

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Susan Halkett, 16 St Mary's Way, Weedon, Northants, NN7 4QL
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12th January 2022

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the **Parish Council Meeting** to be held on **Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.30 pm in the rear classroom, Flore Primary School**. If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

If you feel comfortable wearing a mask, please do so.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

Chairman: Mrs Christine Littlewood

- 748.0** To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting
- 749.0 Public Forum** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors
- 750.0** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th November and 2nd December 2021
- 751.0 To receive any updates on outstanding items** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
- To receive a Flood Warden report, if one available
 - To receive dates for Flore Parish Council meeting for 2022
- 752.0 To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision**
- 752.1 To receive an update on the High Street mitigation works (if anything received)
- 752.2 To consider a social media presence for Flore Parish Council (policy to be put in place if ready)
- 752.3 To consider the Memorial Garden – trees
- 752.4 To consider ideas for the Platinum Jubilee in June
- 752.5 To engage with Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) and to appoint an AMP Working Group comprising the clerk and 2 Councillors.
- 752.6 To consider the grass cutting agreement with WNC for 22-23
- 752.7 To consider attendance at meetings and site visits
- 752.8 To consider youth links between the School and Parish Council
- 752.9 To consider responding to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner budget
- 752.10 To consider WNC Tree Policy
- 753.0 FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS**
- 753.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 753.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting
- 753.3 Budget and Precept. To consider signing the precept request 2022-23.
- 753.4 To consider membership to CPRE @ £36
- 754.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**
- November payment**
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| Opus Energy | Street lighting October (paid end of November) | 74.36 |
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- December Payments** Paid on 18th December

S Halkett	Office costs	17.00
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N Westhead	Bus shelter cleaning	16.00
Millennium Hall	November library	20.00
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January payments

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Opus Energy	Street lighting charges (December)	TBC
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755.0 PLANNING

755.1 To consider commenting on Applications

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- e **Application:** WND/2021/0949. The Croft, 23 Kings Lane. Work to trees in a conservation area
- f **Application:** WND/2021/0932. 60 Sutton Street. Work to trees in a conservation area.

755.2 To consider responding to Hinton in the Hedges Parish Meeting re removal of neighbour comments from online planning reports

756.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 756.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 756.2 Millennium Hall
- 756.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 756.4 Charities

757.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. NCALC Asset Mapping project. 752.5
- b. WNC Grass cutting. 752.6
- c. PFCC Budget. 752.9
- d. WNC Tree policy. 752.10
- e. WNC Precept paperwork. 753.3
- f. CPRE Membership. 753.4
- g. WNC Planning applications x 6.755.1
- h. Hinton PC Question re planning responses. 755.2
- g. Flag Project Update. 756.3
- h. Highways Ongoing works programme.
- NCALC Updates/Training
- CPRE magazine
- Clerk & Councils Direct magazine
- ACRE newsletter

758.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Date of next full Council meetings: 21st February, 21st March, 25th April (note new meeting date) 2022

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FLORE PRIMARY SCHOOL 17TH JANUARY 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mr Kev Beasley, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows,
Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood,
Mr John Thomason
0 Member of the public present
Unity Councillors: Mr Phil Bignell, Mr Charles Morton

Chair: Vice Chairman Mrs Christine Littlewood

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Cllrs Mrs Kathryn Baines

748.0	Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct. Nothing declared	
749.0	Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by County and District Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 1600 responses were received regarding the Spatial Strategy consultation. • WNC Budget it out for consultation • Unitary Cllrs have £2500 grant available each. Paperwork available from Cllr Bignell 	
750.0	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th November and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 2nd December 2021. The minutes are an accurate record of the meetings. GF/GH	
751.0	Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Warden report. Drains are checked regularly and cleared if necessary. Highways has connected two drains in Sutton Street which were regularly backing up and flooding two properties. Drains in The Avenue have been reported. Regular flooding at Kisingbury roundabout is being looked into. • Flore PC meetings 2022. Noted • Clerk has registered Flore High Street for a car charging point with WNC. 	
752.0	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
752.1	High Street mitigation works. The Road Safety Audit results are still awaited but the commercial process is underway and is included in the construction programme. Depending on the Audit results, a few tweaks may be required.	
752.2	Social Media. Cllr Davies has nearly completed the Facebook page and will send to all. Policy to be worked up and distributed to all.	Cllr Davies Clerk
752.3	Memorial Garden – trees. Cllr Littlewood to look at what other trees are planted in the memorial garden.	Cllr Littlewood
752.4	Platinum Jubilee. Information to be put in newsletter to see whether village is interested in doing something for the Jubilee. Initial group to try to coordinate this to consist of Cllrs Baines, Davies and Littlewood plus residents. Brodie Lodge are willing to be onboard and help out where necessary. Cllr Davies to put in newsletter.	Cllrs Baines, Davies, Littlewood.
752.5	NCALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP). Cllrs Fellows, Holden and Clerk to be on the AMP team.	
752.6	WNC Grass cutting grant Resolved: To accept £454.27 for season 2022 grass cutting contribution from WNC. SL/JT	
752.7	Meeting and Site Visit Attendance. Noted.	
752.8	School/PC links. Cllr Davies to meet with school to see how the youth can link more with the Parish Council and report at next meeting	Cllr Davies February agenda
752.9	PFCC budget. Noted, no comments.	
752.10	WNC Tree policy. Noted, no comments.	
753.0	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
753.1	Finance update. It was reported that as at 31 st December the Council had £32,109.30 in the bank account. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted by Council.	
753.2	Internal Control. The books were not inspected this month.	
754.3	Budget & Precept. Tax base has gone down from 17p – 16p per £100. Council agreed to remain with the budget/precept request as put forward previously at £37,951. Paperwork was signed.	

754.3 CPRE membership
Resolved: Council agreed to continue with the subscription to CPRE. GH/SL

754.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payments agreed and paid at the meeting under General Power of Competence. GF/AA

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The Council has no objections to this application with conforms with the Neighbourhood Plan and does not affect the street scene.
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The Council has no objections to this application which conforms with the Neighbourhood Plan and it is nice to see it being sympathetically restored
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No objections, Council are happy to leave this to the Tree Officer to adjudicate.
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- 755.2 Hinton-in-the-Hedges planning questions. Noted, also response from WNC.

756.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 756.1 Brodie Lodge. A new Trustee has joined the team.
- 756.2 Millennium Hall. A new lighting system has recently been installed. The next meeting is shortly.
- 756.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Noted. Still looking at the one flagstaff. Scouts to asses at a meeting, Cllr Beasley will attend and report.
- 756.4 Charities: No meetings held recently

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758.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

- Email WNC re High Street. Covered in 752.1
- Email WNC re Hinton-in-the-hedges questions on planning. 755.2
- Email URC re thank you for donation towards grass cutting. Noted
- Email NCALC Platinum Jubilee survey – clerk to complete.

Date of next meetings: 21st February, 21st March, 2022

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Update on High Street mitigation works
Facebook page for Flore Parish Council update
Social Media policy
School/PC links

The meeting closed at 2045 hrs

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- 761.0** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th January 2022
- 762.0 To receive any updates on outstanding items** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
- To receive a Flood Warden report, if one available
 - To receive an update on the planting on the bypass
 - To note the Licence for the planting of the tree on Ram Bank
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- 763.0 To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision**
- 763.1 To receive an update on the High Street mitigation works, traffic calming and consider any other issues that may arise
- 763.2 To consider the Flore PC Facebook page and adopt a Social Media policy
- 763.3 To consider youth links between the School and Parish Council
- 763.4 To receive an update on the Platinum Jubilee and consider any issues that may arise
- 763.5 To receive an update on the AMP project including the grant offered by NCALC
- 763.6 To consider a change of date for the July meeting from 18th to the 25th July (week later)
- 763.7 To consider the consultation West Northamptonshire Enhanced Partnership under the Bus Services Act
- 763.8 To consider payment for a community allotment which can be let out to let for health or other reasons
- 763.9 To consider a letter from a resident regarding The Avenue hedge, parked cars on High Street and High St works
- 764.0 FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS**
- 764.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 764.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting
- 764.3 To consider a payroll service for Flore Parish Council
- 764.4 To consider the subscriptions for ACRE at £35 pa
- 765.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**
- January payment**
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HMRC	PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	155.49
N Westhead	Bus shelter cleaning	16.00
Millennium Hall	November library	20.00
Flore Primary School	Rent for meeting	20.00
G Fellows	Litter picking sticks x3 (£25.50) Events calendar (website) renewal(39.93)	65.43
Weedon Bec PC	Telephone/broadband/SLCC/printing	186.39
ACRE	Subscriptions – if agreed	35.00
		1123.97

766.0 PLANNING

766.1 To consider commenting on Applications

- a **Application:** WND/2022/0026. 32 The Crescent, Demolition of a conservatory. Construction of a two storey side extension, conversion of loft to habitable space including front dormers and roof lights to rear

767.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 767.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
 767.2 Millennium Hall
 767.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
 767.4 Charities

768.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC Bypass tree planting. 762.
 b. WNC Licence for Ram Bank. 762
 c. WNC Latest update on High Street. 763.1
 d. NCALC AMP plus grant offer. 763.5
 e. WNC Consultation bus services. 763.7
 f. Resident Allotments vacant, offer for health. 763.8
 g. Resident Letter various subjects. 763.9
 h. NCALC Payroll service. 764.3
 i. ACRE Subscriptions. 764.4
 j. WNC Planning application. 766.2
 k. Resident Concern about people cutting tree. (Emailed)
 l. Resident Concern about stone on Kings Lane. (Emailed)
 m. WNC Tree work authorised by WNC, Brodie Lodge. (emailed)
 n. Nat HE Work to A5, road closure. (emailed)
 NCALC Updates

769.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Date of next full Council meetings: 21st March, 25th April (note new meeting date) 2022

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FLORE PRIMARY SCHOOL 21st FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Kev Beasley, Miss Freya Davies,
Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell,
Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
3 Members of the public present

Unity Councillors: None present

Chair: Mrs Kathryn Baines

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Cllrs Phil Bignell, Charles Morton

759.0	Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct. Nothing declared	
760.0	Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by County and District Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident: Why does the PC look after the Churchyard? PC looks after the closed churchyard, church takes care of open part. Historic as when closed, it was passed to the Council. S106 – has it been allocated. Confirmed the £150,000 has been allocated and passed over for the High Street works, Brodie Lodge are hoping to use a portion for outdoor play equipment but the majority of the allocated for indoor sports equipment may get lost as the parish does not have any facilities to use this and it cannot be changed for other items. • Resident: Has anything been heard from Barwood? No, nothing heard. Resident also mentioned a challenge between a Parish Council and District Council over a planning application whereby the Parish won, just in case it should be needed. • Resident: Nothing to say. 	
761.0	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th January 2022. The minutes are an accurate record of the meetings. GF/CL	
762.0	Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Warden report. Noted that two issues have been reported re flooding at the top of The Avenue and layby near Hollandstone Farm. • Tree planting on the bypass. Noted latest correspondence. • Licence for Tree planting on Ram Bank. Noted that PC has received permission for the planting of a memorial tree on Ram Bank. 	
763.0	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
763.1	High Street mitigation works. Noted that WNC has sent letter and plans to residents in the village and farmers within a 5 mile radius. Deadline for comments is 2 nd March. The provisional date to commencement of the work, subject any amendments following consultation, is 9 th May.	
763.2	Facebook page: Resolved: Council agreed to let the page go live. Clerk and Cllr Davies to manage. CB/GH Social Media: Resolved: Council agreed to adopt new a social media policy. GF/AA	Cllr Davies Clerk Clerk Cllr Davies
763.3	School/PC youth links. Cllr Davies advised that following a meeting with the school, they would be interesting in establishing links with the Council. An assembly to inform the children about what we do and how they can help, is probably the first step.	Cllr Davies
763.4	Platinum Jubilee. Noted that there are events planned and street parties applied for in the village.	Cllr Littlewood
763.5	NCALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP). Noted that data has been inputted into the Parish Online portal. The grant offered by NCAALC of £299.63 has been applied for.	
763.6	Meeting date change: Resolved: To change the date of the July meeting from the 18 th to the 25 th to enable the Clerk to take a specific holiday. CL/KBa	
763.7	Consultation: WNC Enhanced Partnership under the Bus Services Act. Noted,	
763.8	Community allotment. In principle, Councillors happy to pay a sponsorship for an allotment plot to enable someone to take on with health/welfare issues but, more information is required on how this could work. Council to promote the allotments in general on Facebook to see what the uptake is.	March agenda

763.9	Letter from resident. Complaints regarding the hedge in The Avenue not being cut. Contact to be made with owners again. Complaints regarding the parking of a car on the High Street, near the bends. Noted car was in a dangerous position and quite rightly reported to the Police. Complaints about the lack of traffic calming on the High Street. This is being addressed. A response to be sent back. <i>Note: Owners of the land, the Diocese of Peterborough has instructed their agents (Carter Jonas) to contact the tenant, whose responsibility the hedging is, to get it cut back.</i>	Clerk
764.0	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
764.1	Finance update. It was reported that as at 31 st January the Council had £31,128.40 in the bank account. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted by Council.	
764.2	Internal Control. Everything is present and correct.	
764.3	Payroll Service. Noted, Council not minded to take this up at present.	
764.3	ACRE subscription Resolved: Council agreed to continue with the subscription to ACRE. GF/JT	
765.0	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	
	Payments agreed and paid at the meeting under General Power of Competence. KBa/GF	
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767.0	REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS	
767.1	Brodie Lodge. Car boot to be held in April for the first time. New Trustees on the committee	
767.2	Millennium Hall. Nothing to report.	
767.3	Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Nothing to report	
767.4	Charities: No meetings held	
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NCALC Updates

769.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Email: Resident Bulter Stone on Kings Lane. Noted and confirmed that it is being replaced.

