

LITTLE ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Saint Mary the Virgin Church, High Street, Little Addington on Tuesday 15 October 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: L Brown (Chair), S Beckett, T Brown, J Cocks,
A Sheppard

In attendance: Claire Waring (clerk)

LAPC24/192	To receive and approve apologies for absence (reasons to be advised). Cllr Keech (holiday), Cllr Powell (work and family). Approved.					
LAPC24/193	Public participation session. No member of the public was present.					
LAPC24/194	To receive declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. None					
LAPC24/195	To receive and approve for signature minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2024. Proposed by Cllr Cocks, seconded by Cllr T Brown and approved. Signed by Cllr L Brown.					
LAPC24/196	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda, for report only. None.					
LAPC24/197	To report on the Internal Control Councillor Checklist. Cllr Beckett confirmed that everything was in order.					
LAPC24/198	To receive and approve the balance of account/bank reconciliation for current and MM accounts. Proposed for both accounts by Cllr Sheppard, seconded by Cllr T Brown and approved. Signed by Cllr L Brown.					
LAPC24/199	To examine and approve the Bank Statements. Proposed for both accounts by Cllr Beckett, seconded by Cllr Sheppard and approved. Signed by Cllr L Brown. No information yet available about a possible move to Unity Bank.					
LAPC24/200	To undertake a check of expenditure against the budget. The current position was noted.					
LAPC24/201	To consider the budget for 2025/26. A draft will be produced by Cllr L Brown and the Clerk for consideration at the next meeting.					
LAPC24/203	To note the following receipts:					
	Date	Payer	Description	Amount		
	60.24/25	Nationalgrid	Lease of the substation	£75.00		
	66.24/25	Parish Online	Discount for website/emails	£120.00		
LAPC24/204	To approve and authorise payments of the following invoices.					
Invoice Reference	Payment method	Payee	Item	Total Amount	Amount Net of VAT	Power to
55.24/25	BACS	Cut Crew	Mowing (August)	£200.34	£166.95	LGA 1972 S111
57.24/25	VISA	Microsoft	Email accounts	£53.52	£53.52	LGA 1972 S111
58.24/25	BACS	Milton Wallpapers	Rocks	£90.00	£75.00	LGA 1972 S111
59.24/25	BACS	NCAI C	Training	£57.60	£48.00	LGA 1972 S111

61.24/25	CHG	HSBC	Current account	£8.00	£8.00	LGA 1972 S111
62.24/25	DD	Yu Energy	Electricity	£11.22	£10.69	LGA 1972 S111
63.24/25	DD	Yu Energy	Electricity	£6.84	£6.51	LGA 1972 S111
64.24/25	DD	Yu Energy	Electricity	£73.22	£69.73	LGA 1972 S111
65.24/25	BACS	Parish Online	Website/emails	£462.00	£385.00	LGA 1972 S111
67.24/25	GG	Clerk	Salary (Sep)	£219.60	£219.60	LGA 1972 S112
68.24/25	GG	HMRC	Tax (Sep)	£55.00	£55.00	LGA 1972 S112
69.24/25	VISA	Microsoft	Email accounts	£53.52	£53.52	LGA 1972 S111

Electricity total is £91.28 for September.

Item 55.24/25. As the supplier's response was not satisfactory, payment will continue to be put on hold. The situation will be pursued with the supplier. It was noted that there was no cut undertaken in September.

Item 63.24/25. This is for the MPAN put in place for the festive lighting which is not now going ahead. To cancel the MPAN would cost £420. To the end of the contract, charges will be around £200 so it will be allowed to continue.

Approval of payments 57.24/25 to 69.24/25 was proposed by Cllr Beckett, seconded by Cllr Cocks and agreed.

