

Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council
LODER HALL, MAIDWELL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th January 2022

Present: Cllr Calnan (Chair), Cllr Munro, Cllr Goddard, Cllr Blake, Cllr Mortimer, Cllr Parker
1 Member of the Public

- 91. Apologies for Absence were received:** Cllr Hall, Cllr Harris, Cllr Irving-Swift
- 92. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – None received.
- 93. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 Nov 2021.**
Prop: Cllr Munro, Sec: Cllr Blake. Unanimous.
- 94. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings held on 10 Nov 2021**
- a. **(66c) Plant a Tree for the Jubilee** – Cllr Goddard raised the request to the PCC to consider a location for a tree which was rejected. Cllr Mortimer proposed another location as a possibility. Cllr Munro confirmed the land is owned by Highways and that it wasn't suitable as per her previous meeting with the Community Liaison Officer. This item will be adjourned.
 - b. **(73) Eon Unmetered Supply** – The Clerk obtained quotes for the electricity rates from Clear Utility Solutions (NCALC partner) after receiving a letter from Eon last month and has confirmed that the Parish Council are, despite the increase, currently on the cheapest rate on the market. Noted.
 - c. **(77) Neighbourhood Plan** – See Item 102.

95. Open Forum – 1 member of the public.

Cllr Parker gave an update to the Council.

The West Northamptonshire Council Draft Budget for 2022/23 is now under consultation. The closing date is Tuesday 1st February 2022. There is a proposed 4.1% increase which is mainly due to the equalisation between the old and new councils. There is also an ongoing boundary review where the number of each councillors allocated to each ward may be revised.

96. Speeding Traffic through Maidwell

Cllr Munro and Cllr Mortimer confirmed that the new signs had been installed on the 5th January 2022 and are fully operational. Cllr Munro is awaiting an email from Coeval with instructions on how to obtain the data. The data does not need downloading regularly and requires a Windows 10 or Android device with conversion to an Excel spreadsheet. Cllr Goddard agreed to take on the task of regularly capturing the data. Update due at next meeting.

97. Councillor Co-option

The candidate gave a short introduction to himself before Cllr Calnan opened the voting. The vote was unanimous, and Mr Tom Paybody was invited to join the Parish Council. Prop: Cllr Mortimer, Sec: Cllr Blake.

98. Budget/Precept 2022/23

A proposal was circulated ahead of the meeting to all Councillors and published on the village website.

Cllr Blake queried the value of reserves currently held by the Parish Council. It was requested that maybe a separate bank account/savings account be opened so that the reserves were shown clearly. Clerk will enquire.

The increase in the electricity prices was discussed. It is possible that prices may rise as much as 50% as per recent media reports but as this was an unknown it was decided to leave the proposed spend as is and account for any rises under a separate line titled 'inflation'.

The precept for 2022/23 for Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council was set at £12,055.72.

This would be a £368 decrease on previous year.

Prop: Cllr Munro, Sec: Cllr Mortimer.

The PR1 form was signed by the Chair and the Clerk and will be sent to West Northamptonshire Council for processing. The final budget/precept spreadsheet for 2022/23 will be published on the village website.

99. NCALC Asset Mapping Project – Project has been noted. The Council does not feel the need for a working group at this stage.

100. Reports:

a. Planning

i. **For Note: Deadline Passed**

WND/2021/0673 Blueberry Lodge, Harbourough Road, Maidwell (Lampport Parish), Northamptonshire, NN6 9JD – Construction of a tennis court and associated fence enclosure - Email correspondence between Councillors on 8th November 2021 resulted in no objection hence no further action required.

b. Consultations

i. **West Northamptonshire Council Draft Budget 2022/23 Consultation – Runs from Wed 22nd December 2021 to midnight Tuesday 1st February 2022**

Views of residents, the community and other stakeholders are sought on the Council draft budget. Please visit the West Northamptonshire Consultation Hub for further information. Noted.

Clerk to publish on the village website and forward to the email distribution list.

ii. **Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – Budget Consultation – Deadline 16th January 2022**

Public views are sought on the council tax precept for policing and fire and rescue service 2022/23. The survey can be found here <https://www.northantspfcc.org.uk/public-budget-consultation-2022/>

Views are also being sought on the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2022-2025. The survey can be found here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LPZLXZ6>. Noted.

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- iii. **For Note: Deadline Passed – 8th Nov to 31st December 2021**
West Northamptonshire Council School Admissions arrangements for mainstream schools for September 2023 intake. Noted.
- iv. **For Note: Deadline Monday 17th January 2022.** West Northamptonshire Consultation Register: Cottesbrooke Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Consultation. Noted.

Finance:

101. The Clerk produced the accounts to 30 November 2021 along with the bank reconciliation, bank statement and spend v budget. Approved and signed. Prop: Cllr Goddard, Sec: Cllr Blake.

102. Remaining Grant Expenditure for Neighbourhood Plan

The remaining balance from the Neighbourhood plan stands at £202.81. Any unused grant money must be returned to its source. It was unsure to whether there were any outstanding payments that would need to be made. No correspondence has been received so the Council proposed to send back the unused money. Prop: Cllr Munro, Sec: Cllr Goddard

103. Resolution to approve payments

- i. E-On – streetlighting electricity charge for Nov21 - £31.46
- ii. Parish Clerk – Dec/Jan 22 - £452.40
- iii. WEBS Ltd – PDF Manager Upgrade – £24.00
- iv. And any other invoices received prior to the meeting

Coeval – Installation of Speed Signs - £6,246.26
Zeta – Repair/Installation of damaged streetlamp - £1,123.92

- b. Resolution to approve payments made since last meeting - None

All invoices above were signed and approved. Prop. Cllr Munro, Sec. Cllr Goddard.

104. **Correspondence** – Email from resident re: Blueberry Barn, Lamport. Clerk responded 14.11.21 Noted.

Cllr Calnan noted the recent path clearing that been started on the A508 Brixworth and asked the question to whether the clearing could continue down towards Maidwell as the path was very overgrown and would benefit from clearing. Possibly of a new project to lobby for this to be continued. Clerk to enquire further.

105. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 7.30pm at Loder Hall, Maidwell.

106. The meeting was closed at 8:30pm.

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Date & Signature of Chairman:

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