

## **Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council**

### **LODER HALL, MAIDWELL**

#### **Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Present:** Cllr Munro (Chair), Cllr Paybody (Vice-Chair), Cllr Calnan, Cllr Hackworth, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Blake, Cllr Goddard  
Ward Councillors: Cllr Parker

**324. Apologies for Absence were received:** Cllr Irving-Swift, Cllr Harris

**325. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda - None

**326. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 Nov 2023**

Approved. Prop. Cllr Jenkins, Sec. Cllr Calnan

**327. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 8 Nov 2023**

- i. **(312i) Planning – Land at Dale Farm** – Awaiting date at planning committee meeting. Update at next meeting.
- ii. **(312ii) Website** – Cllr Jenkins/Clerk – The new website now live. Continuation of updating out of date information and training. A request was made to all Councillors to review and give feedback.
- iii. **(312iii) Defibrillator** – The application for a grant to the BHF was rejected. No reasons given. Clerk to explore other options in regards to funding and ensure 2024/25 budget covers at least one device for Draughton. Cllr Calnan/Cllr Jenkins to explore sources of Wi-Fi at Draughton Clubroom. Update at next meeting.

**328. Open Forum**

No members of the public in attendance.

**329. Speeding Traffic through Maidwell**

- i. **Road Re-Surfacing/Speed Change** – Ongoing - Cllr Munro due to organise another meeting with a representative of Kier to meet and discuss ongoing issues within the next 4-6 weeks.
- ii. **SID Data** – A new app had been installed and the data is now downloading however some months were missing. A discrepancy was noticed between files. A possible option from the supplier to retrofit the signs with a USB port to aid data download. Cllr Goddard continuing to investigate.

The Councillors were disappointed to hear that problems with the sign were still not resolved. A formal complaint will be sent to higher management. Clerk will contact other Parish Councils to understand if the problem is more widespread. Update due at next meeting.

### 330. Sustainability

- i. Supporting the Primary School – Cllr Goddard engaged with the school re the new group Maidwell-being to help create a logo.
- ii. Maidwell-being – A new event is due to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January at Loder Hall.

The inaugural event will be a meeting where residents can help each other out, share skills, have a coffee and a chat. Various experts and sustainability suppliers are due to attend and include phone/computer help, fixing clothing, repairing household items, solar panel representative, West Northamptonshire Council representatives, the Wombles litter pick group and Rita the Refill van from the Refill Revolution in Market Harborough.

Cllr Goddard is organising recycling bins for various items not taken by West Northants Council to be located behind Loder Hall. Thanks to Cllr Parker distributing 'waste and recycling at home guides' to the group ahead of the meeting.

Funding has also been secured towards the project. Thanks to Cllr Harris for putting the group in touch with Justine Horrocks, Local Area Partnerships Project (LAPS) lead. Currently only 4 Northamptonshire villages have been earmarked for support funding. She has confirmed that Maidwell-being mirrors what West Northamptonshire Council is trying to achieve and is happy to approve the support for the group.

**331. Bus Shelter** – A discussion is underway to who owns the bus shelter as there is no written evidence that the Clerk possesses to say otherwise. Action – Cllr Calnan/Paybody to consult land registry re location, search old correspondence and minutes.

### 332. D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The event was noted. No plans for an event to be held by the Parish Council however the Council is happy to support any organisation in the villages that wish to commemorate.

### 333. Reports:

#### Planning:

- i. **Deadline Passed:** The Dower House, Draughton Road, Maidwell, NN6 9JF - Notification of tree work – Works to remove x1 yew tree subject to TPO DA 227. **Deadline for comment 30 November 2023**

No objections – the application was discussed via email ahead of the deadline.

All documents related to this planning application can be found here:

<https://wnc.planningregister.co.uk/Planning/Display/2023/6882/FULL#undefined>

#### Consultations:

The following consultations were noted by the Parish Council.

