

Minutes of the Hawton Parish Council meeting held in the New Tack Room, The Elms, Cotham Lane, Hawton on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Present:**        **Councillor T Pykett (Chair)**  
                      **Councillor D Adams**  
                      **Councillor I Brownhill**  
                      **Councillor K Sutton**

Also present, District Councillor I Walker

**HPC22-058** Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor K Adams and County Councillor Mrs Saddington.

**HPC22-059** Declarations of Interest

It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

**HPC22-060** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record.

**HPC22-061** Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

**HPC22-062** Nottinghamshire County Councillor Session

There was no report presented.

**HPC22-063** Nottinghamshire County Council

(a) **To note an offer of funding towards a Commemoration for the Coronation of King Charles III**

The Clerk confirmed that the offer of funding from Councillor Mrs Saddington towards any Commemoration Event for the King's Coronation had been accepted.

**HPC22-064** **District Councillor Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.34pm to allow Councillor Walker to present his report.

Councillor Walker advised that at a recent District Council meeting rents for Council properties had been set. The budget will be set at the next Full Council meeting.

Preparation was underway for the local elections in May, but there was currently a lack of candidates to stand across all parties.

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Councillor Walker advised that the District Council's website was performing well with 7,856 hits on the home page recently.

The Chair thanked Councillor Walker for his report and reconvened the meeting at 6.43pm.

**HPC22-065 Newark & Sherwood District Council**

(a) Chairman's Charity Evening – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Members noted information on the Chairman's Charity Evening on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

(b) To note the ASB Newsletter

Members received and noted the ASB Newsletter as circulated.

(c) To note New Voter Requirements at the Local Elections – May 2023

Members noted the changes to requirements that would be introduced to the local elections in May 2023. Voters would be required to produce photo ID when attending a polling station in person.

**HPC22-066 Parish Council Matters**

(a) To consider questions to raise with Urban & Civic

Members noted that the meeting with Urban & Civic had been confirmed at 5pm on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at their offices in Middlebeck.

Any questions from the Parish Council had been requested in advance so that an agenda could be issued.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would put some questions together and circulate to Members, with any changes to be advised no later than Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> February so they could be forwarded to Urban & Civic.

(b) To receive an update on an event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III

Delegated authority had been given to Councillor Mrs Adams and the Clerk to progress this celebration.

(c) To note the date of the 2023 Newark Half Marathon

Members noted the Newark Half Marathon would take place on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 from 9am, starting at Sconce & Devon Park. Further details will be circulated to Members when received.

(d) To receive feedback on speed monitoring in the village

Members noted the feedback from Nottinghamshire Police on speed monitoring in the village. Opportunities for the team were limited to just outside the Church, facing towards Cotham, due to the layout of the road. Monitoring took place for an hour with no offences being recorded.

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It was noted that the team then moved to Hawton Road, Newark, where 33 offences were recorded. Hawton Road is visited on a regular basis, with the number captured highlighting why.

**HPC22-067 Planning**

- (a) 22/02465/TPO – Parish Church of All Saints, Cotham Lane, Hawton – T2 (within TPO application) Lime Tree – Fell due to presence of Kretzschmaria Deusta  
Members noted the tree works as outlined.

**HPC22-068 Financial Matters**

- (a) To consider accounts for payments:

Members noted and AGREED the following payments:

- Newark Town Council - £17 – Remembrance Wreath
- Hawton Church - £39.32 – Contribution to Floodlights
- Clerk's Wages – April 2022 to January 2023 - £384
- PAYE – April 2022 to January 2023 - £96

- (b) To note any receipts:

No receipts had been received.

- (c) To note the Council's financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Members noted the Council's balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 was £50,627.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the Chair and Clerk pursue opening a new bank account with a view to transferring £45,000 from the current account.

A payment of £170 to be made for maintenance of the Churchyard, in lieu of using the Church for Parish Council meetings.

- (d) To consider a budget for the 2023-24 financial year and set the Precept

After discussion it was unanimously AGREED that the Precept would be retained at £1,250 for the 2023-24 financial year.

At the year end a comparison of spend against income would be undertaken, with a view to establishing allocated reserves.

**HPC22-069 Correspondence**

There was none to note.

**HPC22-070 To Receive Items for Notification**

Councillor Sutton referred to the poor condition of the road surfacing of Hawton Lane from the junction to the bridge. It was noted this had previously been logged with Via, but the Clerk was asked to raise the issue again.

Councillor Sutton referred to the hedge at the junction of Hawton Lane and Cotham Lane (to the right hand side) that was in need of maintenance. It was understood this was the responsibility of Urban & Civic. The Clerk to raise with them direct given the approach of bird nesting season.

Councillor Adams asked if a litter pick could be arranged in the village, together with a walk round the parish.

Councillor Adams raised the possibility of introducing terms and conditions for the What's App group. After discussion it was AGREED that the group should be used to communicate positive messages to the community. It was noted that the recent visit to the village by The Village Idiot (YouTube) could be posted as a start.

Discussion took place on how to acknowledge the years of service given by Councillor Walker to the village as District Councillor. It was AGREED that delegated authority be given to the Clerk to purchase National Garden Tokens.

**HPC22-071** Date of Next Meeting  
Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8pm

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