

## **ST. IPPOLYTS PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of St. Ippolyts Parish Council held on Monday 12th February 2024 at St Ippolyts Parish Hall.  
Welcome to the Meeting of St Ippolyts Parish Council.

### **ATTENDANCE DETAILS**

Cllrs. Mrs Pamela Skeggs (Chairman), Mrs Rebecca Elliott, Mr Jon Marsh, Mr Peter Hobson, Mr Daryl Hayler, Mrs Louisa Knapp and Mr Robert Moore (part).

In attendance: Three members of the public with clerk Mrs Susan Mears.

Also present: HCC and NHC Cllr Mr Richard Thake, HCC and NHC Cllr Mr Keith Hoskins and NHC Mrs Claire Strong. (part).

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Mrs Jane Lintott.

### **2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda should be declared. Cllr Mrs Elliott declared an interest in an item in 8a) and 8c).

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Copies of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 have been circulated to each member of the Council.

Resolved. The minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the procedures and be duly signed by the Chairman.

### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Residents discussed former The Bull Public House and referred to vehicles and traffic issues raising concerns over change of use. Clerk discussed item 8c). Cllr Mrs Strong advised residents to log activities causing concerns. Cllrs Mrs Skeggs and Mr Thake referred to Highway Land.

Resolved. Residents were advised to forward information to the clerk and matter will be referred to Cllr Mr Thake, clerk to forward Highways Plan.

### **5. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, POLICE AND OTHERS**

Cllr Mrs Strong referred to Planning Application S11 and advised the meeting (see item in 8a) is to discuss the S106 legal agreement. A discussion took place regarding an additional bus shelter, the proposed Footpath scheme and sustainability.

Cllr Mrs Strong discussed 2<sup>nd</sup> May NHC elections. NHC and HCC budget meetings to take place and Cllr Mr Thake referred to reduction in locality budgets. Cllr Mr Thake discussed "white line refreshing" councillors to send information to the clerk.

Cllr Mr Hayler discussed 20mph needed by St Ippolyts School and Cllr Mr Thake advised evidence needs to be obtained by speed survey and will discuss matter with HCC.

### **6. CLERK'S REPORT**

Highways plan received showing as public highway the unofficial parking area, junction Waterdell Lane and High Street, Gosmore. See item 4).

Tree blocking Footpath 14 reported to Robert Lloyd HCC Rights of Way now removed.

Speed Indicator Device. Resident request for relocation of Preston Road SID to Hitchin Road, Gosmore facing south. HCC Gary Henning advised SID relocations can commence after April 2024, cost of relocating a SID from one socket to another socket including any traffic management is £375.00. A discussion took place on location and direction.

Resolved. It was agreed to relocate to Hitchin Road, Gosmore facing south and after 12 months face north.

Request to use Gosmore Village Green 27th April - 29th June. It will be Saturdays at 7.30am for fitness classes.

Resolved. Agreed by Parish Council terms as before.

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St Ippolyts Football Club secretary Andrew Parsons advised the club are planning to celebrate the clubs 10-year anniversary with a tournament 8<sup>th</sup> June. Councillors offered congratulations and agreed the tournament date. The Football Club advised they are in discussions with Hitchin Belles who operate several women's teams for on a limited basis using their facilities under supervision. Parish Council advised they agree in principle and raised questions on insurance and fees, awaiting a reply from the Football Club. Current lease expires July 2028, clerk circulated extract from current lease on terms.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party 21st May, current Chairman nominations can be received.  
Resolved Agreed by councillors, clerk to submit nomination.

North Herts Council - Community Partnership Team meeting with Laura Hartley. Clerk will confirm date to meet with Cllrs Mrs Skeggs and Mrs Elliott.

### **7. UPDATE ON ON-GOING MATTERS AND AGREE NEXT ACTIONS**

a) **Chairman's update.** Nothing to report.

#### **b) Consultations**

HAPTC Member consultation. Cllr Mrs Skeggs to review.

Codicote Draft Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation. Cllrs to read.

#### **c) Maintenance and repairs**

Rowan Grove Noticeboard Graffiti reported to Steve Westwood.

#### **d) Play areas, equipment and pavilion visual inspection**

Cllr Mrs Elliott noted building waste on recreation ground rear of 1 Orchard Close.  
Cllr Mr Hayler proposed an inspection of the Football Pavilion take place.

Clerk requested the visual inspection rota is signed at the meeting.

Resolved. Agreed by councillors.

### **8. PLANNING**

#### **a) Planning Applications**

23/02945/FPH at 70 Waterdell Lane, St Ippolyts. Part two storey and part single storey rear extension.

Resolved. It was agreed there was no objection.

24/00001/FPH at High Meadows, Preston Road, Gosmore. Erection of detached garage following demolition of existing garage. Installation of entrance gates.

Resolved. It was agreed there was no objection.

24/00023/LBC at Rosedale, Maydencroft Lane, Gosmore. Installation of white-painted, timber, flush-framed, double-glazed, bi-fold doors following the removal of existing French doors and adjoining windows.

Resolved. It was agreed there was no objection.

Land Between 53 And 81 And Land Rear Of 7-53, Waterdell Lane, St Ippolyts. Erection of 52 dwellings including open space, landscaping, local area for play, and associated highway works (as amended by plans received 09/03/23 and 30/08/23). No alterations to the previously approved plans are proposed. Application reported before NHC Planning Committee 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024, registration available to speak until midday day of meeting. See item 5).

Resolved. It was agreed that Cllr Mr Moore will speak if necessary.

#### **b) NHC Planning Decisions**

23/02784/FPH at Grassways, Newlands Lane. Installation of one freestanding air source heat pump. CP 01.02.24

23/02695/FP at 41 Stevenage Road, St Ippolyts. Erection of one detached 2-bed dwelling including creation of vehicular access off Stevenage Road. Refused. 08.02.24

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23/02085/FPH at Warriors, Millfield Lane, St Ippolyts. Single storey rear extension to enclose existing swimming pool and enlargement of existing rear dormer window. UC 08.02.24

### **c) Planning Enforcement**

The Bull PH. Acknowledgement of Planning Enforcement complaint raised by Parish Council received, NHC Planning Officer Tim Bloomfield advised an investigation will take place and Parish Council will be notified.

## **9. FINANCE**

### **a) Payments and Receipts**

The following payments were requested:-

- a) £83.82 (inc £13.97 VAT) from John O Conner (Litter bins January)
- b) £482.90 (inc. £80.48 VAT) from North Herts Council (emptying 3 dog bins)
- c) £2.60 from Clerk (Travel Allowance)
- d) £80.00 from Clerk (Home Allowance)
- e) £56.47 (inc £4.02 VAT) from Clerk (Admin-ink, IT support, zoom)
- f) £54.06 (inc. £9.01 VAT) from Talk Talk (Phone and broadband)
- g) £782.32 from Clerk (February Salary)

Resolved The total payment of £1542.17 was approved.

No receipts were submitted.

Quarterly payments, receipts and bank reconciliation September to December circulated to councillors.

Resolved Approved and signed by chairman.

### **b) Orders and Quotations**

There were none.

### **c) 2023-2024 Audit Preparation**

Internal Auditor to be appointed.

Resolved. It was agreed to appoint Hertfordshire Internal Audit Services.

## **10. DATES OF MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7:30pm at St Ippolyts Parish Hall.

Meeting dates for 2024 agreed as follows: -

Monday: 8 April (inc. Annual Parish Meeting), 13 May (AGM), 10 June, 8 July, 9 September, 14 October, and 11 November.

All meetings start at 7.30pm, except for the April meeting which starts at 7.15pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.