**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** **MEETING**

held on **MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024**

**Present:** Cllr’s Greg Lavers (GL) (Chair), Mark Bladon (MB) (Vice Chair) June Lee (JL), Sally Cann (SC), Michelle Webb (MW), Bruce Benyon (BB), Mark Haynes (MH), Tim Coleman (TC), Dermot Bambridge (DB), Martyn Nash (MN) & Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council).

5 Members of the Public were in attendance.

1. **Apologies of Absence:** None.
2. **Requests** for Dispensations, Declarations of Interest, Gifts and Hospitality – None.
3. **Public Participation:**

**Annie Rickard:** Asked regarding the News & Views publication. GL asked for her questions to be sent in.

1. **Co-option of Councillor:** Mohamad Djahanbaksh was the successful candidate.
2. **The Minutes of the 13th November** **Parish Council Meeting** were approved as a true and fair record.

**Proposed**: DB, **Seconded**: JL.

1. **Report from the Chair of the:** 
   1. **Planning Committee**: 2 applications, both no comment.
   2. **Leisure Committee:** election of new member deferred to Feb’ 24.

* Police holding an online fraud event – date to be confirmed.
* Helen Howard of WNC to attend site visit with CC to address highways issues; date to be confirmed.
  1. **Finance Committee**: under Finance item 11.

1. **West Northants (WNC) Councilor update:** WNC Cllr. Dermot Bambridge had previously circulated his report, there were no questions on it.

Additions: Application for double yellow lines on the High Street, opposite old infant school access road, Highways had a negative response, DB asking cabinet members to see the danger in person, Helen Howard of WNC to address the need for extra safety measures.

1. **Neighbourhood Plan:** CC to email the plan to WNC Planning Department for feedback.
2. **Silverstone Recreation Association:** MN updated that there are now visible changes to the building. A consideration for renaming the venue, there are 5 projects to complete by the launch date of the building, aiming for early spring – weather dependent.
3. **Silverstone Circuit & CLG Action Plan:** No update – meeting end of January. Action plan April / May 2024.
4. **Finance Report**

**i. Payments for approval:** The following payments were approved in line with the council’s budget, payments are made online via bank transfer. **Proposed: MW, Seconded DB – APPROVED.**

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| **Gross Amount (£)** | **VAT Value**  **(£)** | **Payee** | **Details** | **Power** |
| 936.81 |  |  | Clerks Salary | LGA 1972  S111 |

1. The Budget for 2024-25 was **Approved** and **Adopted** 2024-25 Budget as per Finance Committee’s Recommendation**.**

**Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstention: 2**

1. It was **Approved** and **Agreed** that a precept of £79,707 would be levied for 2024-25 fiscal year. This equates to £66.88 per house per annum, an increase of 5% or £3.19 per house per annum.

**Vote: For: 8 Against: 2 Abstention: 0**

*BB wished to record he voted against this recommendation.*

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|  | **2023-24** | **2024-25** |
| **Precept** | £ 74,989 | **£ 79,707** |
| **Tax Base** | 1177.40 | **1191.90** |
| **Charge p/h p/a** | £ 63.69 | **£ 66.88** |
| **£ Inc p/h p/a** |  | **£ 3.19** |
| **% Increase** | 0% | **5%** |
| **£ required from reserves** |  | **£ 7,993** |

**Date of the next meeting:** 12th February 2024 @ 8pm

The meeting was declared closed at 9:11pm.

*Signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair of the Council:*

**Chair: Date:**