Email: Resident Concern about tree removal on Spring Lane. Noted, resident cut back overhanging tree.

Email: Resident: Support for work to High Street.

WNC: Consultation: Ownership of dog and prohibition of smoking in certain places. Noted – clerk to complete.

Clerk informed the meeting that payment would be required as two branches came down in the recent storms in the closed churchyard. These blocked the footpaths and needed removing.

Date of next meetings: 21st Mar, 25th April (revised date due to Easter),
16th May
20th June
25th July (revised date due to Clerk's holiday)

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Update on High Street mitigation works

School/PC links

Tree survey for Closed Churchyard

Community Allotment

Meeting venue/changing day of PC meetings

Memorial garden – resin paths

The meeting closed at 2055 hrs

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 - To note the Flore Facebook page is now live
 - To note the road closure – The Crescent on the 5th June between 10am – 10pm
- 774.0 To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision**
- 774.1 To receive an update on the High Street mitigation works, traffic calming and consider any other issues that may arise (if a further update has been received)
- 774.2 To consider the Annual Parish Meeting speakers
- 774.3 To consider youth links between the School and Parish Council
- 774.4 To consider payment for an allotment, if information received.
- 774.5 To consider the letter from the Church regarding the wall
- 774.6 To consider a full inspection on trees in the closed churchyard (or all inside the boundary wall)
- 774.7 To consider the memorial garden path
- 774.8 To consider a change to the meeting venue/day of meeting
- 774.9 To consider taking on the Messenger publication
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- 775.3 To consider the AGAR Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) for end of year 21/22, if received prior to meeting.
- 776.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

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G Fellows	Events calendar (website)	39.93
D Brown	Removal of large fallen branches – closed churchyard & plants for planters on High Street	516.00
Information Commissioner	Data protection fee	40.00
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		1701.18

777.0 PLANNING

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NCALC Updates

780.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Date of next full Council meetings: 25th April (note new meeting date due to Easter)
16th May 20th June 25th July

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FLORE PRIMARY SCHOOL 21st MARCH 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Kev Beasley, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Geoff Holden,
Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
1 Members of the public present
Unity Councillors: Cllr Charles Morton

Chair: Mrs Kathryn Baines

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Cllrs Andy Anderson, Freya Davies, Tom Higginson, Simon Levell.
Also Unitary Cllr Phil Bignell

770.0	Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct. Nothing declared	
771.0	Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by County and District Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Morton: Advised that WNC are looking into the comments following the recent High Street consultation regarding the chicanes, that are causing issues with heavy machinery • Resident had nothing to say, just came to listen 	
772.0	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st February 2022. Cllr Thomason requested the removal of the final sentence in item 762 (flood warden report). This course does not seem to exist. Amendment made and the minutes were signed. KBa/CL	
773.0	Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Warden report. Cllr Thomason advised that he is waiting for a meeting re The High Street drains at the top of the Avenue. • Facebook. The Flore Parish Council page is now live although the page needs to be changed to a group to make it easier for people to follow. • Road Closures: Notification of requests for closures on 5th June for a Jubilee street party. The Crescent and The Green (10am – 10pm and 12noon - 9.30 pm respectively) 	
774.0	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
774.1	High Street mitigation works. Nothing received.	April Agenda
774.2	Annual Parish Meeting: Speaker to be asked: Representative from the School; Flore Park Rovers; Flood Warden report and platinum jubilee update.	Cllr Beasley
774.3	School/PC youth links. Cllr Davies not present, although Cllr Thomason advised that Councillors Davies, Fellows and himself were working on a presentation for the school assembly.	April Agenda
774.4	Community Allotment: Advised that all plots are let.	
774.5	Church Wall. Noted that the wall has been repaired with a small amount left over. Councillors agreed to be held by the Church until required.	
774.6	Tree inspection – Churchyard. Decided to defer for a year.	
774.7	Memorial garden footpath. Agreed in principle, funding to be sought.	Clerk/Chair
774.8	Council meeting Venue/Day: Resolved: To change the venue back the URC and change the dates of the meetings to the second Tuesday in the month (exception January when it will be the 3 rd Tuesday). No meetings planned for August and December. The school would be the venue till after the June meeting and the new location/date would commence from the July meeting.	
774.9	Messenger. The Church informed the Council that they would not be continuing with the Messenger. Cllr Baines will speak to a Church member to see whether they could advertise the position, with funding from both the Church and the Council.	Cllr Baines
775.0	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
775.1	Finance update. It was reported that as at 28 th February the Council had £28,175.01 in the bank account. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted by Council.	
775.2	Internal Control. Everything is present and correct.	
775.3	End of year AGAR: Not received – April agenda	

776.0 | ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payments agreed and paid at the meeting under General Power of Competence. KBa/GF

February payment

Salix	Street lighting loan repayment	1829.42
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March Payments

Opus Energy	Street lighting (retrospective)	88.33
S Halkett	Office costs	17.00
S Halkett	Salary	721.56
HMRC	PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	224.36
N Westhead	Bus shelter cleaning	16.00
Millennium Hall	Use of hall for Library	20.00
G Fellows	Website events calendar	39.93
D Brown	Removal of large tree branches from Closed Churchyard and plants for planters	516.00
Information Commissioner	Data protection	40.00
Unity Trust	Bank charges	18.00

Received after agenda published

Flore Primary School	Rent for meetings	30.00
Parish Online	Online mapping service	70.00
Flore PCC	Donation towards Messenger contribution	50.00
		1851.18

When received – to be paid

Street lighting charges

777.0 | PLANNING**777.1 | To consider commenting on Applications**

- a **Application:** WND/20220116. 16 Kings Lane. Work to tree within a conservation area. No objections, Council are happy to leave this to the Tree Officer to adjudicate. (retrospective)

778.0 | REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 778.1 Brodie Lodge. Car boot to be held on 3rd April. 200 Club applications going to all households shortly
 778.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report
 778.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Nothing to report
 778.4 Charities: Richard Capell held a meeting. Donations to be made to the School, Pre-School and the URC and PCC youth schemes.

779.0 | CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a PCC Church wall completed. 774.5
 b. Contractor Quote for tree inspections. 774.6
 c. WNC Planning application. 777.1
 d. PCC Thank you letter for donation on grass cutting and Messenger. Noted
 NCALC Updates

780.0 | CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

- Email: WNC Sustainable Northamptonshire event. Noted
 Email: AWA Notice of road closure. Noted. To be put in Messenger and on social media
 Email: WNC Road closure The Green – 5th June. Noted under 773.0
 Email: PCC Request for donation towards Messenger £50, agreed and paid due to timeframe

Date of next meetings: **25th April (revised date due to Easter),**
 16th May
 20th June
 25th July (revised date due to Clerk's holiday)

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Update on High Street mitigation works
 School/PC links

The meeting closed at 2035 hrs

FLORE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
20th April 2022 at 7pm

To be held in the Millennium Hall

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last Parish Meeting – 21st April 2020
3. Any matters arising therefrom
4. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council
5. Presentations by:
 - Flore Church of England Primary School
 - Flood Warden – Flooding issues in the village
 - Flore Park Rovers
 - Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, update.
6. Report from, or on behalf of the Police (if received)
7. Report from, or on behalf of Flore's Unitary Councillors
8. Reports from Village Charities
 - The Flore Charity
 - Richard Capell Charity
9. Financial report for year ending March 2022
10. Issues raised by parishioners and members of the public, from the floor, for consideration by the Parish and Unitary Councils


Parish Council Chairman

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FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held in the Millennium Hall, Flore on Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

Present Parish Cllrs: Mr Andy Anderson, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Kevin Beasley, Miss Freya Davies,
Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr John Thomason
10 Members of the public

The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council Mrs Kathryn Baines
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

- 1. Apologies for absence** had been received from Parish Cllrs Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood
- 2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on 21st April 2021.** These minutes were signed and agreed at the Parish Council's AGM in May 2021.
- 3. Any matters arising:** Nothing mentioned.

4. Chairman's report

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2022 Flore Annual Parish Meeting.

It is lovely to be able to have this meeting in the Millennium Hall after being unable to hold a public meeting for the past 2 years. The purpose of this meeting is to give parishioners the opportunity to hear what the Parish Council has been doing since the last Annual Meeting and to give parishioners the chance to raise any questions or concerns they may have with regard to the parish and any parish business. After presenting my report on behalf of the Parish Council, and following any questions, we will then hear from our speakers this evening.

We will hear from Flore Primary School, Flore Park Rovers, John Thomason will give a Flood Warden report and Sue Kerrison a Platinum Jubilee update

Last year kicked off with Elections for the Parish Council. We were very fortunate, unlike other Parish Councils who struggle, that we had 12 nominations for 10 places which meant that we had an election. It is comforting to know that there are people who are interested in the Parish Council and contributing to village life. For the first time we had a youngster who put themselves forward for election. Freya Davies who had just turned 18 the day before the close of nominations, was duly elected and was probably one of the youngest or even the youngest. Parish Councillor in England. Freya has been a great asset to the PC and has taken on producing the monthly Parish Council newsletter which has been going out in the Messenger each month. She has also been talking with the School about a Youth Council and has set up a Parish Council Facebook page.

We also welcomed John Thomason, who has been our Flood Warden, to the Council.

Shortly after the elections we held a meeting for the first time to discuss a Business Plan so that as a Council we can be pro-active rather than reactive and to have a plan as to what we would like to achieve and our aspirations. One of things that we identified as being a good thing to have was a Youth Council, Freya has been in to the Primary School and we have started to set up links with the school with the thoughts of talking with the top class. From this we circulated a questionnaire to each household asking them what they might like us to concentrate on and what they felt the village needed going forward.

Traffic calming was a big issue, sports facilities/larger village hall was another priority as well as green issues.

We have been working on the traffic calming measures for the past 2 years. Tom Higginson, one of our Councillors, has been leading a Steering Group comprising of interested parties in the village and after many discussions and meetings, work is due to start on chicanes in the village which will slow down and deter traffic from coming through the village. Highways felt that Chicanes were felt to be the best option rather than speed bumps and the plan is to have 3 of these starting just before Bliss Lane and ending on the bends. Despite some concern from local farmers about the width of these and the impact on their ability to pass through the village, we have reached a workable solution. We hope work will start in the next few weeks. We have Tom to thank for pursuing this with Highways and to keep them on task.

Much as we would like to have better sports facilities and a larger village hall or venue, we would need to identify a plot of land to be able to build on. We currently have some S106 monies which are allotted to Indoor Sport which we will lose as we have nowhere to use this money and it is unlikely that Bovis would agree to change this to outdoor sport. We will continue to look at any opportunities for providing such a facility.

The business plan will be revisited later this year.

We have considered 36 planning applications over the past year. We had 1 appeal, the Garage site, High Street) which they won but some modifications were made to the initial planning application.

