

# NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Napton on the Hill Parish Council held on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025** at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Cllr J Veasey (Acting Chairman of the Council)  
Cllr B Alsop  
Cllr R Pelter  
Cllr W Watson  
  
Cllr A Crump  
Cllr N Rock  
  
Mrs C Adam (Clerk to the Council)  
  
7 members of the public were in attendance.

	Action
<b>1. To receive apologies for absence.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cllr R Woodcock submitted apologies.</li><li>Cllr I Williams submitted apologies.</li></ul>	
<b>2. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None received.</li></ul>	
<b>3. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approved by the Council &amp; signed by the Chair.</li></ul>	
<b>4. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only:</b> <b>Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Street Lighting</b> Southam Road has several lights working sporadically. Light outside The Trees has failed. No progress on current orders and still waiting for the concrete columns to be taken down.</li><li><b>Sports Field Floodlights</b> No progress since last meeting. We are waiting for the contractor/supplier to complete the snagging works and demonstrate the installation to us plus confirm light level readings. Therefore, at the moment, no funds should be released.</li><li><b>Canal Towpaths</b> Both sites reported along the canal have been included in the 2025 C&amp;RT scheduled works and, in the meantime, the local Operations Team will continue to monitor these sites for any further deterioration or H&amp;S concerns.</li><li><b>Domain Name</b></li></ul>	

<p>The domain, <a href="http://napton-pc.gov.uk">napton-pc.gov.uk</a>, has been approved and on January 7<sup>th</sup> it will be registered, and the migration process of the website will take place. The website will possibly be down during this period but should be back up and running on January 8<sup>th</sup>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Napton Landline Outage</b> MP Wright was contacted to help gain further information and an email has been sent to a Parliamentary contact at Openreach. No further update has been provided at this time. A parishioner has also provided some contact information for Openreach that they have found helpful, and NPC has sent a request for information using these contacts.</li> <li>• <b>Bus Shelter</b> Need to commission WCC road safety team to complete a road safety measure. Had a few more contacts from residents and progressing slowly.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Update from District/County Councillors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports circulated in advance and are available on the PC website.</li> <li>• New speeding cameras with ability to detect speeding cars, bikes and driving under influence will be used in the local areas in the near future.</li> <li>• Chevrons on the A425 on the bend heading towards Southam are positioned high on the poles due to new standards. Cllr Crump to investigate further.</li> <li>• Severn Trent Signs – To be investigated. Does the village need all the road closed signs? Does it have to be the whole extent of the village? Why are they placed in the road rather than being on the verge?</li> <li>• Local Plan Consultation – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consultation Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Priors Shopping Centre from 10:00 – 16:00</li> <li>▪ Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> at Newbold Leisure Centre from 13:00 – 19:00</li> <li>▪ Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> at Southam Library from 10:00 – 16:00</li> <li>▪ Several online events details can be found at <a href="#">South Warwickshire Local Plan</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Comments and questions from the public:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Napton Swift Group representative available at meeting to answer any questions regarding the grant.</li> <li>• Will the concrete column halfway up the church path be removed? All concrete light columns will be removed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Planning Matters:</b></p> <p><b>Updates on Applications Using Delegated Authority:</b></p> <p>24/02695/FUL – Owl Cottage – ‘No Representation’ with additional comments and concerns.</p> <p>24/02965/FUL – 2 Howcombe Lane – ‘No Representation’</p> <p><b>Updates on Applications Going to SDC Planning Committee:</b></p>	JV/CA

<p>23/02185/OUT – Land South of Stockton Road – Deferral Requested by Planning Officer</p> <p><b>Application(s) reference:</b> 24/02507/FUL (AMENDED)</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Change of use of an old railway box carriage from a storage unit into a small bar to be used at on site events and a few evenings a week for the Moorers.</p> <p><b>At:</b> Calcutt Boats Ltd, Tomlow Road, Stockton, Southam CV47 8HX</p> <p><b>For:</b> Mr Steven Cox-Watkins Calcutt Boats Ltd</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: No Representation</b> <i>Representative for the application was not present.</i></p>	
<p><b>8. Emergency Plan</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Deferred adopting the updated Emergency Plan to the February meeting to allow time for the final edit. Agreed to purchase a new first aid kit and eye wash for the emergency box.</p>	IW
<p><b>9. NPC Policy</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to adopt the updated Citizen of the Year policy.</p>	RP
<p><b>10. Sports Field Licence Renewal</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to sign/stamp the 2025 Licence agreement and return to the NSA to be signed. One copy will be retained by NPC and one by the NSA.</p>	CA
<p><b>11. Naming Road between Butt Hill and Dog Lane</b></p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> Letters have been sent to the affected residents, but the response date has been extended to February 16<sup>th</sup> as one additional letter was required. This will allow all residents who have received a letter sufficient time to respond.</p>	RP/CA
<p><b>12. Tree Survey</b></p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> Survey has been completed and awaiting the report.</p>	CA
<p><b>13. Consultations</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Police Budget Consultation is live (<a href="https://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/budget-2025-26/">https://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/budget-2025-26/</a>) and is asking Warwickshire residents how much, if any, extra they are willing to pay for local policing in 2025/2026 financial year. Based on Council Tax Bandings.</li> <li>Agreed to respond individually. <a href="#">Proposed PSPO (Dog Fouling) Consultation   Stratford-on-Avon District Council</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>14. Annual Playground/Skate Park Inspection</b></p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> <u>Granton Playing Field</u> - Wooden climbing frame has reached its end of life and needs urgent removal/replacing. Bottom rope on the adventure trail and platforms on the spinning poles will need replacing soon due to wear and tear. <u>Napton Skate Park</u> – Grind box wooden surface requires replacing due to wear and tear. Cable run requires a new seat chain due to excessive wear.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to obtain quotes for fixing the various problems and bring to a future meeting. Agreed in principle to use the CIL and reserves for the new</p>	CA

multi-play equipment to replace the old wooden climbing frame and to purchase a new cable run seat chain.	
<p><b>15. Speeding Case Study</b></p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> An open meeting will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 14:30 at Napton Village Hall to discuss speeding along the A425 and possible solutions.</p>	RP
<p><b>16. Climate and Environment</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to approve the £300.00 grant to NEAT on behalf of the Napton Swift Group to help support their Swift Nesting Box project.</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report.</li> </ul>	RP
<p><b>17. Finance Matters</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to approve the purposed budget and precept for 25-26. Agreed to purchase a G3 (The Village Stores) and G5 (Bus Shelter) defibrillator battery from The Defib Store. Delegated authority was used to purchase sandbags for the emergency box at £44.09 and a G3 defibrillator battery for the Cross Roads Garage defibrillator at £330.00. It was previously agreed that the remaining £225.00 grant request would be paid to the Napton Brownies once the £1,000.00 from the Napton Youth Club fund was received. These funds have been received now and the payment to the Napton Brownies will be made in the January 2025 payment run. All payments approved, and payment list can be found under supporting documents.</p>	CA
<p><b>18. Councillor Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaning the Council's storage cupboard in the spring.</li> <li>Potential of purchasing smaller sandbags (about 2-3 feet long) as the recently purchased bags are about 6 feet long.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>19. Close</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 20:58.</p> <p><b>[Note: The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on <u>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025</u> Napton Village Hall (main hall)]</b></p>	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_