**Minutes of the Meeting of Conington Parish Council**

**15 January 2024 – The Studio, 2, The Green, Conington.**

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| Present: Cllrs Cooper, Johnson, Braid and the Clerk Members of the public: One |
|  | Chairman’s welcome | Cllr Cooper welcomed Councillors to the meeting. |
|  | To receive apologies and reasons for absence | Cllr J Buchanan, District Cllr T Alban, County Cllr S Bywater & Cllr C Bennett. |
|  | Members declaration of Interests | None |
|  | Public and press participation session  | None |
|  | District and County Councillor reports  | District Councillor Tim Alban had been in touch referring to the green bins. Cllr Bywater had mentioned the recent floods and CCC budget setting. |
|  | To sign and approve minutes dated 31 October and 20 November 2023 | The minutes were unanimouslyapproved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Braid, seconded by Cllr Johnson, all agreed. |
|  | Matters Arising | 1. New bid for Gateways and a solar powered SID had been made under LHI scheme.
2. Speedwatch group –on hold till spring.
3. Litter picks consistently attracting participation and producing results. Dates for 2024: 2 March, 1 June, 7 Sept and 23 Nov.

Proposal to buy one or two multipurpose tools) to clear the road edges agreed (Prop Cllr Johnson, Sec Cllr Cooper) up to £50. Cllr Johnson to research and order.1. Glatton Neighbourhood Plan. As 2 Councillors were absent this was not discussed and 6 month limit (see Standing Orders) still in force– defer to next meeting.
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|  | Land Management | Clerk to follow up what planting is to be done with Ms Stannard at HDC. No bulbs appear to have been planted. Hedges and saplings in Churchyard to be attended to. |
|  | Bridge  | Works completed. Clerk to write to CCC to express approval of the work done and ask for “wings” to improve safety. |
|  | The Green | Savills had updated Clerk with current position. Part of the Green near Cotton Close used for parking – to discuss next meeting. |
|  | Trees/Tree management | Clerk to report trees at Conington Lane/B1043 junction again as the school double decker bus is colliding with them. |
|  | Financial Matters | 1. **Payments**: Clerk wages October £154.18, November £161.85, December £162.05; HMRC PAYE £8; Room rental £13; Information Commissioner £35.
2. **Receipts**: Contribution towards grass cutting £297.50. Chess refund £11.99
3. **To note**: NALC Clerks’ pay agreement: new scale backdated to April 2023.
4. **Appointment of Auditor**: Ivan Cooper

All the above proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Johnson, all in favour. |
|  | Planning | 1. No new applications or outstanding applications.
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|  | Correspondence & ReportsItems for next meeting | 1. Senbotex Ltd, HDC Winterwise, HDC Green bins, Chess Price increase.
2. Green bins for volunteers – Clerk to investigate
3. Events – none planned
4. Dogs are still running off footpath near Church distressing the livestock. Signs have been put up.
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|  |  Next meeting  |  Monday 25 March 2024 at The Studio, 2 Conington Green |

Prepared by J Osborn, Clerk to the Council, 16 January 2024

SIGNED: ………………………………………………………………………………………………..DATE…………………………………................