In August last year Barwood Homes submitted an outline planning application for 60 houses on the Brington Road, we sent an objection but have heard nothing further to date. A representative of EDF has spoken to us twice about a proposed Solar Farm application along the Brington Road which would stretch towards Glassthorpe Hill, as yet they have not submitted an application but expect it very shortly.

As a council we took part in the Asset Mapping Project – a few councillors got together and looked at all the ‘assets’ that we have in the Parish and put them on a map. This covers things like benches, waste bins, street lighting.

The Parish Council Facebook page is now up and running – this is purely for information, and we will not be responding to comments. Sign up to it as any info that is useful will be put onto it, including agendas and minutes of the Parish Council meetings.

We have also replaced the pads in the defibrillator machines and laid a wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

We have been using the Primary School for our meetings but have decided to move to the Chapel Schoolroom from July as it is more in the centre of the village and more accessible, but we thank the school very much for hosting us over the past year.

Due to the change of venue and the Chapel already being booked on a Monday we will be moving our meetings to the second Tuesday of the month, although due to our clerk’s holidays we will be meeting on the fourth Tuesday in July, the 26th.

I would like to mention Len Gully who has produced the Messenger for 25 years, you will all be aware he has retired from this now, but we would like to thank him very much for printing and distributing the Parish Council Newsletter as part of this and for all the help he has given us over the years. We hope he has a happy retirement.

I would like to thank all the Councillors for their ongoing support and for all the work that they do responding to planning applications, working on the traffic calming, Geoff and Lindsey Fellows for their tireless litter picking, Chris Littlewood for all her advice on trees, and last but not least Sue Halkett our clerk who keeps us in order and advises on what we can and cannot do.

That concludes my report for this year. I would now welcome any questions from the floor.

Issues raised following the Chair report have been noted at the appropriate point (No 10) on these minutes

5. Presentation: Flore Church of England Primary School – Mrs Stacey Dransfield – Parent Governor

Mrs Dransfield advised that the pupils had taken part in a Christmas performance which was televised on Look East, they have also undertaken an Easter performance. Volunteers from the village go into the school and help the children with their reading and the learning of any new skills. The school has 14 children from the hotel who have settled in nicely and have all the equipment/uniforms they need. There is now full wrap around care, a breakfast and after school club which has a computer club, multi sports, dance classes and basketball facilities for the students. The School has a Forest affiliation where the children take part in outdoor learning. Ian Heard is the Head of School and did a monthly update in the Messenger.

Ongoing they pupils are looking forward to the 126th May Day on the 14th May, the sports day is nearer the end of term in July, the residential will be on the Isle of Wight and the school is working with the Parish Council in setting up a youth council.

Q: How many pupils currently?

A: 84

Q: How many teachers?

A: There are three classes, each class has a teacher and assistance but there are also leadership staff and special needs staff

Q: Are any children from other villages?

A: 4

Q: What is the capacity when full?

A: Around 100.

Mrs Dransfield was thanked for her presentation

Presentation: Flood Warden – Mr John Thomason

Mr Thomason gave an update on his role, and the current position regarding the storm drains around the village. Many have been sorted, including Sutton Street, the A435 near the Holiday Inn, Brockhall Lane and Kislingbury although he is still working on the issues of flooding at the top of The Avenue and the layby near the Holiday Inn. He is also looking into drain at the side of the Millennium Hall, which although private, does take the run-off from the roads so he is hopefully meeting someone from Highways to see whether they will take any responsibility for any of these.

Warning signs are put up by the river is there are any flooding on the road. The two incidents of recently burst water have both been sorted.

Mr Thomason was thanked for his presentation.

Presentation: Flore Park Rovers – Mr Gary Taberer

Mr Taberer gave an update on when the Rovers started in 2006 and from when he joined in 2010 where the team were asked what colour kit they wanted to have and what nickname they wanted to be known as. They chose blue and white hoops and to be called the Pirates. They have from that day forward. The Pirates play at Brodie Lodge but the children that started have now grown up and there are no new children wanting to come forward to play so their last game will be held on the 15 May. Mr Taberer told how he had this had helped him when he came to the village by meeting a lot of other people in such a friendly, social environment and it would be a shame to see it close but could not see anyway forward at present. Should other children want to take it up, in the future, there would still be the money there to help them out.

Mr Taberer was thanked for his presentation.

Presentation: Platinum Jubilee Update – Mrs Sue Kerrison

Mrs Kerrison gave a brief up date on what is planned, to date.

2nd June: Nothing planned

3rd June: Brownies and Scouts are organising cakes and games
Dog Show on Brodie Lodge playing field

4th June: Afternoon Tea in the URC Schoolroom
Flags will be flying

5th June: AM: Car boot sale in Brodie Lodge playing field
AM: Flore Church breakfast
PM: Picnic on the playing field with games
PM: Street parties planned in various streets

The Allotment Group are also making a Jubilee cake and will be enjoying it!
Mrs Kerrison was thanked for her presentation.

6. Report by Northants Police. Nothing received.

7. Report by Unitary Councillors – Cllr Mr Geoff Fellows read out the report provided.

It was an immense honour for the three of us to be returned as Ward Councillors for the Long Buckby Ward in the new West Northamptonshire Council in May 2021. We would like to thank every person who put their faith in Cllr Phil Bignell, Cllr Daniel Lister and Cllr Charles Morton. As a team of three Conservative Councillors we took the decision to divide up the Ward with respect to attending PC meetings of which there are 10 a month. Casework is a joint effort in all Parishes where we use our individual strengths – Dan on Education, Charles on Social issues and Phil on Planning. We are happy to be contacted by anyone about anything.

The new unitary council (which combines the duties of county and district councils) inherited a relatively stable financial position but faced and still faces the significant challenge of repurposing services for the geography it now serves. This involves splitting County Council services such as Highways into two and combining the district council services previously managed by Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire into a single operation. With the forthcoming new Highways contract, a combined and better resourced planning system, and efficiencies materialising across most departments we are confident that over the next 2-3 years the benefits of the new local council will become apparent to residents in a way they probably aren't right now. During this civic year we have had numerous successes in solving issues highlighted to us including planning which seems to generate most problems, Highway issues and signposting services for those in need. We have also distributed nearly £7,500 in Covid support grants to local community groups to aid with their recovery from the pandemic.

The forthcoming civic year will see improved communication with WNC for residents and parishes via our emerging localism model which should see the establishment of local area forums where data-led local needs assessments can be carried out and local needs debated by key stakeholders in each community. More details on this scheme will be provided by the summer. We are also approaching a critical point in the tendering process for the new Highways contract, and public consultation will be included so that residents can make their priorities known. We are incredibly conscious of the frustration felt by most local people regarding the condition of our roads and the inadequate provisions within the current contract, so this represents a fantastic opportunity to break from some of our past failures and deliver visible improvements.

Finally, we would like to thank all Parish Council members and other community volunteers for their ongoing commitment to our wonderful villages. Without this support our job be immeasurably more difficult. As already said we are open to any input and as elected representatives we will strive to deliver solutions when possible. Cllr Fellows was thanked for reading the report.

8. Reports by Village Charities – read by Clerk Mrs Sue Halkett

The Flore Charity. This Charity is made up of the merged Muscott & Sears Town Close Charity and the Flore Widows (Cartwright & Curtis) Charity. The Trustees of the Charity administer the money. Current trustees are: nominated by the Parish Council (Hazel Labraham), Parochial Church Council (John Boast), United Reformed Church (Chris Littlewood), ex-officio (Revd Stephen Burrow) and 2 co-optative trustees (Mrs Lis Nye and Mrs Wendy Pitman).

The income derives from investments and the leasing of two areas of agricultural land in Flore. In 2021/22 there was only 2 application for student book allowance, totalling £400.

Richard Capell Educational Foundation. The income from this Charity derives from investments made through the Charities Office Investment Fund. The Capital comes from the sale, many years ago, of land and property in the Parish. This is on a low level interest rate and is paid on the income from the investments. Trustees are Mr Mike Penn, Mrs Hazel Labraham, Mr Paul King, Sue Raven, Revd Stephen Burrow and Unitary Councillor Mr Dan Lister. The grants paid out are limited to improving education and the beneficiaries include the School, Pre-School and the two church youth programmes. 2021/22 grants totalling £2,000 were paid out.

9. Financial Report. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Council had received £42,839.72 income. And has spent £44,786.35. Money in the bank totalled at the year end totalled £26,623.46.

10. Issues raised:

Q: Can the Council chase the S106 money that has been identified for indoor sports and get it changed and also go public and embarrass the developer?

A: Advised that we have already chased the developer to see whether they would change it to outdoor sports instead of indoor, no responses to the two contacts made. Clerk to speak to Unitary Councillor to see whether anything can be done before it is lost and also ask how we can stop this from happening in the future.

Q: Can S106/CIL money be extended from the 5 years to allow people to have the time to spend it?

A: It is (believed) to be a Government directive and would take a lot to change it

Q: Why cannot the minutes of meeting show everything that has been discussed?

A: The minutes are for decisions and are kept as brief as possible. Any important is generally recorded but names and 'what people talk about' are generally edited, if included.

Q: EDF solar farm – Any chance of a making the information more available.

A: It has been, we have publicised all we know, it has been in the Messenger with the direct links to their site and they have come and given two presentations to the Council which have been open meetings. We will ask if they could do another presentation, prior to their application.

Q: Traffic calming: are there any weight restrictions being put on the High Street?

A: Not as far as we are aware.

Thanks were given to all the Councillors for their hard work in doing an amazing job in representing the parish.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

Signed: Chairman of Council

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

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20th April 2022

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the **Parish Council Meeting** to be held on **Monday 25th April 2022 at 7.30 pm in the rear classroom, Flore Primary School**. If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

Chairman: Mrs Kathryn Baines

AGENDA

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

- 781.0** To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting
- 782.0 Public Forum** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors
- 783.0** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st March 2022 and the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 20th April 2022
- 784.0 To receive any updates on outstanding items** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
- To receive dates for meetings for the remainder of the year, including new July meeting date (clerk's holiday)

785.0 To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision

- 785.1 To receive an update on the High Street mitigation works, traffic calming and consider any other issues that may arise
- 785.2 To consider youth links between the School and Parish Council
- 785.3 To consider taking on responsibility for maintenance on the bank in Spring Lane which comes under WNC
- 785.4 To consider an offer from local conservationist on ideas for wildlife in the village.
- 785.5 To consider any issues arising from the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 785.6 To consider responding to the Housing Strategy Survey

786.0 FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS

- 786.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 786.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting
- 786.3 To consider the AGAR Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) for end of year 21/22

787.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

April Payments

SSE (DD)	Street lighting February (retrospective taken 7 th April)	139.99
SSE (DD)	Street lighting March (retrospective at time of meeting 21 st April)	147.63
N Westhead	Bus shelter cleaning	16.00
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788.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 788.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 788.2 Millennium Hall
- 788.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 788.4 Charities

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 - d. Midlands Trains Changes to fares and ticketing, emailed
 - e. WNC Housing Strategy Consultation. 785.6
- NCALC Updates

792.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Date of next full Council meetings: 16th May 20th June 26th July

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FLORE PRIMARY SCHOOL 25th APRIL 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows,
Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
1 Member of the public present
Unity Councillors: Cllr Charles Morton

Chair: Mrs Kathryn Baines

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Cllr Mr Kev Beasley, Mr Tom Higginson

