

*MINUTES OF MEETING OF HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
15th OCTOBER 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

Joanna Szmaj (Chairman), Robert Halls, Mark Pollock, Richard Beatson and Peter Higgins.

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

Robin Carpenter and Malcolm White.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th SEPTEMBER 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 reports have been previously circulated.

6. PLANNING AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

7. HIGHWAYS

a) Cllr Carpenter has reported that he has found someone interested in becoming the new highways representative. The Clerk has contacted Somerset Highways regarding Lyatt's road issues. Painted "white lines" have now appeared in the area of sagging-road outside the Brook's farm, so hopefully some work will be done soon.

8. FOOTPATHS

a) The Somerset County footpath representative has confirmed that he has landowner's permission for the 3 stiles on path Y10/20 and financial authorization. He is now waiting for his contractor to come available to fit them.

9. PARISH ISSUES

a) The Clerk has previously circulated to the councillors, the latest issue of the NALC/SALC PC Financial Regulation template (tailored for Hardington PC). A resolution was passed to approve the regulations (subject to the clerk completing the corrections that Cllr Halls has highlighted).

- b) The 80th Anniversary of VE Day is next year on the 8th May. Cllr Pollock has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the celebrations. This will be similar to this years 'D Day' celebrations. There will be church bells ringing at 6.30, following be 'fish & chips' at Sonnys, and then the beacon will be lit at the ridge at 9.30pm.
- c) Somerset Rivers Authority have indicated that they are running a small grants scheme ('Community Flood Action Fund.), for local flood risk reduction. There are no more details than this currently, but it was agreed to keep a look-out for further details, as this might be useful for 'Chinnock Brook' flood-risk reduction near the community field.

10. COMMUNITY FIELD

- a) The clerk has contacted Kompan to regarding the split activity trail stepping stones. They have responded saying that they will be in touch to discuss this sometime soon.
- b) The Clerk has emailed Halycon to ask if they will weed-kill the bike track, but they have not replied. It was decided that the area will now be quite water-logged for the rest of winter and that it will be best to revisit laying the gravel in the Spring.

11. FINANCE

- a) The Clerk has asks Nat West to close the two accounts and asked them to transfer the money to the Lloyds account.
- b) A resolution was passed to pay the following invoices:

- S Ogden - Ranger fees October	£196.00
- N Chapman Salary & Expenses	£988.54

12. PARISH RANGER SCHEME

- a) The Ranger has cleared the soil from around the Church and strimmed around the grit bin (included the one on Elliots Hill). He has also cleared the moss on Rectory Lane.
- b) The ranger intends to strim the path between North Lane and Moor Lane, and the seat on Penn lane. He also intends to clear the verge on rectory lane and finish clearing around the church. The grit bin at the top of Primrose Hill also needs clearing.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) None

14. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE UDATE

£300 was raised from the last coffee morning on 28th September. The next one is on the 26th October. The last film night ("the Fall Guy") raised £149. The next film night is "Swede Caroline" on the 24th October. The VHC now has a new committee member (Tom Gillingham).

15. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS OR NEXT MEETING

Chairman: None.

Councilors: Cllr Halls and Mr Thomas said that they would like to see more 'map information' in the new telephone box, included further information on house names within the village. The Clerk agreed to contact Somerset Council to ask if this this would be allowed given Data Protection laws.

Clerk: None.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 8:03pm. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.