LAPC24/205	To receive details of the clerk's hours. These were approved.
LAPC24/206	To report on the sale of the lease for the substation on Church Lane. Deferred to the next meeting.
LAPC24/207	To consider and resolve the council's response to planning applications listed below plus any other planning applications advised by North Northamptonshire Council and available on its website between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting to which it pertains. a) <i>Kettering Energy Park</i> There has been no further information regarding the project. KEP boards would be put in place as soon as possible.
LAPC24/208	To note planning decisions made by NNC. (a) Paddock Wray – permission granted for extension. (b) Tree work at Little Addington House – permission granted.
LAPC24/209	To report on the situation with the chicanes on Irthlingborough Road and lighting at the Howards Way development including the Community Safety Case Studies. The only response to the email sent to Planning, Highways and Waste, Growth and Regeneration and the MP was a holding reply from the MP. This will be chased up with additional copies sent to the leader of NNC and to Cllr Maxwell.
LAPC24/210	To consider the status of building works in the village. A response was awaited from the Planning Department.
LAPC24/211	To review trees in the village owned by the Council. Cllr L Brown reported that she had access to the tree map but was unable to download or print it. She will investigate taking a screen shot so that it can be circulated.
LAPC24/212	To note any changes to the electoral roll. None.
LAPC24/213	To report on changing the email accounts and website to .gov.uk. The £100 grant had been received. The website has been migrated to https://littleaddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk . The new email addresses have been set up. The Clerk's email archive needs to be migrated to the new email address.

LAPC24/214	To consider the use of a WhatsApp group for the village. It was agreed that a group for the village could be useful but it would need input from villagers. The idea will be included in Saints Alive and those attending the coffee morning would be asked for their views.
LAPC24/215	To receive a report from the village Neighbourhood Plan group. The grant has been approved and Phase 1 is almost completed. It was noted that villagers need to be involved. An update will be given at the coffee morning.
LAPC24/216	To review the car parking situation around the village. The additional rocks still have to be placed.
LAPC24/217	To consider safety in Church Walk. No report.
LAPC24/218	To receive a report from the LAPC Environmental Team. The Scarecrow Festival was a great success. A donation of daffodil bulbs will be planted round the village. The Environmental Team's report was accepted.
LAPC24/219	To consider the mowing problems. See item LAPC24/204.
LAPC24/220	To consider a request from LA Bloomers. The request for two large planters to be placed on the verges at the top of Chapel Hill and a small wall to be built by the phone box was approved.
LAPC24/221	To consider the provision of village gates on Irthlingborough Road. Cllr Cocks suggested that rather than gates, there should be a plant display at the two existing signs for the village. This was approved by four votes in favour with one abstention. Options will be investigated.
LAPC24/222	To consider transport matters for the village. It was reported that a new bus service, CB1, will run to Rushden Lakes. It will stop at Great Addington but not in Little Addington. Shire Community Bus Services is to make a presentation at the coffee morning.
LAPC24/223	To receive a report on the registration of The Bell as an Asset of Community Value. This has been approved by NNC.
LAPC24/224	To consider the production of the introductory leaflet for new residents in the village. When the new website/emails are in operation, this will be printed on demand on a good quality paper.
LAPC24/225	To receive a report regarding the Addingtons playing field. There had been no response to a request for ideas for new play equipment.
LAPC24/226	To receive a report on the Greenway. A response to the possible re-routing of the Greenway is still awaited from ED Estates. An update will be given at the coffee morning.
LAPC24/227	To receive a report from the LA/GA villages liaison group. There has not been a meeting.
LAPC24/228	To receive a report of the NCALC annual meeting. Cllr Sheppard reported on the meeting.
LAPC24/229	To receive a report on the litter pick. Seven volunteers picked up 12 bags of rubbish mainly from the Irthlingborough Road. These have been collected by the normal waste collection service.
LAPC24/230	To receive a report on the defibrillator training. Attendance was a little disappointing but the presentation by Carol Smith was clear and well received. Cllr L Brown gave her a £40 cash donation for

	the charities she works with. Repayment to Cllr L Brown was proposed by Cllr Sheppard, seconded by Cllr Cocks and approved.
LAPC24/231	To receive any updates from the Clerk. Cllr Beckett has a phone that will be passed to the Clerk for LAPC business. If this is not suitable, purchase of a refurbished phone was proposed by Cllr T Brown, seconded by Cllr Cocks and approved.
LAPC24/232	To receive an update from Cllr Maxwell on the business at NNC. None received.
LAPC24/233	To decide on items to be included in the next issue of Saints Alive (November). WhatsApp group for the village Defibrillator training report Litter pick report
LAPC24/234	To identify any additional future agenda items for the meeting on 19 November. Action list Election 2025 Budget 25/26
LAPC24/235	To close the meeting. The meeting closed at 21.38.

Signed:

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