781.0	Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct. Nothing declared	
782.0	Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors Nothing to report by anyone	
783.0	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st March 2022 and the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20th April 2022. Both minutes were signed as an accurate record. GF/AA	
784.0	Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Dates: The meeting date for July had previously been changed to accommodate the Clerk's holiday to the 25th July, as the meetings from July change date and venue, the date for the July meeting now will be Tuesday 26th July. • Flood warden reported that he had met with Highways representatives to look at the flooding issues and has confirmed that they will look into all the points raised and come back to him. 	
785.0	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
785.1	High Street mitigation works. Noted that the recent meeting with Highways and local farmers seemed successful and new plans were being looked at regarding the chicanes.	
785.2	School/PC youth links. Noted that Cllrs Davies, Fellows and Thomason had recently met with the School Council and Cllr Thomason informed them of the roles of the flood warden. Other meetings are being planned.	
785.3	Maintenance of Spring Lane. A quote to be sought as to what is needed and at what cost before any decisions made.	May agenda
785.4	Wildlife ideas for Flore. Council agreed that this would be nice to see and are happy if the lady wants to take a look around to see what could be done to protect the wildlife in the village.	Clerk
785.5	Annual Parish Meeting update: Clerk contacted Unitary Councillors to look into the S106 money, Cllr Bignell will come back to us when he has some answers. EDF Solar are happy to do a presentation when the application has gone through the Central Government Planning system and is passed to the West Northants Council. Clerk to contact Millennium Hall to see availability of the room and speak to EDF	Clerk
785.6	Housing Strategy Consultation: Everyone can complete this survey but Cllr Anderson will answer the questions on behalf of the Parish Council	Cllr Anderson
786.0	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
786.1	Finance update. It was reported that as at 31 st March the Council had £26,623.46 in the bank account. Full end of year figures will be presented at the May meeting. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted by Council.	
786.2	Internal Control. Cllr Holden confirmed that everything is present and correct.	
786.3	End of year AGAR Section 1: Questions were received and agreed and the end of year AGAR form was confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk..	
787.0	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	
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- 788.1 Brodie Lodge. First car boot was successful, next will be held on 1st May. 200 Club has just hit the 200 subscriptions and likely to get more.
- 788.2 Millennium Hall. In a good financial position, drains a concern. Looking at the possibility of putting a lean to at the side of the hall to hold table tennis/indoor sports. First show from Flore Arts was successful recently
- 788.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Nothing to report
- 788.4 Charities: Richard Capell held a meeting. Nothing to report

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- e. WNC Housing Strategy Consultation. 785.6
- NCALC Updates

791.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

- Email: Unitary Cllr Bignell: Response to question on CIL. Noted on item 785.5
- Email: CADNO/EDF. Response to questions re solar farm. Noted on item 785.5
- Email : D Brown: 4 largest trees fallen on footpaths on the Council owned land at the Bovis Estate, agreed to get them removed as a matter of urgency, cost £100.

Date of next meetings: 16th May – apologies offered by Cllr Holden
 20th June
 26th July (revised date due to change of location and day of meeting)

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

The meeting closed at 2010 hrs

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

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11th May 2022

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** to be held on **Monday 16th May 2022 at 7.30 pm in the rear classroom, Flore Primary School**. If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

- 793.0 To consider the election of Chairman for 2022-23.**
Signing of Chairman's Declaration of Office
- Acceptance of Apologies for absence**
- 794.0 To consider the election of Vice Chairman for 2022-23**
- 795.0** To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting
- 796.0 Allocation of areas of interest for Councillors – current format**
Finance Task Group:
Nominated Internal Controller
Pensions Regulator
Employment Task Group
Environment Task Group, incl Closed Churchyard
Newsletter editor
Parish Path Warden
Parish Flood Warden
Parish Highways Warden
Website Administrator
Town & Parish Council meeting rep
Police Liaison Representative
- 797.0 Nominations to outside bodies:**
2 Trustees for the Brodie Lodge playing field committee
2 Trustees for the Richard Capell Educational Trust (currently residents)
1 Trustee & 1 Co-optative Trustee for The Flore Charity (one resident, one Cllr)
1 Trustee for the Millennium Hall
Any other nominations that are decided at meeting
- 798.0 To consider Council documents:**
Standing Orders
Risk Assessments
Financial Regulations
GDPR
Asset register:
Policies/Risk Assessments:

799.0 To review/confirm bank accounts and signatories.

800.0 End of Year Accounts:

- a To receive the bank account statements, Salix loan statement, Financial Cashbook statement for the year end 21/22.
- b To receive and consider the final account figure submission to audit for 21/22
- c To note the commencement date for the Period of Exercise of Public Rights.
- d To note the CIL return for 21/22
- e To receive the report from the Internal Auditor – if received on time (audit being carried out on 11th May)

801.0 Public Forum for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors

802.0 To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th April 2022.

803.0 To receive any updates on outstanding items (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- To receive a report from the Flood Warden, if one available
- To receive an update on weddings at Flore House

804.0 To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision

- 804.1 To receive an update on the High Street mitigation works, traffic calming and to consider any other issues that may arise
- 804.2 To consider taking on responsibility for maintenance of the bank in Spring Lane which comes under WNC
- 804.3 To consider the purchase of 4 Union flags for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and to consider the ongoing maintenance of the poles and purchase of flags, in general.
- 804.4 To consider the options for a further presentation on the Solar project.
- 804.5 To consider writing to WNC regarding the S106 money

805.0 FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS

- 805.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 805.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting

806.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

May Payments

Mr Flag	Union flags (retrospective)	494.40
N Westhead	Bus shelter cleaning	16.00
S Halkett	Office costs	17.00
S Halkett	Salary	636.65
HMRC	PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	164.90
Millennium Hall	Library hire £20/APM £17.50	37.50
M Freeman	Playing areas £300 (3 cuts) /Churchyard £95 (1 cut) grass cutting	395.00
D Brown	Removal trees from council land (Bovis area and High St) £120 and mowing area £72 incl VAT	192.00
SSE	Street light electricity (DD)	151.32
		2104.77

807.0 PLANNING

- 807.1 Application: To consider commenting on:
 - a WND/2022/0315. Mill Barn, The Avenue. Construction of first floor side extension

808.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 808.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 808.2 Millennium Hall
- 808.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 808.4 Charities

809.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. Salix End of year statement. 800a
- b. Flore House Planned weddings. 803.0
- c. WNC Update on High Street. 804.1
- d. Commonwealth Flag Project Request for four new Union Flags. 805.3
- e. WNC Planning application. 808.1a

f. Resident Gravel extraction at Junction 16.

NCALC Updates
WNC Town & Parish Briefing

810.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Date of next full Council meetings: 20th June 26th July

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

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19th May 2022

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the **Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council** to be held on **Thursday 26th May 2022 at 7.30 pm**. If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett

Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

To receive and accept apologies for absence

810.0 To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed on this agenda

810.0 Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by County and District Councillors

810.0 PLANNING

810.1 To consider responding to planning applications:

- a **Application:** WND/2022/0371. 21 Nether Lane. Change of use from office to class C2 for use as a children's care home

Date of next, full Council meeting: 20th June

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON 26th MAY 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mr Kevin Beasley, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson,
Mrs Chris Littlewood
2 Member of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Cllrs Mrs Kathryn Baines, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Simon Levell,
Mr John Thomason

811.0 **Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion.** No declarations declared.

812.0 **Public Forum:** The members of the public as close neighbours expressed their support for the application. They had spoken to the builders who confirmed that the proposed expansion of the properties, that had secured planning consent, was not being built but that the house was being refurbished to meet the needs of the children and staff

813.0 **PLANNING**

Application: WND/2022/0371. 21 Nether Lane. Change of use from office to class C2 for use as a children's care home.

Councillors expressed support for the application and cited the existence of a number of similar homes in Flore. The proposal was in accordance with the Flore Plan given the retention of employment opportunities.

An informative should accompany the response from the Flore PC inviting the management of the children's home to develop good links with neighbouring residents including the provision of emergency contact details in the event that they were needed.

Resolved: Flore Parish council support this application which is in accordance with F15 and F16 of the Flore Neighbourhood Plan.

Informative to be passed to applicant. Flore PC invites the management of the children's home to develop good links with neighbouring residents including the provision of emergency contact details in the event that they were needed

Date of next meetings: 20th June- in school room
26th July – in URC (due to Clerk's holiday)
13th September – in URC (change to 2nd Tuesday in month)

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

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15th June 2022

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the Parish Council Meeting to be held on **Monday 20th June 2022 at 7.30 pm in the rear classroom, Flore Primary School**. If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

814.0 To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting

815.0 Public Forum for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors

816.0 To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th May 2022 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 26th May 2022

817.0 To receive any updates on outstanding items (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- To receive a report from the Flood Warden, if one available
- To receive an update on the High Street mitigation works, traffic calming
- To note the correspondence regarding Flore House

818.0 To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision

818.1 To note the response regarding the ongoing maintenance and ownership of all the flagpoles

818.2 To note the correspondence regarding the S106 money and to consider the way forward

818.3 To consider the request to look at installing medical kits ie 'bleed control products' inside the Defib cases

818.4 To consider councillor training courses.

819.0 FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS

819.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting

819.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting

820.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

June Payments

N Westhead	Bus shelter cleaning (awaiting regular invoice)	16.00
S Halkett	Office costs	17.00
S Halkett	Salary	636.65
HMRC	PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	164.90
Millennium Hall	Library hire	20.00
M Freeman	Playing areas £300 (3 cuts) /Churchyard £95 (1 cut) grass cutting	395.00
Unity Trust	Bank charges	18.00
SSE	Street light electricity (DD)	139.99
		1407.54

821.0 PLANNING

821.1 Applications: To consider commenting on:

- a WND/2022/0410. Land at Glassthorpe Hill, off Brington Road. Change of use from agricultural land to solar farm and construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) development with a capacity of up to 49.9MW with associated infrastructure and planning.
- b WND/2022/0434. 1 John Campbell Close. Construction of a single storey annexe.
- c WND/2022/0453. 34 Sutton Street. Rebuild and heighten the brick chimney

822.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 822.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 822.2 Millennium Hall
- 822.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 822.4 Charities

823.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC High Street work. 817
- b. Resident Flore House events. 817
- c. J Amos Flagpoles 818.1
- d. Unitary Cllr S106 money 818.2
- e. NCALC Training courses. 818.4
- f. WND Planning applications x 3. 821.1

NCALC Updates
WNC media updates

824.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Date of next full Council meetings:

26th July (due to Clerk's holiday – to be held in the United Reformed Church Schoolroom)

Moved to the 2nd Tuesday in the month at the United Reformed Church Schoolroom
13th September, 11th October, 8th November

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN FLORE PRIMARY SCHOOL ON 20th JUNE 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mr John Thomason
0 Members of the public present
Unitary Cllrs Mr Phil Bignell and Mr Charles Morton

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Cllrs Mr Kev Beasley, Mrs Chris Littlewood

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| 814.0 | Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion. No declarations of interest were stated. | |
| 815.0 | Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by County and District Councillors
Unitary Cllrs: The new Highways contract has been awarded to Kier and their first focus is going to be on cleaning street signs. S106 is still being investigated and the MP is now involved. Cllr Morton met with Highways personnel re the ownership of Hillside Road, from the water tower to the 'Rogers' gate and have now accepted responsibility for it. | |
| 816.0 | To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th May 2022 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 26th May. The minutes were an accurate record of the meetings. GF/JT | |
| 817.0 | Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Warden. Noted, still waiting to hear following recent meeting • High Street Mitigation Works. Noted. They are starting on site on the 27th June. There will be some days with full road closures but majority would be traffic light managed. • Flore House. Noted the numerous correspondence from a resident. Clerk to inform him to report issues to the Unitary Council enforcement | |
| 818.0 | GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE | |
| 818.1 | Flagpoles: Noted that the PC initially purchased 4 x 8m and 6 x 6m with the others being bought by private donation (there is currently one new flagstaff being held by Zephyr in the ownership of the Council). It was confirmed that they have always been on the Council's asset register and insured. Council has no compulsion to purchase flags and have been asked on only four occasions to help with the purchase of Union Flags. These were the commemoration of the centenary of WWI, WWII and the Jubilees of 2012 and 2022.
Repairs - Cllr Beasley has previously stated that he is willing to help out with any maintenance but would need help. To be addressed as and when needed. | |
| 818.2 | S106 money: Unitary Cllr Bignell informed the Council that he is still working on this and knows that West Haddon PC has contacted the MP Chris Heaton-Harris. Once a response comes back he will let us know. It is also noted that Flore Millennium Hall are looking to use the money and have put a quote together. More info is needed and Cllr Anderson will speak to them and let us know | Cllr
Anderson |
| 818.3 | Medical Bleed Kits: An ex-resident who helped install the Defibrillators in the village has asked if we could install medical bleed kits in these as well. He has offered one full kit for one defib but the cost of the other would be £85.
Resolved: To accept the offer and purchase another kit for the second defib. GF/TH | |
| 818.4 | Training, the latest list of courses being offered by NCALC has been received. Cllrs to let clerk know whether they wish to attend any of the courses. | Clerk |
| 819.0 | FINANCIAL MATTERS | |
| 819.1 | Finance update. It was reported that as at 30 th May the Council had £42,057.02 in the bank account. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted by Council. | |
| 819.2 | Internal Control. Cllr Holden carried out the internal control. Still waiting for the regular invoice from Westhead Windows but other than that, all present and correct. | |
| 820.0 | ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
Payments agreed and paid on 20 th May under General Power of Competence. | |

