

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HINTS WITH CANWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Hints Village Hall on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr. S Clarke (Vice-Chair; Chair of meeting), Cllr. G Kynaston, Cllr. P Kynaston,
& Cllr. S Shepherd

Guests in Attendance: SCC Cllr. D Smith

Public in Attendance: Five

Minute Taker & Clerk Gemma Burgess, clerk@hintswithcanwellpc.co.uk

23/37. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr. S Petford & Cllr. P.D Lucas.
RESOLVED: *That the reason for apologies of both councillors be approved.*

23/38. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None relevant to agenda items.

23/39. Minutes:

- a. **RESOLVED:** *That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2023, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*
- b. The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly, held on Tuesday 16th May 2023, were noted.

23/40. Public Participation: Residents spoke to raise issues regarding:

- Speeding on Slade Rd and Watling St.
- Overgrown vegetation on Slade Road causing difficulties with visibility when pulling out of drives. (The resident was asked to provide the Clerk with photos and specific location in order to ask the landowner to remedy).
- Progress on HS2 as major works seem set to continue but the compounds seem deserted.
- Whether the quarry visit has been planned.
- Whether the police could provide feedback on issues that have been reported.
- Whether another board could be added to the Ford to improve the level of the water as it is still too high to pass on occasions.

23/41. An opportunity to address the Council for invited guests:

Apologies were received from LDC Cllr. B Yeates, PCSOs Karpi & Hickman.
SCC Cllr. D Smith reported that:

- There is to be a highway strategy briefing on September 5th for local parish councils where other issues may also be raised, such as speed limit changes.
- Where HS2 work has started, it will be completed.

23/17. Finance, Staffing and Administration:

- a. **Bank reconciliation:** The reconciliation at June 30th 2023 was checked and approved.

Reconciliation at 30th June 2023

<u>Accounts</u>		<u>Bank balances</u>	
a. Balance b/f 1st April	26,972.81	Stat 259 Deposit Account	16,020.17
b. Total Receipts	9,965.47	Stat 517 Current Account	19,299.54
c. Total Payments	1,618.57	Add unrepresented income	0.00
d. Profit / Loss on year to date (b-c)	8,346.90	Less unrepresented cheques	0.00
e. Closing Balance (a+d)	35,319.71		35,319.71

b. The list of payments for July & August was approved as below:

Payments to authorise at this meeting 11th July 2023

Date	Doc #	Type	Payee	Details	TOTAL Gross	VAT Element	Employee Costs	General Admin	Grounds Maint	Grants	Other
23/06/2023	2324-017	DD	IONOS	Webhosting 24.06 - 24.07	8.40	1.40		7.00			
21/07/2023	2324-018	DD	HSBC	Account charges to 28.06.23	8.00			8.00			
11/07/2023	2324-019	BACS	SJL	Mowing May & June	224.64	37.44			187.20		
11/07/2023	2324-021	BACS	Clerk	Salary & allowance June paid M4 23-24	267.65		267.65				
11/07/2023	2324-020	BACS	HMRC	M4 Deductions	60.60		60.60				
11/07/2023	TBC	BACS	SPCA	Training - Councillor Fundamentals	30.00			30.00			
23/07/2023	TBC	DD	IONOS	Webhosting 24.07 - 24.08	8.40	1.40		7.00			
08/08/2023	TBC	BACS	Clerk	Salary & allowance July paid M5 23-24 (estimated)	267.85		267.85				
08/08/2023	TBC	BACS	HMRC	M5 Deductions (estimated)	60.40		60.40				
21/08/2023	TBC	DD	HSBC	Account charges to 28.07.23	8.00			8.00			
TOTALS:					943.94	40.24	656.50	60.00	187.20	0.00	0.00

- c. The receipt of £312.00 on 12th June from HMRC as VAT rebate for the 22-23 financial year and £53.47 on 2nd June from HSBC as quarterly interest on the deposit account were noted.
- d. The bank balances were considered in light of the increased interest rates on the deposit account.
RESOLVED: That £9000 be transferred from the current account to the deposit account.

23/43. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk:

- The Quinney Hall doors have not yet been replaced, but permission has been given to dispose of the old doors.
- The potholes by Hillwood Autos will be reported.
- There has been no progress with the Environment Agency regarding the Ford.
- Clearing the gullies has been reported but a progress update is needed.
- Walking along Slade Road from the nursery to Tamworth Road is dangerous because there is no path, part of which SCC said they would scrape so an update is needed.
- The area around the pedestrian gate still needs to be trimmed. The Clerk has asked the grounds maintenance contractor to do this.

23/44. Canwell Field:

- a. **Correspondence:** The correspondence received from a resident relating to mowing, hedges, trees and dog fouling at Canwell Field was noted.
- b. **Antisocial behaviour:** It was noted that there have been several reports of antisocial behaviour involving dog control on Canwell field reported to the Council. The Clerk has asked Police to show a presence but there have been no incident logs for the PCSOs to follow up. Residents were encouraged to report all antisocial behaviour to the police.
- c. **Hedge Cutting:** Cllr. S Clarke will chase up the preferred hedge cutting contractor so that they may be done in September, after nesting season.
- d. **Trees requiring maintenance:** the trees which had been highlighted as in need of attention are on the SCC maintained verge The Clerk was directed to report.
- e. **Waste Collection:** The installation of a dog bin would be an expensive solution incurring significant collection costs. It was agreed that the first step would be to put notices up on the gate. The Clerk is awaiting advice from LDC on what can be done.

23/45. Meetings: The next meetings, all at Hints Village Hall were agreed as:

September 12th 2023, November 14th 2023, January 9th 2024, March 12th 2024

The Vice-Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.36pm.

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