

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
20th AUGUST 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions – Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status & any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

Nancy Chapman, Parish Clerk

Present

Robin Carpenter (Chairperson), Joanna Szmaj and Robert Halls.

In Attendance

Nancy Chapman and two members of the public.

Before the meeting commenced there was an opportunity for the public to speak:

No items were brought for discussion.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mark Pollock, Richard Beatson, Peter Higgins and Malcolm White.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th JULY 2024 (Already Circulated)

The minutes were approved as correct records of the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MATTERS OF REPORT

None.

5. SOMERSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS (BY INVITATION)

The Somerset Councillor's report was previously circulated. This contained rough details of a 'Parish Price list' (this was given as a 'day rate' from highway services in the region of £600-£800+ VAT).

6. PLANNING AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Planning applications received (for adjoining parish):

- App No: 24/01672/FUL Proposal: Creation of a multi-cell nutrient capture wetland and associated landscaping and planting. Location: Pendomer Wetland, Pendomer Road. A resolution was passed to support the application.

b) There were no planning applications received after publication of the agenda.

c) The Chairman has received an email from the Enforcement Officer re the report of person(s) residing at Holtens (Somerset Council Complaint Reference: 24/00087/ENF). He reported that he had visited the field and stated that there was no mobile home located in the area that previous had planning permission for 3 years (with the previous owner). Unfortunately, he made no comment about the other mobile home which was located in the same field. The Chairman agreed to follow this up.

7. HIGHWAYS

a) The Chairman has asked that the councilors continue to help find a new PC Highways Representative. Some potholes repairs have been done to the area at the bottom end of North Lane. It was thought that no repairs have been made to Wimborough Lane (ref: 8165430) so far.

8. FOOTPATHS

- a) The new Somerset County footpath representative made a visit to Hardington recently. He has agreed to replace 3 stiles with foot path gates, subject to owner's approval. He has stated that the stile before the exit on Pen Lane, could probably be removed and a gap left instead. The Chairman has replied stating he feels it still needs a stile or footpath gate.

9. PARISH ISSUES

- a) The majority of the Phone box has now been painted. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Halls for doing this.
- b) Somerset Council have sent a letter indicated the cost for collecting the waste from litter and Dog bins is likely to be around £7.82 (+VAT) per bin, per collection (this only includes parish Council owned bins and not Somerset Council owned bins).
- c) The first PCSO 'surgery' took place on the 3rd August. It is hoped that the new PCSO will continue to attend monthly, in combination with the Village Hall monthly coffee mornings.
- d) The Chairman agreed to check the salt bins to determine if they need refilling and feed this back to Somerset Council by the 9th September.
- e) The Village Welcome Pack has now not been updated for sometime. The clerk agreed to update it and send it out to the PC for any further updates following this.

10. COMMUNITY FIELD

- a) Halycon have replied to the Chairman stating that they have cut the field 10 times so far this year and applied weedkiller so have met their contracted obligations.
- b) Cllr White agreed to speak to Cllr Higgins regarding ordering the lorry load of 'fine gravel' for the bike track.

11. FINANCE

- a) The outstanding issues have now been resolved and the Clerk is now waiting for Lloyds Bank to process the application.
- b) There was a £299 receipt received from Party-In-the-Park committee.
- c) A resolution was passed to pay the following invoices:

- S Ogden - Ranger fees August	£196.00
- Hardington VHC- PCSO surgery hire of Village Hall (£12 per hour)	£24.00
- SALC Affiliation fees April 2024-March 2025	£178.35
- SALC Training fee (Councillor Essentials Roles & Responsibilities - May 2023)	£25.00
- Robert Hall – reimbursement for telephone paint (£49.76+VAT£9.95)	£59.71

12. PARISH RANGER SCHEME

- a) The Ranger gave a summary of his tasks, including strimming lots of footpaths and verges. The strimming has 'uncovered' a lot of stiles which require some maintenance. He intends to do further work next month on the Church and triangle areas, Moor Lane, North Lane and Prospect Farm footpaths.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) None

14. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

£172 was raised from the last coffee morning. The next one is on the 31st August and it is hoped the PCSO will attend. Saturday the 24th August is the Village Flower and Craft Show. The next film will be on September 19th. Unfortunately the VHC booking Clerk and film operator has had to resign due to ill health. They are now advertising for a replacement.

15. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS OR NEXT MEETING

Chairman: None.

Councilors: None

Clerk: None.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 8:15pm. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.