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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 2 JANUARY 2025 Sports Pavilion Harrington Road Loddington NN14 1JZ

Present: Cllr Alan Durn (Chair), Cllr Alice Ablett, Cllr Kate Reneerkens,
Cllr Mark Reneerkens, Cllr Lorraine Wensor
Jane Mann (Clerk) Two members of the public

Item no	Decisions	Action																																							
24/57	Apologies for absence: Apologies were accepted from Paul Lamb.																																								
24/58	Declaration of Interests: Cllr Durn declared a non-pecuniary interest in his Playing Field Manager and Village Hall roles.																																								
24/59	Public Session: It was reported that the road to Foxhall (Harrington Road) was in a poor state and dangerous.	KR																																							
24/60	Minutes: It was resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 7 November 2024.																																								
24/61	<p>Accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The financial situation at 31 December 2024 was reported, with a balance of £5,747.71 in the precept account and £10,172.31 in the recreation account. ii. The Parish Council received confirmation that internal controls had been followed. iii. Payments made prior to the meeting in accordance with financial regulations which have been previously authorised and paid by BACS were reported: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">19 November 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">EDF</td> <td style="text-align: right;">77.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">25 November 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Clerk's salary and arrears</td> <td style="text-align: right;">671.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">25 November 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">179.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">25 November 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Clerk's expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">26/27 November 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Garlands</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,147.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">27 November 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">ICO</td> <td style="text-align: right;">35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">27 November 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Community Heartbeat</td> <td style="text-align: right;">69.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6 December 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NCALC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">57.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">17 December 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">EDF</td> <td style="text-align: right;">104.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">21 December 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Clerk's salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">527.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">21 December 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">131.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">21 December 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Clerk's expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">22 December 2024</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Bedford Fuels Ltd</td> <td style="text-align: right;">606.48</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Payment to Rutherfords Locksmiths £199.92 was approved. v. Expenditure was reviewed against nine- month budget position. vi. The clerk advised that the new electricity contract had commenced. vii. The clerk advised that a VAT repayment claim for £890.94 had been received on 12 November. viii. Website quotations were reviewed, and Parish Online was chosen and expenditure approved. ix. The request from PCC for financial assistance for churchyard maintenance was discussed and it was felt that the Parish Council had considerable expenditure of its own. Cllr Ablett mentioned that there were other organisations that may be able to help the PCC. x. Contingencies were approved- specified- £12,241 for Fighting funds and general reserves- remaining balance for financial year. xi. The latest version of the draft budget was agreed and an annual budget of £19,400 was approved for 2025/26. xii. A precept of £14,350 for 2025/26 was agreed and approved. 	19 November 2024	EDF	77.24	25 November 2024	Clerk's salary and arrears	671.63	25 November 2024	HMRC	179.04	25 November 2024	Clerk's expenses	20.08	26/27 November 2024	Garlands	1,147.00	27 November 2024	ICO	35.00	27 November 2024	Community Heartbeat	69.54	6 December 2024	NCALC	57.60	17 December 2024	EDF	104.88	21 December 2024	Clerk's salary	527.17	21 December 2024	HMRC	131.80	21 December 2024	Clerk's expenses	20.08	22 December 2024	Bedford Fuels Ltd	606.48	JM
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24/62	<p>Governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The government's consultation on strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England was considered. ii. The Safeguarding policy was reviewed and approved. Cllr Kate Reneerkens was nominated as Safeguarding Officer. Cllr Durn would obtain Safeguarding policies from the School, 																																								

	Cricket and Football clubs. All policies would need to be displayed in the pavilion.	AD
24/63	<p>Progress reports from previous meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllr Durn provided an update on the solar conversion of speed equipment. He advised that he was in touch with other Villages to look at the cost of replacing with a new solar sign. We shall be looking into applying for a grant from the Road Safety Community Fund for this. ii. Cllr Wensor was thanked for organising the replacement of the noticeboards, which were a huge improvement to the village. 	AD
24/64	<p>Village matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllrs Durn and Reneerkens provided an update on the unauthorised traveller's site. A recent meeting has taken place with a firm commitment from NNC to provide a definitive answer to the actions they are prepared to take. Next meeting mid-January 2025. ii. Cllr Reneerkens provided an update on his Police Liaison role. He had attended parish councils' meeting with PFCC on 3 December; The PFCC had outlined her public safety plan, entitled Safe and Sound. Consultation on the plan closes on 5 January. Commitment from Police for 2025 to ensure that every PLR is engaged with their neighbourhood policing dedicated point of contact. The relaunch of Street Watch has seen an increase in people from across the county becoming involved in local schemes. iii. There are currently no joint working initiatives taking place with the school. iv. Cllrs Kate and Mark Reneerkens provided an update on Highways issues. Their last quarterly meeting with Ben Wright from Kier took place on 19 November, when he gave a commitment to resurface certain sections of the roads going towards Kettering and Rothwell, although no definite timescales were given. Some temporary repairs were promised in the interim, however these have not happened. The next meeting with him will take place on 15 January. Various streetlighting issues brought to our attention have now been fixed. Also, the damaged bollard at pinch point near bus shelter in Harrington Road is scheduled for repair sometime in January. Overflowing litter bin and dog waste bin in Harrington Road have been reported to NNC. v. Parish Council owned grit bins were discussed, and grit levels would be reviewed. vi. It was considered how the village should celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day 	AD ALL
24/65	<p>Planning applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllr Ablett provided an update on existing applications. ii. There were no new planning applications. iii. The Planning Enforcement Officer had not visited Loddington as promised. iv. There were no updates on other planning issues at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loddington Lodge or Loddington School. • Work on trees and solar panel installation without planning permission in the conservation area was to be discussed with the Planning Enforcement Officer. The Parish Council agreed to make a formal complaint to NNC regarding their inability to deal with enforcement issues. 	AA
24/66	<p>Playing Field Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Playing Field Manager provided an update on maintenance, improvements and usage of the playing field and pavilion. Rutherfords have replaced locks in the Ladies toilets. ii. Cllr Ablett provided an update on tree application for the playing field. iii. The Cricketer's had made a grant application for £10,800 for the pavilion refurbishment work. A grant of £6,085 was received. It was agreed that some of the other more important jobs could come out of the Parish Council refurbishment of assets budget. 	
24/67	<p>Training: There were no further training requirements.</p>	
24/68	<p>Date of next meeting: 6 March 2025 The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.</p>	

Signed Chairman: **Date:**.....