adam (Clerk to the Council)
13 members of the public were in attendance.

	Action
<p>1 - To receive apologies for absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr I Williams submitted apologies. Cllr A Crump submitted apologies. 	
<p>2 - To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received. 	
<p>3 – To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved & signed by the Chair. 	
<p>4 – To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only:</p> <p>Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Green Power Supply Update to be provided at the February PC meeting. 	
<p>5 – Update from District/County Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports circulated in advance and are available on the PC website. Christmas Tree Recycling – Trees will be collected from 8th – 19th of January and you do not need to pay for your green bin for trees to be collected. Please ensure all decorations and lights have been removed and that any tree over 5ft tall must be cut in half. Please leave outside in a place that does not obstruct the public highway. Overnight road closure on the A425 between the B4452 and the B4451, from 8th January 2024 – 16th February 2024 between 8pm – 6am (Sunday – Thursday). The missed bin collection on School Hill will be collected on 09/01/24. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green waste will not be collected between 23rd December 2023 – 6th January 2024. Collections will resume on 8th January 2024. • Fire Proposals Consultation – Encouraging the community to partake in the consultation at Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service - Consultation on proposed service delivery model - Warwickshire County Council - Citizen Space which closes 10th March 2024. 	
<p>6 – Comments and questions from the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seat at the top of Hackwell Steps is broken and rotten. • Hedge on right hand side driving along Windmill Road from The Butts towards Holloway, behind the bench, appears to be overgrown. • Blocked drains on Hillside and Godson’s Lane require reporting to WCC. • Streetlights on Southam Road (LC7 & Endene (LC8)) have made for an extremely dark area on the main road making it feel dangerous. A concerned resident felt that there was a lack of communication from NPC. • Noted that sheep and lambs have been seen in the pole barn by the resident and that the building only encroaches the public footpath (23/02359/FUL). • Climate and Environment survey needs to be published on the website. • Cherry tree outside Greenacres potentially requires pruning and as this is one of the memorial trees, a member of the WMWP will email the tree inspector to organise an inspection. • Prime reason for the LED upgrade for streetlights across the village is due to the lack of replacement parts for the old lamps. 	
<p>7 – Planning matters:</p> <p>Application(s) reference: 23/03428/TPO</p> <p>Proposed: - T1 – ash – Reduce by thinning by 1.5 – 2 metres off branch tips – T2 – walnut – Reduce by thinning by 1.5 – 2 metres off branch tips (As per 23/02103/FUL)</p> <p>At: New Baynton House, Napton-on-the-Hill, Southam CV47 8NR For: Mr Mark Hayward Court (Warwickshire) Limited</p> <p>RESOLVED: No Representation <i>Representative for the application was not present.</i> NPC are concerned that the trees health may be compromised if over pruned and request that the trees be pruned within the limits that are appropriate for the health of the trees.</p> <p>Application(s) reference: 23/02994/FUL</p> <p>Proposed: Construction of new concrete industrial-use yard with 10 no. new industrial / storage units with associated works and landscaping to include car parking with 18 no. spaces (resubmission of withdrawn application 22/02481/FUL)</p> <p>At: Cross Roads Garage, Shuckburgh Road, Napton-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire CV47 8NJ For: Mr James Wallsgrove Cross Roads Garage</p> <p>RESOLVED: No Objection</p>	

<p><i>Representative for the application was not present.</i></p> <p>Application(s) reference: 23/03163/FUL Proposed: Construction of replacement general purpose agricultural building and associated works including demolition of existing buildings. At: Greenacres, Southam Road, Napton-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire CV47 8NG For: Mr J Watson</p> <p>RESOLVED: No Representation <i>Representative for the application was present and made brief comments.</i></p>	
<p>8 – Blocked Footpath</p> <p>RESOLVED: Public footpath at Greenacres is potentially blocked by the planting of conifers and several residents have made complaints to WCC Rights of Way. The Rights of Way Officer has been to inspect the site but has not been forthcoming with their findings when requested by NPC Chairman stating that any discussions should be kept private until an outcome is determined. NPC are concerned that the Rights of Way Officer is not adhering to the Nolan Principles in that they are not being open, transparent, or accountable. NPC have agreed to make a formal complaint to WCC, which will be drafted by NPC Chairman. NPC has also requested that the landowner contact the Rights of Way Officer to inform them that the Council and landowner have corresponded to allow for information to be provided.</p>	
<p>9 – New Zealand Spinney</p> <p>RESOLVED: An information pack is being compiled with all the minutes obtained from the Records Office and research is being conducted into the best method of applying to register the land for proof of ownership. It has been brought to NPC's attention that certain maintenance is required on various aspects of the spinney. These include several poplar trees potentially requiring felling or crowning and basic ground maintenance. NEAT has offered to provide basic ground maintenance at no cost to NPC using tools and safety equipment provided by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. NEAT also have their own insurance for people working on their behalf. NPC are concerned about the trees being a health and safety risk so have requested that NEAT hold fire on maintenance until a report from a qualified arborist is obtained and all risk factors sorted. NPC agreed that the current priority course of action is to get the land registered and then determine whether the spinney is an asset or liability to the Parish.</p>	JV
<p>10 – School Field</p> <p>RESOLVED: NPC are waiting for a second quote to be received before moving forward. Brambles overhanging the fence will be inspected and dealt with appropriately. There is some uncertainty as to whether NPC may be in a long-term lease agreement with WCC regarding the School Field. NPC has made an enquiry to WCC to determine if they have any records of this lease. The Granton Playing Field area is owned by NPC.</p>	
<p>11 – Sports Field Licence Renewal</p> <p>RESOLVED: Agreed to sign/stamp the 2024 Licence agreement and return to the NSA to be signed. One copy will be retained by NPC and one by the NSA.</p>	*

<p>12 – Gigaclear ‘Access Only’ Network Agreement</p> <p>RESOLVED: Agreed to sign once an updated copy of the agreement is obtained naming NPC as the custodians instead of the landowners.</p>	<p>*</p>
<p>13 – Climate and Environment</p> <p>RESOLVED: Agreed to fund the village hall hire costs of £80 to support the Climate and Environment activities being held between January – March 2024.</p>	
<p>14 – Finance Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: Agreed to approve the budget and precept for 24-25. All payments approved, and payment list can be found under supporting documents.</p>	<p>*</p>
<p>15 – Councillor Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enquired if there were any updates on the Priors Marston/Dog Lane email sent to WCC and noted that no update has been obtained but will be chased. - To enquire if the sign missing from the top of The Butts is being stored by a resident. 	
<p>16 – Close</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:04.</p> <p>[Note: The next ordinary meeting of the Council will take place on <u>Monday 5th February 2023</u> Napton Village Hall (main hall)]</p>	

Signed: _____

Date: _____