

# NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Napton on the Hill Parish Council held on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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 I Williams  
  
Cllr A Crump  
Cllr N Rock  
  
Mrs C Adam (Clerk to the Council)  
  
8 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> </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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025:</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 lamp is working sporadically and needs further investigation by WCC. No progress on current orders due to chasing emails being sent to the WCC contact's junk email. Still waiting for the concrete columns to be taken down.                 </li> <li> <b>Sports Field Floodlights</b>                      Contractor is coming on February 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> to complete the snagging and light level demonstration. Once completed the lights can be signed off. Written confirmation of the 10-year guarantee is being obtained for the records.                 </li> <li> <b>Domain Name</b>                      The domain, <a href="http://napton-pc.gov.uk">napton-pc.gov.uk</a>, has been registered and the website has been moved over to the new domain (<a href="http://Napton Parish Council – Serving the people of Napton">Napton Parish Council – Serving the people of Napton</a>). All emails, bar one, have been move to the new domain as well. The new email address for the Council is <a href="mailto:clerk@napton-pc.gov.uk">clerk@napton-pc.gov.uk</a>.                 </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Napton Landline Outage</b> MP Wright's office received a correspondence from Openreach regarding NPC's request for information regarding the landline outage. In summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Openreach apologised for the impact this had on the residents and noted that this was one of the largest cable thefts they have experienced with just under 3km of cable taken.</li> <li>○ Due to the scale of the damage, their team of engineers worked on the repair for just over 2 weeks with rolling traffic management moving along the cable route. This is why some homes/businesses were connected earlier than others.</li> <li>○ Have attached anchors to the cables underground to deter future thefts.</li> <li>○ Cannot confirm if the perpetrators were caught in this instance and this now a police matter/investigation.</li> <li>○ Process for reporting a fault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Report directly to your service provider (the company you pay your bill to).</li> <li>▪ That company will notify Openreach of any service impacting issues.</li> <li>▪ Openreach will arrange for an engineer to come investigate/confirm the issue.</li> <li>▪ Openreach will keep your service provider updated on the progress and it is your service providers responsibility to keep you updated.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Naming Road</b> Letters have been sent to the affected residents and the response time extended to February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Once this date has past the next step of the road naming process can proceed.</li> <li>• <b>Bus Shelter</b> A road safety audit at the bottom of Butt Hill is required which costs about £1,200.00. Cllr Crump to see if this small area can be added to the road safety audit on the A425 if/when it is conducted by WCC. A survey to determine if the bus shelter is truly needed/wanted has been considered. In the process of researching what funding is available.</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>• Community Speed Meeting – progress on obtaining more information about the average speed cameras is taking place and is likely to cost into the 6 figures range; these can be part funded by parish/town councils.</li> <li>• Road Safety Audits – for A425 speeding and the bus shelter, Cllr Crump to try to get the costs covered by WCC.</li> <li>• Need to determine where additional refuges are wanted on the A425 to determine if they are appropriate locations.</li> <li>• Community Speed Watch (CSW) – 11 volunteers currently to run a trial group on the A425</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSW can use a speed camera provided by the Police but are not very user friendly or a more user friendly one can be bought by the group for £160.00</li> <li>• WCC budget to increase by 4.99%</li> <li>• Still awaiting decision to determine if the WCC May elections will go ahead or be postponed.</li> <li>• Cllr Rock and Cllr Gist met with the Police recently to discuss car key thefts and other related crimes. Recommend stirring wheel locks.</li> <li>• South Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consultation Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Southam Library – 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>• Why are the chevron and several other road signs being installed at double the height and size across the countryside? – Cllr Crump to find investigate.</li> <li>• The Grove Footpath – tarmacked portion of the path up to the kissing gates needs repairing and resident has contacted WCC Right of Ways. Will also contact Cllr Crump directly.</li> <li>• Reported the footpath bridge opposite the fishing lakes as nearly broken but it is now fully broken. Will also contact Cllr Crump directly.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Planning Matters:</b></p> <p><b>Updates on Applications Going to SDC Planning Committee:</b></p> <p>23/02185/OUT – Land South of Stockton Road – Being heard Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at SDC Planning Committee. Meeting begins at 18:00 and Cllr Veasey will speak on behalf of NPC.</p>	JV/CA
<p><b>8. Emergency Plan</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to adopt the updated Emergency Plan by the March 1<sup>st</sup> following the Council reviewing and providing any edits. Agreed to cost smaller sandbags bring to March meeting.</p>	IW
<p><b>9. NPC Risk Assessment</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to update the current risk assessment.</p>	CA
<p><b>10. Housing Need Survey</b></p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> Most of the need stems from a lack of bungalows in the parish and the desire to downsize. This was the case in 2018 and remains the case in 2024.</p>	JV
<p><b>11. Dog Lane Footpath</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to not pursue any further with the pavement footpath based on vehicles mounting the pavement for passing, urbanisation of a countryside, various other access points and paths for campsite/skatepark users to utilise to access the village, potential of the requirement for a foot bridge at the point where Fells Lane meets Dog Lane across the culvert and possibly narrowing the road causing problems for farm traffic.</p>	

<p><b>12. Grass Mowing Tenders</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to extend the tender deadline to February 24<sup>th</sup> at 17:00 to try and obtain a few more tenders for best value for money evaluation.</p>	CA
<p><b>13. Tree Survey</b></p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> Survey has been completed, and the report should be received this week.</p>	
<p><b>14. South Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to discuss and decide the Council response.</p>	
<p><b>15. Multi-Play Unit on Granton Playing Field</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to narrow down the selection to 4: Caloo Option 2, Kompan Option 2, Sovereign Metal Option, Sovereign Wooden Option and to conduct a survey of the children at St Lawrence Primary School to choose their favourite before making a final decision at the March PC meeting.</p>	CA
<p><b>16. Speeding Case Study</b></p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> An open meeting was 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. Mainly residents of the main road attended, and all were keen on installing average speed cameras.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to look further into the average speed cameras.</p>	RP
<p><b>17. Climate and Environment</b></p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Repair Café to take place in spring 2025.</li> </ul>	RP
<p><b>18. Finance Matters</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed to purchase an SP1 (Sports Field) defibrillator battery (£205.00) from The Defib Store. Agreed to approve the Parish Magazine grant request for £350.00 to help with the costs of producing the Parish Magazine. All payments approved, and payment list can be found under supporting documents.</p>	CA
<p><b>19. Councillor Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send out Councillor conduct training information and link to all Councillors.</li> <li>• Citizen of the Year Honours Board to be put up in the next couple of weeks.</li> <li>• Several posts around the village with speed repeater signs on them need replacing and a list of the locations will be sent to Cllr Crump.</li> <li>• The “Keep Access Clear” signs on the side of Crown Green by the chestnut tree are to be left.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>20. Close</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:24.</p>	

<b>[Note: The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on <u>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025</u> Napton Village Hall (main hall)]</b>	
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_