N Westhead	Bus Shelter cleaning (still waiting on invoice)	16.00
S Halkett	Office costs	17.00
S Halkett	Salary	636.65
HMRC	PAYE– Employee Tax	164.90
Millennium Hall	Room hire, library	20.00
M Freeman	Grass cutting playing fields £300 /closed churchyard £95	395.00
Unity Trust	Bank charges	18.00
SSE	Street lighting DD	139.99
		1407.54
Invoice received after agenda published		
Pure Grounds Landscapes	Grass cutting and weed spraying	5640.00
	TOTAL	7047.54

821.0 PLANNING

- 821.1a **Application: WND/2022/0410. Land at Glassthorpe Hill, off Brington Road.** Change of use from agricultural land to solar farm and construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) development with a capacity of up to 49.9MW with associated infrastructure and planning. Permission granted by WND, to have an extension on this application until the 27th July, pending answers to questions.
- b **Application: WND/2022/0434. 1 John Campbell Close.** Construction of a single storey annexe. The Council object to this application as it is inappropriate in terms of scale and proportion and not in-keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- c **Application: WND/2022/0453. 34 Sutton Street.** Rebuild and heighten the brick chimney. The Council has no objections to this application as it conforms to the Neighbourhood Plan
- d **Application: WND2022/0455. 4 Champion Fields Way.** Conversion of detached garage to self-contained annexe. The Council has no objections to this application as it does not affect the street scene and conforms to the Neighbourhood Plan

822.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 822.1 Brodie Lodge. Last car boot was cancelled due to wet weather, next is on the 3rd July.
- 822.2 Millennium Hall. Covered in item 818.2
- 822.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Nothing to report
- 822.4 Charities: No meetings held.

823.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC High Street work. 817
- b. Resident Flore House events. 817
- c, J Amos Flagpoles 818.1
- d. Unitary Cllr S106 money 818.2
- e. NCALC Training courses. 818.4
- f. WND Planning applications x 3. 821.1

WNC Media updates
NCALC Updates

824.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

- WNC. Planning Application: WND/2022/0455. 4 Champion Field Way. Conversion of detached garage to self-contained annexe. Dealt with in 821.1d
- Bovis: Question re Bovis Land and searches – Council feel no searches are necessary

Date of next meetings: 26th July – in URC (due to Clerk's holiday)
changed to 2nd Tuesday in month in the United Reformed Church schoolroom
13th September, 11th October, 8th November

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda. Nothing specific
September: Biodiversity in the village.

The meeting closed at 2035 hrs

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

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23rd June 2022

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the **Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council** to be held on **Wednesday 29th June 2022 at 7.30 pm in the United Reformed Church Schoolroom.**

If you are not able to attend, please let me know.

Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett

Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

To receive and accept apologies for absence

825.0 To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed on this agenda

826.0 Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by County and District Councillors

827.0 PLANNING

827.1 To consider responding to planning application:

- a **Application:** DA/2020/0479. Land to the east of Brington Road
Outline planning application of up to 45 dwellings, to include 40% affordable dwellings (7 one bed homes, 5 two bed homes and 6 three bed homes), infrastructure and open space. (All matters reserved other than access). Amended description.

Date of next, full Council meeting: 26th July

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON 29th JUNE 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Kevin Beasley, Miss Freya Davies,
Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood
Unitary Cllr Mr Charles Morton
11 Members of the public

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Cllrs Mr Geoff Holden, Mr John Thomason
Unitary Councillor Mr Phil Bignell

825.0 **Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion.** No declarations declared.

826.0 **Public Forum:** Everyone present had come to speak about the planning application. Concerns were expressed about: lack of infrastructure for the village having another 45 properties, sewerage, development outside of our Plan, the green space being left could be built on after this proposed development is built, smells from the attenuation basin, play area close to existing properties, application littered with errors and inaccuracies, land slopes and views are spoilt, wildlife existing on the current land, inappropriate development and the possibility that it will set a precedent for more development, if it gets the go ahead.
Chair thanked all for coming along and advised them to write directly to the planning officer, the more objections noted, the better.

827.0 **PLANNING**

Application: DA/2020/0479. Land to the east of Brington Road. Outline planning application of up to 45 dwellings, to include 40% affordable dwellings (7 one bed homes, 5 two bed homes and 6 three bed homes), infrastructure and open space. (All matters reserved other than access). Amended description.
DA/2020/0479: Land to the east of Brington Road Flore.

This application deviates only in detail and numbers from the last submission by the developer and Flore Parish Council's objections remain equally strong and pertinent: it does not accord with planning policy in both the Flore Neighbourhood Plan (Made September 2016) and the adopted Daventry Settlements and Countryside Plan (Part 2) 2011-2029 (Adopted February 2020). There also remain further grounds for objection in addition to clear, and overarching, policy grounds.

1. The Flore Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Flore Plan, which was Made in 2016, is an integral part of the planning process. The Plan, which has a very high level of community support, through policy F2 – scale and type of new development – established a development area boundary for the village which, through a revision made in the Settlements and Countryside Plan, now includes the two latest housing developments, both completed in the last four years. This application is located entirely outside the development area boundary and is therefore contrary to policy F2. Furthermore, the application is contrary to policy F4 – affordable housing and rural exception sites – as it comprises 45 dwellings with some affordable housing.

The recent history of development within the village is also a material consideration as a consequence of cumulative impact. The village has recently had two major residential developments, DA/2014/0454 on land off Brockhall Road and DA/2013/0703, which is the recently completed Bovis homes development off the High Street. These two developments added 97 new houses to the village, which increased its size by nearly 18.5%, which is a considerable addition to any community. It was as a consequence of these two applications and the potential continued outward extension of the village that the Flore Plan actively sought to encourage new development within the Flore Development Area boundary: there will be such a development on the site of the demolished garage on the High Street of a further 10 dwellings which will raise the increase in size to almost 20%. The addition of a further 45 dwellings would bring an increase in six years to 28%; this cumulative effect has been relevant in recent appeal cases.

Furthermore, a recent High Court ruling (in favour of East Cambridgeshire District Council) gives added weight to the importance of adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policies (see our previous letter of objection to the earlier application by this developer in 2020).

2. DDC Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) 2011-2029 (Adopted February 2020)

This is a key planning policy document that reinforces the made Flore Plan and its planning policies. It has also recently been adopted which gives the Plan considerable weight.

Vision and Objectives

As a starting point it is important to consider the Plan's vision and objectives which all of its policies underpin and support. A key aspect of the Plan's vision is for new development to be focused on the town of Daventry and that rural areas will support a network of vibrant communities. Villages will retain their local distinctiveness and character.

Objective 9 (housing) of the Plan states that housing will be focused at the most sustainable location of Daventry with limited development in the rural areas to provide for local needs and support local services. Both the vision and objectives are compelling. The most sustainable areas to build within the district are within the town of Daventry which has the capacity and infrastructure to accommodate significant areas of housing development. Any development in the rural areas is less sustainable and prejudices the vision and objectives of DDC/WNC to focus development in the town of Daventry.

Housing in Rural Areas

The Flore Plan closely follows the development principles set out in the DDC Local Plan chapter 5. This chapter places strict limitations on further development in rural areas on the basis that the overall spatial strategy for the district is to direct greater levels of growth to Daventry town. This end will be undermined for as long as developers can exploit greenfield sites on the perimeter of villages where construction is easier, sales easier to achieve and profits potentially higher.

Paragraph 5.1.03 makes the clear point that the requirement for the rural areas has been exceeded as at 1st April 2019 with 10 years of the Plan remaining. This is completely at odds with the developer's misleading assertion that the Flore Plan is out of date by implying that the Daventry area has less than 5 years of forward housing allocations.

Secondary Service Villages

Flore is designated a secondary service village in the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (policy RA2). In reference to such villages the Plan states that there is no justification for further allocations of housing, and development should be within the confines of the village as defined on the inset map in the Plan – this application clearly is located outside of the inset map boundary.

Moreover, since the adoption of the Local Plan the village has lost several of the facilities which justified the designation, including the garage (petrol station, workshop and shop), the hairdressers, the farm shop and the café, as well as one of its public houses not long prior. There is only one remaining small general convenience shop, one public house and a small specialist retailer serving a small percentage of the local population. The remaining facilities have not been changed for decades, despite the increase in population - the village hall is small and has no parking, the Scout hut is extremely small and unsuitable, the playing field pavilion is now inadequate. There is a need for additional sporting facilities, both indoor (which would require a new building) and outdoor, to meet the demands of the increased population. The school is small and has little or no room for further expansion, and the dentist and doctors in Weedon who serve the village are fully subscribed.

Housing Needs Survey

Although this scheme's housing mix includes a stated allocation of affordable properties based on the result of the recent housing needs survey, it cannot allocate those properties on the basis of individuals or their ability to afford that property – the survey is a snapshot in time and its results should be regarded as useful for the direction of future policy rather than a literal instruction of what to build now. There have been many units included in the two recent major developments in the village, and others will be included in the proposal to develop the garage site (if this goes ahead), which meet the criteria of need for many of the respondents to the survey (with the exception of bungalows) but which have largely been purchased or rented by people from outside the village, in all probability given many are not actually that 'affordable' – and of course the introduction of many new households to the village will generate further demand, so the need is insatiable. Unless it is accepted that villages need to retain a separate identity, and have housing development appropriate to local need, the potential for covering the whole of the countryside with houses is infinite. Flore is on a good bus route giving easy sustainable connection to both Daventry and Northampton so family links would not be too constrained if housing need was met in the urban areas.

Other grounds for objection

Despite the clear and overwhelming policy justification that means that this an application which should be refused, there are a number of detailed issues which we wish to bring to your attention:

i) Highway Issues: The proposed access to the development is off the Brington Road. This is a narrow country road with no footpath and relatively high vehicle use providing access to villages to the north from Junction 16 of the M1 and from the Weedon crossroads. It's straightness encourages high speeds (it is 60mph national speed limit virtually to the junction with the High Street) and it is inappropriate to introduce access to a substantial housing estate there. The location of the access into the site itself is severely constrained by both the width of the Brington Road and the close, and visually compromised, proximity of its junction with the High Street. This access would be used during construction works for the delivery of machinery and all materials in a situation which will be substandard and unsafe. The layout has shows a footpath from the site entrance alongside the road to the High Street but installation would require the removal of a considerable length of important trees and hedging that form a mature green corridor to accommodate a suitable width of path in the existing steep bank.

ii) Site Location: The proposed site is a field which, although close to the village boundary, is separated from any village property or street and will effectively be an isolated suburb whose major appeal will be its proximity to the M1 and external road travel links rather than the presence of a local shop - this cannot be commensurate with sustainable development intentions of National and Local Plan policies. It will be difficult to achieve any community cohesion due to the site's remoteness from community facilities, while the site layout is a standard suburban type of arrangement which fails to reference its village context, as set out in the Flore Village Design Statement. The layout and design proposals submitted so far show little evidence of pursuing the national Government's desire to make beauty a fundamental part of the approval requirements.

iii) Drainage: There is an assumption that the surface water outfall will be to existing drains running down Bliss Lane and thereby to the river. These drains are not adopted and of unknown ownership – responsibility for them may fall to riparian owners who have not been consulted. The condition is unknown and this proposal is of serious concern to the village flood warden. We have well documented record of periods when the village hall has been flooded by run-off from the highway as the result of inadequacy of a similar drain. It is not appropriate to consider this issue **after** the principle of a development has been approved, it needs to be addressed at this stage.

iv) Archaeology: Local knowledge of the site is that historically it used to be the village tip and possibly a burial ground for those in the community who could not be buried within the churchyard, hence its name of Bedlam Pit. This aspect too should be considered at pre-planning stage as its impact could be significant.

v) Ecology: The Parish Council fully support the views of Paul Minton, a resident, who has previously objected to the original proposal with a detailed analysis and followed up with further comment in response to the last submission. In addition, the extant proposal to cover a substantial acreage of significant landscape and amenity value countryside (over 80 hectares) in the parish and near to the village with solar panels will incur the loss of even more agricultural land which is likely to become increasingly in demand in the future when the country seeks to feed a growing population in a sustainable way. This solar farm is also very close to this site, and if both it and this proposal were to go ahead, they would seriously impinge on the close rural environment of the village and its setting.

vi) Density: this proposal is for 45 dwellings in the area south of the pipeline which is 10 more than the previous submission. This is a significant increase in density. However, the density indicated in the planning statement of c15.5 dph seems to be based on the total site area including the land to the north of the pipeline. This land north of the pipeline should therefore be designated as public open space or other communal facility. The Planning Statement should be amended to make this clear. Furthermore, the impact of this increased density of the built area is not taken into account of, for instance, in environmental and landscape proposal revision. The supporting material for the application should be amended accordingly.