- i. **West Northamptonshire Council Draft Budget 2024/25 Consultation** - At their meeting on 12 December 2023, the Council's Cabinet approved plans to consult on WNC's Draft Budget for 2024-25 and we are now seeking views on these proposals. **This consultation closes midnight Tuesday 23 January 2024**
- ii. **Council Tax Precept for Police and Fire next year** – Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold has launched a survey asking the public for their views on police and fire funding and the precepts

for the coming year. The police and fire precepts are the amount that Northamptonshire residents pay towards policing and the fire service through their council tax – together, both precepts amount to around 18% of the council tax a household pays. **The survey closes on 14 January 2024. Link to the survey - [www.research.net/r/PreceptConfidence2024-25](http://www.research.net/r/PreceptConfidence2024-25)**

- iii. **Deadline Passed: Consultation on school admission arrangements for September 2025 intakes** – This survey closes midnight 31 December 2023
- iv. **Community Governance Review 2023/24 - Phase 1 Consultation** - A review this summer (2023) sought requests from parishes who wanted to make certain changes to their parish arrangements. The feedback from this work and from the Local Government Boundary Commission identified some appropriate changes which can be addressed through this review. This is not a review of the entire area that the council covers. Instead it focuses on parishes where we are aware of changes following the previous review by the Local Government Commission, and areas where parishes have expressed a wish to participate. **This survey closes midnight 31 January 2024.**
- v. **Deadline Passed: Give us your views on the development of our Tree Strategy** - We are working on the development of a comprehensive tree strategy to help us manage trees more effectively, as well as to set our vision and action plan for the future treescape of West Northamptonshire. **This survey closes midnight 1 January 2024.**
- vi. **Give us your views on the draft Northampton Town Centre Environmental Policy** - We are looking to introduce a Northampton Town Centre Environmental Policy which can help with the overall cleanliness and amenity of the town centre by setting out the way that businesses handle their commercial waste. **This survey closes midnight 28 January 2024**

All WNC consultations can be found on this website. [https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/consultation\\_finder/](https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/consultation_finder/)

## Finance

**334. Budget/Precept 2024/25** – The final version of the budget and precept were approved. The budget was produced from the bottom up and 2 key projects, a new defibrillator and Maidwell-being were allocated some money.

The **BUDGET** for the year 2024/25 was set at **£12,013.18**. Approved. Prop: Cllr Jenkins, Sec: Cllr Calnan.

The **PRECEPT** for the year 2024/25 was set at **£12,013.18**. Approved. Prop: Cllr Jenkins, Sec: Cllr Calnan.

Clerk to action sending PR1 form to West Northamptonshire Council by 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**335.** The Clerk produced accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 along with a bank reconciliation, bank statement and spend v budget. Approved and signed. Prop. Cllr Hackworth, Sec. Cllr Goddard

Clerk to add in forecast to end of year.

**336. Resolution to approve payments.**

- i. Parish Clerk – Dec-Jan '24 & Backpay - **£ 739.18**
- ii. Expenses - Parish Council Websites – Balance & Hosting 1 Year - **£ 729.42**

Direct Debits

- i. Npower – Streetlight Electricity Oct23 - £ 58.81
- ii. Npower – Streetlight Electricity Nov23 - £ 67.71

Internal control checks were carried out.  
All invoices signed and approved.

All payments approved. Prop. Cllr Paybody. Sec. Cllr Jenkins.


**337. Correspondence** – P Redman has asked if the Council would like a Neighbourhood Plan review at the next meeting. Councillors welcomed the offer. Clerk to add to next agenda.

The Clerk also received email correspondence re tethered horses on the Maidwell footbridge. Although an historical issue and not a Parish Council matter it was advised that various residents who regularly walk the footpaths keep an eye on the horses and report any issues to the relevant bodies.

**338. Date and Time of Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024** at 7.30pm at Loder Hall, Maidwell

***Dates of Future Meetings***  
*Wed 13th Mar 2024*  
*Wed 8th May 2024*

**339.** The meeting was closed at 20:40



Date & Signature of Chairman:

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