

NORTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting

Held on Thursday 14th December 2023 - 7.00 pm at Northbourne Parish Hall

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1.0 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Cllrs Rowbotham (Chair for this meeting), Brewin and Hubble.

3 members of the public

Parish Clerk

Apologies were received from KCC Cllr Steve Manion, Cllrs Edelman, Pays, Kemp and Brett

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

a) Declaration of any councillor's interest in agenda items other than those registered at previous meetings. b) Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests and Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests (other than those previously disclosed), and a reminder to think of any changes to the DPI Register held at DDC, such as a change of job or home. c) Voluntary Declaration of other non-significant interest.

There were none declared.

3.0 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME - Limited to items on the agenda, a maximum of 15 minutes in total.

The Council was informed that the Northbourne recreation Ground project which was set up in 2020 has now been closed. The remaining fund of £100 has been donated to the RSPB wildlife group.

Parishioners also thank the community group for clearing the bus shelter (Northbourne) and also the Pavilion at Almonry Meadow.

4.0 REPORTS

a. District & County Councillor's Reports – none received.

b. Report from the Chair - not in attendance.

c. Report from the Vice-Chair

Cllr Rowbotham apologised for being out of the loop recently due to illness. Cllr Rowbotham suggested reviewing assets in Northbourne which might be considered for listing as a community asset – a community consultation could be created to initiate this. Initially assets suggested including Bus shelter in Northbourne, Betteshanger Club, Betteshanger Recreation Ground. Secondly, allotments were discussed, the small site on North Way has had previous planning applications declined. A community group has been formed in Northbourne; all are keen to participate with projects such as the Pavilion. Cllr Rowbotham would like to further develop community involvement

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and initiate an environment project – this would involve co-opting non-voting members to the council.

5.0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9th NOVEMBER 2023

The meeting was unable to approve previous minutes as only 2 members were present at the last meeting. To be approved at the next meeting of the council.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Cllr Rowbotham has held successful surgeries in Northbourne, it is intended to hold further events in Finglesham and Betteshanger.

6.0 FINANCE – TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE REPORT & APPROVE PAYMENTS

Approved by All

7.0 PLANNING

23/01329 Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey rear infill extension
Location: West Street Farm , West Street Farm Road, Finglesham, CT14 0NH

Cllr Hubble reported that there have been no objections, and it was agreed to support this application.

Cllr Rowbotham commented on current change of use plans – no details given; the Clerk is unaware of any pending matters which require consultation for this council.

8.0 TO APPROVE DATES OF MEETINGS 2024

Jan 11th, Feb 8th, March 14th, April 11th (year-end), 9th May AGM, 30th May (APM), 13th June, 11th July, no meeting held in August, Sept 12th, Oct 10th, Nov 14th (Budget), Dec 12th.

Cllr Rowbotham requested that the dates of the AGM and APM are changed – to be deferred to the next meeting and check Standing Orders.

9.0 COMMUNITY

- a. Northbourne Community Group – report from village cleanup

Cllr Brewin reported on the successful clean up of the Pavilion, future use of the building is a priority decision. Villagers in Northbourne have also tidied the bank in front of Almonry Cottages and around the bus shelter. Cllr Rowbotham suggested installing double yellow lines around the bus stop at the end of The Street and also at The Drove.

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