Conclusion

This Application clearly fails to meet Policy and therefore should be refused. Additional development in a village that has seen considerable expansion in recent years prejudices the aims of DDC to focus development in Daventry. In addition, there are a number of detailed issues that the Parish Council and villagers who have written to you, wish to bring to your attention.

Some of these, such as highways and drainage, are fundamentally important to assess at this stage and **not** as reserved matters. **If the Council were to approve this application the precedent would be catastrophic for the success of Daventry District Council's recently adopted Local Plan and the Flore Neighbourhood Plan.** It would result in serious harm to the character and form of the village, which would have to be compensated for by significant S106 or equivalent mitigation measures, in which case we would like to bring forward our aspirations for inclusion in any S106 agreement to mitigate, but not fully compensate for, the impacts of the proposal:

High Street Traffic Calming

The Parish Council together with Officers of WNC have been developing measures to both reduce the speed of traffic through the village as well as deterring HGV traffic, which despite the opening of the bypass, remains a significant issue for residents, particularly those fronting the High Street. Given the boundary of the site directly onto the High Street this will be an issue of importance to future residents of this scheme. The legal agreement for the Bovis Homes development provided funds (circa £158,000) which are being used to support the first phase of the High Street calming. Future phases are required, and the Parish Council would expect a similar sum to be provided to enable these to be delivered.

Linear Village Green

The application site is remote from the centre of the village. It would be appropriate to reduce this isolation through the development of the linear village green that could help to knit this site into the fabric of the village and mitigate to some degree, it's isolation. Funding could enable better pedestrian connectivity, landscaping and amenities.

Outdoor play and recreation

Measures to improve the range and quality of outdoor sports and recreation both on and off-site should be promoted.

However, by no measure should these issues be used to form any justification for supporting this proposal

Date of next meetings: 26th July – in URC (due to Clerk's holiday)
13th September – in URC (change to 2nd Tuesday in month)

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Susan Halkett, 16 St Mary's Way, Weedon, Northants, NN7 4QL
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21st July 2022

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the Parish Council Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 26th July 2022 at 7.30 pm in the United Reformed Church Schoolroom, Chapel Lane.** If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

- 828.0** To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting
- 829.0** **Public Forum** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors
- 830.0** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th June 2022 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 29th June 2022
- 831.0** **To receive any updates on outstanding items** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
- To receive a report from the Flood Warden and to look at the sewer issues in Sutton Street
 - To receive an update on the ongoing installation of the High Street mitigation works
- 832.0** **To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision**
- 832.1 To consider an alternative bus shelter window cleaner as current one moving from the area.
- 832.2 Consultations – To consider commenting on:
- WNC: SNC Local Plan Part II.
 - WNC: Modifications to Northampton's Local Plan
 - WNC: Draft Policy on Asset Transfers
- 832.3 To consider sending a representative to the NCALC AGM on 1st October.
- 833.0** **FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS**
- 833.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 833.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting

834.0 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

Flore Primary School	Rent for meetings (retrospective)	30.00
Turtle Engineering	Medical Bleed Kit (retrospective)	102.00
	Paid June	132.00
SSE	Street light electricity (DD)	143.68
S Halkett	Office costs	17.00
S Halkett	Salary	636.65
HMRC	PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	164.90
Millennium Hall	Library hire	20.00
M Freeman	Playing areas £200 (2 cuts) /Churchyard £95 (1 cut) grass cutting	295.00
David Brown	Grass cutting Memorial garden	72.00
Northants CALC	Training courses £136.80; Subscriptions £524.69; Audit	955.49

G Fellows	£282.00; Data Protection Officer £12 Website annual fee	93.60
		2398.32

August payments	To be paid and agendered in September	
SSE	Street light electricity (DD)	TBC
S Halkett	Office costs	TBC
S Halkett	Salary	TBC
HMRC	PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	TBC
Millennium Hall	Library hire	TBC
M Freeman	Playing areas grass cutting	TBC

835.0 PLANNING

- 835.1 Applications: To consider commenting on:
- WND/2022/0410 Land at Glassthorpe Hill and Land Off Brington Road, Flore
Change of use from agricultural land to solar farm and construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) development with a capacity of up to 49.9MW with associated infrastructure and planting
 - WND/2022/0544. Orchard House, 70 High Street – retrospective to Flore PC
Work to trees and removal of a tree within a conservation area
 - WND/2022/0560. Greenacre, 53 Sutton Street.
Construction of a detached double garage with workspace at first floor, formation of link between existing outbuilding and main house.
 - WND/2022/0561. Greenacre, 53 Sutton Street.
Listed Building Consent for construction of detached double garage with workspace at first floor.
Formation of link between existing outbuilding and main house and insertion of slim line double glazed units in existing windows.

836.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 836.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 836.2 Millennium Hall
- 836.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 836.4 Charities

837.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Resident Request for help on sewer issues in Sutton Street. 831.0
- WNC Consultations x 2. 832.2 a and b
- Northants CALC WNC consultation re Asset Transfer. 832.2c
- WND planning applications x 4. 835
- NCALC AGM details. 832.3

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Moved to the 2nd Tuesday in the month at the United Reformed Church Schoolroom
13th September, 11th October, 8th November

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN URC SCHOOLROOM, CHAPEL LANE, FLORE ON 26th JULY 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
1 Member of the public present
Unitary Cllr Mr Charles Morton

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Cllrs Mr Kev Beasley, Mr Tom Higginson
Unitary Cllr Mr Phil Bignell

828.0	Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion. No declarations of interest were stated.	
829.0	Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by County and District Councillors Member of the public had come along to listen to the meeting.	
830.0	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th June 2022 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 29th June 2022. These minutes were an accurate record of the meetings. SL/GF	
831.0	Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Warden. Sewer smells noted in Sutton Street. Warden had met with AWA and they have identified two possibility causes where the smell permeates on Sutton Street which will be investigated. They are also meeting with Orbit to see whether, when they flush their pumping house, it coincides with the smell and if this is the case they will install odour meters to stop this. • High Street Works. Noted. The three chicanes had been put in place, some signage is still to be installed. A gas main leak had also closed the road for a period of time. 	
832.0	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
832.1	Bus Shelter Cleaner. Advertisement to go into the Messenger.	Cllr Davies
832.2	Consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a WNC: SNC Local Plan Part II. Noted B WNC: Modifications to Northampton's Local Plan. Noted c WNC: Draft policy on asset transfers. Noted 	
832.3	NCALC AGM. 1 st October. Cllr Fellows to attend.	Clerk/Cllr Fellows
833.0	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
833.1	Finance update. It was reported that as at 30 th June the Council had £35,455.48 in the bank account. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted by Council.	
833.2	Internal Control. Cllr Holden carried out the internal control. All present and correct.	
834.0	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	
	Payments agreed and paid on 26 July under General Power of Competence.	
	Flore Primary School Rent for meetings (retrospective June)	30.00
	Turtle Engineering Medical Bleed Kits (retrospective June)	102.00
		132.00
	July payments	
	SSE Street light electricity (DD)	143.68
	S Halkett Office costs	17.00
	S Halkett Salary	636.65
	HMRC PAYE– Employee Tax	164.90
	Millennium Hall Room hire, library	20.00
	M Freeman Grass cutting playing fields £200 /closed churchyard £95	295.00
	D Brown Grass cutting – Memorial garden	72.00
	Northants CALC Training £136.80/Subscriptions £524.69/Audit £282/ DPO £12	955.49

G Fellows	Website annual fee	93.60
		2398.32
Invoice received after agenda published		
Pure Grounds Landscapes	Grass cutting and weed spraying	1212.00
D Brown	Clearance of verge £200, remove fallen branch and dispose £100	£360.00
	TOTAL	3970.32

August payments of agreed invoices and salaries – agenda in September but paid August

835.0 PLANNING

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Application: WND/2022/0410 Land at Glassthorpe Hill and Land Off Brington Road, Flore
Change of use from agricultural land to solar farm and construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) development with a capacity of up to 49.9MW with associated infrastructure and planting
Flore Parish Council has voted by a small majority to give this proposal support in principle because they accept that there is a pressing need to generate power from renewable sources in the face of carbon-driven climate change however the vote carried was subject to implicit conditions covering areas of concern that they would wish to see addressed. These conditions are as follows:

1. This is an exceptionally large solar farm which is effectively an industrial development despite any effort to mitigate that situation and it encroaches appreciably on the Upper Nene Valley which has a particular value for its landscape quality. The recent warehouse development at Panettone Park (near M1 Junction 16 east of Upper Heyford) has already severely compromised this, and - together with the inclusion of an adjacent area on the north side of the A4500 as a potential warehousing/ industrial site in the West Northants Strategic Plan now being developed - is already threatening the environmental value of this area, in particular in the impact on Glassthorpe Hill, an important landscape feature.
2. The use of good quality agricultural land for this use is also potentially reducing the solar panels' benefit in mitigation of environmental cost, since such land is likely to become of even greater value as the pressure on worldwide food production grows and this country faces a growing need to import grain. It is regrettable that more emphasis is not put into re-using brownfield sites of low landscape value for solar generation or else ensuring industrial developments (such as the warehouse park cited above) incorporate solar panels as planning conditions.
3. In consequence of the above the Parish Council seeks a reduction in area utilised for the solar panels and to retain the level arable field to the west of the proposed development for agricultural use (ie removal of the solar arrays numbered 1,2,3 and 19 on the site masterplan), which would have the added benefit of removing the need for a separate access from the Brington Road. Furthermore, removal of the solar arrays numbered 4 and 5 in the extreme north-east of the application site would further assist with mitigating the landscape impact on the Glassthorpe Hill area. It is considered the remaining arrays would collectively still represent a viable solar farm, and consideration should be given to higher efficiency panels which generate more power per square metre instead of using more land for the sake of cheaper, more inefficient solar panels. EDF have not to date given a satisfactory answer to the question of using more efficient units to minimise land take.
4. In the event that the field off Brington Road be retained in the scheme, the Parish Council ask that the temporary bridging of the brook which was mentioned as an option (*during the public meeting with EDF in Flore on 7th June*) be incorporated to enable construction access from the east of the site via the proposed point of access from Main Road, Upper Heyford: This would be a condition to reduce heavy traffic in Flore village High Street, which has recently been traffic-calmed. Further, it should be a condition that the said temporary access byway road diversion at Upper Heyford be removed in entirety and made good following the construction of the development, and the existing access reinstated as before which is considered sufficient for maintenance traffic.
5. The Council seeks clarification on the access to and uses of the community benefit fund which would arise in the event of the project proceeding.
(Vote 5 in support of response, 3 against)

- b Application: WND/2022/0544. Orchard House, 70 High Street – retrospective to Flore PC
Work to trees and removal of a tree within a conservation area
No objections to this application as long as it is agreed with the conservation tree officer.

- c Application: WND/2022/0560. Greenacre, 53 Sutton Street.
Construction of a detached double garage with workspace at first floor, formation of link between existing outbuilding and main house, and:
- d Application: WND/2022/0561. Greenacre, 53 Sutton Street.
Listed Building Consent for construction of detached double garage with workspace at first floor. Formation of link between existing outbuilding and main house and insertion of slim line double glazed units in existing windows
Flore Parish Council agreed to support these applications, which meet the Neighbourhood Plan requirements in principle, but we would like the following caveats to be considered:
1. Although the application states that no trees will be affected it does appear that a small tree, which meets the criteria for consideration in the conservation area, will be lost as a result of the need to cut into the bank behind the garage building.
 2. In the interests of sustainability the applicant may wish to consider the use of external blinds or omission of roof lights in the south facing roof slope to avoid the heat gain which is likely to become an increasing problem.
 3. Barge boards on steep-pitched roofs are not part of the local vernacular, although some have been added where thatch and parapets have been removed. We suggest that in this case the barge boards on the garage should not exceed the dimensions of those on the gable of the house.
 4. The link to the outbuilding apparently meets a need not easily accommodated within the building and will not be visible from public areas so, although we have reservations about the design, we believe this is a matter which should be dealt with by the Conservation Officer.

836.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 836.1 Brodie Lodge. Car boots in Aug/Sept following successful car book in July
- 836.2 Millennium Hall. Looking at putting in a timber building approx. 11x4.5m, hopefully using the S106 money
- 836.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Nothing to report
- 836.4 Charities: No meetings held.

837.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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| e. | NCALC | AGM details. 832.3 |

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- Residents: Sewerage smell in Sutton Street – dealt with in 831
- NCALC: Training courses. Noted Cllr to look through and let Clerk know if they wish to attend classes

Date of next meetings: 2nd Tuesday in month in the United Reformed Church schoolroom
13th September, 11th October, 8th November

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda. Nothing specific
September: Biodiversity in the village.

The meeting closed at 2055 hrs

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

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6th October 2022

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the Parish Council Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7.30 pm in the United Reformed Church Schoolroom, Chapel Lane**. If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

- 838.0** To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting
- 839.0** **Public Forum** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors
- 840.0** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th July 2022 (no meeting held in September due to the national mourning period following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II)
- 841.0** **To receive any updates on outstanding items** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
- To receive a report from the Flood Warden
 - To note the attendance at NCALC AGM and brief update.
 - To note certificates on soil testing for garage site are available on their website
 - To note comments and concerns regarding the DDL
- 842.0** **To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision**
- 842.1 To consider the biodiversity options and the ongoing stakeholder meetings regarding cycling/walking paths
- 842.2 To consider the Flore Parish Council Business Plan
- 842.3 Consultations – To consider commenting on:
WNC: To consider the Local Government Boundary Electoral Review deadline for responses (7th Nov)
- 842.4 To consider purchasing a wreath for Remembrance Sunday (retrospective)
- 842.5 To consider the street lighting at Champions Field Way, Cregy Close, Larbourne Park Road and Orland Way prior to adoption of the roads by WNC.
- 842.6 To consider the purchase of assets, using CIL money from 2018, incl new benches or other suggested items.
- 843.0** **FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS**
- 843.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 843.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting
- 843.3 Audit: To receive the response on the submitted figures from the external auditors, PKF and to consider opting out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment
- 843.4 Messenger: To consider payment of printing costs for the Messenger, ongoing.
- 843.5 Insurance: To consider the payment to BHIB for the third year insurance costs. (retrospective – due by 1st October)

844.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**August payments**

Salix Finance	Loan repayment (DD)	1829.42
SSE	Street light electricity (DD)	147.63
S Halkett	Office costs £17/Land Reg details £3	20.00
S Halkett	Salary	636.65
HMRC	PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	164.90
Millennium Hall	Library hire	20.00
M Freeman	Playing areas grass cutting	195.00
PKF Littlejohn	Audit fees	240.00
NCALC	Training course (G Fellows)	45.60
Westhead Window	Bus shelter cleaning	16.00

Paid August 26th 3315.20**September payments**

S Halkett	Office costs	17.00
S Halkett	Salary	636.65
HMRC	PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	164.90
Millennium Hall	Library hire	20.00
M Freeman	Playing areas grass cutting	100.00
BHIB	Insurance – 3 rd Year	823.02
SSE	Street lighting electricity DD	147.63
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath	50.00
Unity Trust	Service Charge (30 th September)	18.00

Paid September 14th 1977.20**October payments**

S Halkett	Office costs	17.00
S Halkett	Salary	636.85
HMRC	PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	164.70
Weedon Bec Parish Council	Telephone and office costs	162.34
Millennium Hall	Library hire	20.00
D Brown	Mowing Memorial garden £60, Flowers for Queen's memorial £30, bulb supply for Spring Bank £30	144.00
Pure Grounds Landscapes	Grass cutting, verges	2616.00
M Freeman	Playing field /closed churchyard grass cutting	290.00
West Northants Norse	Bin emptying	360.00

To be paid on the 12th October 4410.89

SSE Street lighting electricity DD – awaiting invoice

845.0 PLANNING

845.1 Applications: To consider commenting on:

- a WND/2022/0698. Flore Village, 1 High Street. Work to trees in a conservation area. Retrospective
- b WND/22/00035/MINFUL. Land off M1 – A45 roundabout, junction 16
Extraction of sand and gravel with the deposition of suitable inert material for agricultural and habitat restoration.
- c WND/2022/0791. Capell House, 9 The Green. Installation of stand-alone EV charge point.
(Retrospective)
- d WND/2022/0797. 11 The Green. Felling of tree in the conservation area.
- e WND/2022/0806. The Firs 58B High Street. Removal of trees within a conservation area

845.2 To note that DA/2020/0479 – Land to east of Brinton Road - Outline planning application for 45 dwellings was to be heard at the planning committee meeting on the 5th October but has been deferred.**846.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

- 846.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 846.2 Millennium Hall
- 846.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 846.4 Charities

847.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC Consultation Local Government Boundary Electoral Review. 842.2
- b. PKF Audit return. 843.3
- c. SAAA Remaining as part of the SAAA for external auditors. 843.3
- d. Resident Request for help for the Messenger. 843.4
- e. BHIB Insurance for 22-23. 843.5
- f. WNC 2 planning applications. 845.1 a/b
- g. WNC Cycling/Walking paths 842.1

NCALC Updates/Training - emailed

WNC media updates - emailed

ACRE Bulletin - emailed

Town & Parish Briefing newsletter - emailed

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Date of next full Council meetings:

Moved to the 2nd Tuesday in the month at the United Reformed Church Schoolroom

8th November

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN URC SCHOOLROOM, CHAPEL LANE, FLORE ON 11th OCTOBER 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson
Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
5 Member of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Cllrs Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Kev Beasley
Unitary Cllrs Mr Phil Bignell, Mr Charles Morton, Mr Dan Lister

838.0	Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion. Cllr Level declared a professional interest in item 841.0 the DDL	
839.0	Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by County and District Councillors Report received by Unitary Cllr Bignall – noted. 1 x Resident: Traffic calming, noticed an increase in vehicles; vehicles not observing the priorities; is there going to be an advisory sign at each end as an HGV couldn't get through. Cllr Level advised that all measures are still being assessed and will be looked at again 3 x Residents: Came along to ask whether the Council could look at contributing towards the Messenger. This is an Agendered item below. 1 x Resident: Was interested in the biodiversity and cycling items on the agenda having attending a meeting at Daventry to try to get a cycling path through Flore.	
840.0	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th July 2022. These minutes were an accurate record of the meetings. GF/JT	
841.0	Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Warden. WNC going to look at Millennium Hall drain as to whether it could be adopted but work would need to be carried out before this. Foul smells in Sutton Street were still being monitored. Garage site will be digging up the road to sort out the drainage issues but will be monitored. • NCALC AGM. Noted • Certificates for Garage site are on WNC's website. Noted • DDL comments/concerns. Noted 	
842.0	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
842.1	Biodiversity of village and cycling lanes. Biodiversity – the report, carried out by a resident's daughter was extremely interesting and informative. Council happy to look at any ideas it contains. It was mentioned that this could coincide with a new group being set up – Climate Group – with an idea that we could work together to implement these ideas. Cycling Lanes - are being looked at but at present Flore is not included in a possible plan linking village with Daventry, but this could be in the future.	
842.2	Business Plan: Resolved: To accept the plan and ask residents for comments. Plan is on website and information to be put in the newsletters asking for comments by 17 th January.	Cllr Davies
842.3	Consultation: WNC Local Government Boundary Electoral Review. Council thought that joining with Weedon would be a good option along with Heyford and Bugbrooke, rather than Long Buckby.	
842.4	Wreath: Resolved: To order a wreath of all over poppies. £50 donation. CL/TH	
842.5	Street lighting: Champions Filed Way. Cregy Close, Larbourne Park Road, Orland Way. Cllr Beasley confirmed that all were acceptable and working and were willing to take them on when the roads were officially adopted. Clerk to inform WNC.	Clerk
842.6	CIL spend. Clerk reminded Cllrs that the £4,078.21 was still unspent in the CIL money and had to be used by the end of March. Councillors agreed to look at replacing some benches and depending on what the costs were, possibly installing another one or two. November meeting.	Clerk
843.0	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
843.1	Finance update. It was reported that as at 30 th September. The Council had £33,369.61 in the bank account. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted by Council.	

- 843.2 Internal Control. Cllr Holden carried out the internal control. All present and correct.
- 843.3 Audit: Paperwork had been received from PKF. All clear, a clean report. Council would remain within the SAAA.
- 843.4 Messenger: Residents had requested that the Council take over the payment of the printing costs for the village. Council would need to precept for this. SL/TH
Resolved: Council happy to pay the printing costs from April 2023. Likely charge £100 per month.
- 843.5 Insurance: Retrospective.
Resolved: Council paid annual insurance fee with BHIB. AA/TH

Clerk

844.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payments agreed under General Power of Competence.

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SSE	Street lighting electricity DD	147.63
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath	50.00
Unity Trust	Service Charge (30th September)	18.00

Paid September 14th 1977.20**October payments**

S Halkett	Office costs	17.00
S Halkett	Salary	636.85
HMRC	PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	164.70
Weedon Bec Parish Council	Telephone and office costs	162.34
Millennium Hall	Library hire	20.00
D Brown	Mowing Memorial garden £60, Flowers for Queen's memorial £30, bulb supply for Spring Bank £30	144.00
Pure Grounds Landscapes	Grass cutting, verges	2616.00
M Freeman	Playing field /closed churchyard grass cutting	290.00
West Northants Norse	Bin emptying	360.00

To be paid on the 12th October 4410.89**October payments – received after agenda published**

LG Gardens	Strimming area of Bovis site (annual)	120.00
SSE	Street lighting electricity DD	151.32

Total 271.32

Monthly total 4682.21**845.0 PLANNING****845.1 APPLICATIONS**

- a WND/2022/0698. Flore Village, 1 High Street. Work to trees in a conservation area. Retrospective
The Council has no objections to this work being undertaken as it will only enhance the current trees
- b WND/22/00035/MINFUL. Land off M1 – A45 roundabout, junction 16
Extraction of sand and gravel with the deposition of suitable inert material for agricultural and habitat restoration. Flore Parish Council has number of concerns about the proposed application and its impact on the local communities that surround the site.

The Council's first concern is the negative impact that the proposal will have on the environment and the detriment to the amenity of nearby residents as a consequence of the unreasonably long hours of operation 7 days a week. This is a major imposition particularly in evenings and at weekends where the noise and visual intrusion of the proposed activity will be felt most. If the application were to be approved the hours of operation must be reduced considerably.

The second major issue for Flore Parish Council concerns HGV movements and road safety. The application provides little detail on how lorry movements out of the site, for gravel extraction, and into the site, for the deposit of inert waste material, would be accommodated. Traffic calming measures have recently been built at key locations on Flore High Street, to deter both speeding vehicles and unnecessary HGV traffic. It is essential that the HGV movements that arise from this application are carefully managed and monitored so that Flore High Street does not become an easy and convenient rat run for those from the West of the site. All HGV's must be required to use the Daventry Development Link Road (Flore bypass) at all times. This must be enforced by a planning condition that requires a traffic management plan to be implemented that ensures the routing of all HGV's into the site do not use the High Street. This management plan should be backed up by a clear weight restriction to ensure compliance.

On road safety, members of the Parish Council are aware that the camber of the traffic island which forms the location of the access road causes difficulty for motorbike users. With lorry movements into and out of the site in poor weather, there is a real danger and risk that mud on the road would lead to serious motorbike accidents. This needs to be addressed by the applicants as physical works to the roundabout will be required as well as the need for the most stringent wheel washing facilities.

In conclusion Flore Parish Council object to the proposed application however if Officers are minded to recommend approval of the application then the mitigations measures above - reduced hours of operation; traffic management plan; weight restriction; junction improvements and wheel wash facilities must be included as part of any conditions.

- c WND/2022/0791. Capell House, 9 The Green. Installation of stand-alone EV charge point. (Retrospective). The Council has no objections to this application which is likely to be received more and more in the coming future
- d WND/2022/0797. 11 The Green. Felling of tree in the conservation area. The Council has no objections to this work being undertaken as the tree now seems too large for the space.
- e WND/2022/0806. The Firs 58B High Street. Removal of trees within a conservation area. The Council has no objections to the removal of these trees but would like to see replacements grown, something other than laurels

845.2 DA/2020/0479. Land to the East of Brington Road – to be heard at planning committee meeting – deferred. Noted.

846.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 846.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field. Car boots finished until next year.
- 846.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report
- 846.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund. Nothing received
- 846.4 Charities. No meetings held.

847.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC Consultation Local Government Boundary Electoral Review. 842.2
- b. PKF Audit return. 843.3
- c. SAAA Remaining as part of the SAAA for external auditors. 843.3
- d. Resident Request for help for the Messenger. 843.4
- e. BHIB Insurance for 22-23. 843.5
- f. WNC 2 planning applications. 845.1 a/b
- g. WNC Cycling/Walking paths 842.1

NCALC Updates/Training - emailed
 WNC media updates - emailed
 ACRE Bulletin - emailed
 Town & Parish Briefing newsletter – emailed

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

WNC 2 x planning applications: WND/2022/0805 (60 High Street) – no objections as this will not affect the street scene. WND/2022/0849 (11 The Green), application a duplication of one above.
Resident: Request for comment on possible solar panels on field – advised no comment without more information.

Date of next meetings: 8th November
17th January (only month whereby it will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Neighbourhood Watch – likely a 7pm start to give time for speaker

January meeting: Flore Business Plan – any comments from residents
Climate Group

The meeting closed at 2050 hrs

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

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3rd November 2022

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the Parish Council Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.00 pm in the United Reformed Church Schoolroom, Chapel Lane**. If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

7.00 pm The Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Northamptonshire will give a presentation on looking at revitalising NHW for Flore Parish

7.30 pm Flore Parish Council - official meeting - will commence.

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

- 848.0** To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting
- 849.0 Public Forum** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors
- 850.0** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th October 2022
- 851.0 To receive any updates on outstanding items** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
- To note communication regarding adoption of street lighting at Champions Field Way, Cregy Close, Labourne Park Road and Orland Way
 - To note request for comments re solar panels on another property
 - To receive an update on DA/2020/0479 – Land to east of Brington Road – which was on the planning committee meeting at Daventry on the 2 November.
- 852.0 To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision**
- 852.1 To consider the purchase of replacement benches/seats around the village using the CIL money from 2018
- 852.2 To confirm Cllr attending the Climate Change course offered by NCALC @ £55
- 852.3 To consider a resident's email about HGVs on the High Street.
- 852.4 To receive a report from the Flood Warden and to consider an inspection, with camera, of the drain by the Millennium Hall approx. £350 plus VAT
- 852.5 To consider a warm room for residents during the winter.
- 852.6 To consider looking at revitalising Neighbourhood Watch for Flore
- 852.7 Consultations – To consider commenting on:
WNC: Sports Research Survey
WNC: Rural England Prosperity Survey
- 853.0 FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS**
- 853.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 853.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting
- 853.3 To consider the Budget and Precept figures for 2023/24

854.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**November payments**

SSE	Street light electricity (retrospective October) (DD)	151.32
S Halkett	Office costs	17.00
S Halkett	Salary	636.65
HMRC	PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	164.90
Weedon Bec Parish Council	Telephone/broadband to 18 th Oct	65.46
Millennium Hall	Library hire	20.00
URC	Donation towards grass cutting	280.00
PCC	Donation towards grass cutting	370.00
M Freeman	Playing field/church grass cutting	195.00

To be paid on the 16th November 1749.01

SSE	Street light electricity – usually received around 20 th of month and paid by DD
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855.0 PLANNING

855.1 To consider commenting on:

- a Application: WND/2022/0907. Pond House, Bricketts Lane. Single storey front link extension, new double garage to replace existing with garden store
- b Application: WND/2022/0830. Hillside Manor, 4 Hillside Road. Construction of detached dwelling

856.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 856.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 856.2 Millennium Hall
- 856.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 856.4 Charities

857.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC Adoption procedures Bovis Estate. 851.0
- b. Resident? Request for comments if they play a solar area. 851.0
- c. Resident HGVs on the High Street. 852.3
- d. WNC Consultations x 2. 852.7
- e. WNC Planning applications x 2. 855.1
- f. WNC Notification on development at planning committee. 855.2

NCALC Updates/Training - emailed
WNC media updates - emailed

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Date of next full Council meetings: **17th January 2023 (January only – third Tuesday)**

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN URC SCHOOLROOM, CHAPEL LANE, FLORE ON 8th NOVEMBER 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Kev Beasley, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood
Unitary Councillor Mr Phil Bignell
7 Members of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Cllrs Miss Freya Davies, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr John Thomason
Unitary Cllr Mr Charles Morton

7pm. Mr Andy Crisp, County Neighbourhood Watch came along to give a briefing on possibly revitalizing the NHW for Flore

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| 848.0 | Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion. Nothing declared | |
| 849.0 | Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by County and District Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident: Really bad sewerage smells today in Sutton Street – to be passed to Flood Warden • Resident: Trees on bypass – have they been replaced. They have been replanted and this is still ongoing. • Resident: Dog Warden: With the new dog control rules – how does this work with Brodie Lodge. All will come down to enforcement if people see issues and report then they will investigate. • Resident: Traffic Calming: Why are there bollards on road? They have to be there because the road speed is 30mph. • Resident: Can Nether Lane be widened? Not policy to widen village roads as it leads to other issues. If there is a pothole, it can be reported and filled in to avoid vehicles having to drive through it. • Resident: Advised of a near miss incident around the bollards on the High Street. • Unitary Cllr: Advised that the Daventry offices would be closed by the end of March. They are owned by WNC and it is hoped they would be let. Planning department would all be run from Towcester. | |
| 850.0 | To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th October 2022. These minutes were an accurate record of the meetings. CL/KBa | |
| 851.0 | Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street lighting adoption: Noted • Request for comments re solar panels – no comments until further information provided. • Update: DA/2020/0479 Land to East of Brington Road. Noted that this was refused at the meeting and is possible it will go to Appeal. Owner of the land emailed Cllr Beasley and asked some questions – Cllr Phil Bignell advised that we could send through the copy of his speech which explained a lot of the reasons for the refusal, to the owner.
The Parish Councillors unanimously thanked the Unitary Councillors for their significant, passionate and important support that was received for this application, at the planning committee meeting. They were impressed with how it was handled – “a joy to watch”. | |
| 852.0 | GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE | |
| 852.1 | Replacement benches/seats:
Resolved: To order 4 benches to replace those at Brockhall Road/Capell Rise junction; Spring Lane – two commemorative plaques to be removed and replaced on the new bench; to install one to replace the missing bench at the High Street, opposite Bricketts Lane and possibly install a new one on Ram Bank. | Clerk |
| 852.2 | NCALC - Climate Change Course:
Resolved: Cllr Thomason will attend the above course. Cost £55. | Clerk |
| 852.3 | HGVs on High Street. Email from resident about the amount of HGV learner driver vehicles. HGV learner vehicles have always come through the village as the main Government testing station is based in Weedon and this is one of their official training routes. The chicanes are built so that they can take this size vehicle so there is no problems with them. The High Street Steering Group will be looking to install | Clerk |

	<p>further traffic calming measures, ie a weight limit, which will take away the larger vehicles but this is ongoing and not likely to happen in the short term.</p>	
852.4	<p>Report from Flood Warden. Inspection of drain by Millennium Hall. It was noted that WNC will not adopt these drains but will attend if there is cause for flooding of the Hall. The drains are the ownership of the riparian owners. Cllr Thomason has asked for a hire camera to inspect the drains and provide a report. Resolved: Agreed to hire a camera to provide a report on the adjacent drain to the hall (cost now £400). KB/AA</p>	Clerk
852.5	<p>Warm Room: The idea is a good one, but the Council don't own any properties so would have to work with other groups/agencies. Tagging on to ongoing events, the Schoolroom, Millennium Hall etc could be used in conjunction with other events, ie people could come along to the Millennium Hall when the library was open to sit for a few hours, likewise with other events. Cllrs to provide a list of what regular groups meeting up and whether they would be willing to allow other people to attend. This could be monitored for a while to see whether there was an ongoing need.</p>	All Cllrs
852.6	<p>Neighbourhood Watch. It was agreed to revitalise the NHW. Cllr Beasley would liaise with the current coordinator and see what could be done.</p>	Cllr Beasley
852.7	<p>Consultations: WNC Sports Research Survey: Noted, no comments from FPC Rural England Prosperity Survey. Noted, no comments from FPC</p>	
853.0	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
853.1	<p>Finance update. It was reported that as at 31st October the Council had £45,685.70 in the bank account. There were no matters arising. Figures accepted by Council.</p>	
853.2	<p>Internal Control. Cllr Holden carried out the internal control. All present and correct.</p>	
853.3	<p>Budget & Precept. Figures were provided to all Councillors following the Finance Group's recent meeting, for consideration. Resolved: Following discussion of the submitted proposal by the Finance Group, Council accepted the budget figure of £39,520 for 2023/24. The Precept figure will be the same. This is subject to West Northants Council's tax base figure – which has not been received by the Parish Council. This figure is a 4.13% rise on last year's figures. If tax base changes, further confirmation of all figures will be at the January meeting. KBa/GF</p>	
854.0	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	
	<p>Payments agreed under General Power of Competence.</p>	
	November payments	
	S Halkett Office costs	17.00
	S Halkett Salary	636.65
	HMRC PAYE Tax/Nat insurance	164.90
	Weedon Bec Parish Council Telephone & broadband	65.46
	Millennium Hall Library hire	20.00
	URC Donation towards grass cutting	280.00
	PCC Donation towards grass cutting	370.00
	M Freeman Playing field /closed churchyard grass cutting	195.00
	To be paid on the 9TH November	1749.01
	November payments – received after agenda published	
	SSE Street lighting electricity DD	139.99
	Total	139.99
	Monthly total	1,889.00
855.0	PLANNING	
855.1	APPLICATIONS	
A	<p>WND/2022/0907. Pond House, Bricketts Lane. Single storey front link extension, new double garage to replace existing with garden store. The Council has no objections to this application which is set back from the road and does not impinge on the Flore Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
B	<p>WND/2022/0830. Hillside Manor, 4 Hillside Road. Construction of detached dwelling. The Council objects to this application as it is classed as development in open countryside which is contrary to the Flore Neighbourhood Plan and the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, Policy R1.</p>	
856.0	REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS	
856.1	<p>Brodie Lodge Playing Field. The Trustees have received permission to use S106 money for the installation of adult play equipment (outdoors). AGM is on 10 November.</p>	
856.2	<p>Millennium Hall. Group are still looking at applying for S106 money for indoor sports.</p>	

856.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund. Nothing received
856.4 Charities. Richard Capell held AGM. Mike Penn was re-elected chair. Flore Charity held meeting, two book grants were given out to students

857.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC Adoption procedures Bovis Estate. 851.0
- b. Resident Request for comments if they play a solar area. 851.0
- c. Resident HGVs on the High Street. 852.3
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- f. WNC Notification on development at planning committee. 855.2

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Application: WND/2022/0953. Marsh Cottage, 43 Kings Lane. Work to trees within a conservation area – noted, standard response to be sent
EDF: Change of project manager for Glassthorpe Solar Farm. Noted.

Date of next meetings: 17th January (only month whereby it will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

January meeting: Flore Business Plan – any comments from residents
Climate Group – if anything to report.

The meeting closed at 2050 hrs

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

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29th November 2022

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the **Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council** to be held on **Monday 5th December 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Brodie Lodge Pavilion**

If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

To receive and accept apologies for absence

858.0 To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed on this agenda

859.0 Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by County and District Councillors

860.0 GENERAL

860.1 To consider the bus service consultation (retrospective)

861.0 PLANNING

861.1 To consider responding to planning application:

- a Application: WNS/2022/2164/MAO. Land at Main Road Upper Heyford (Junction 16 M1).
Outline Application for the Proposed Development of a Lorry Parking Area and associated Car Parking with all Matters Reserved aside from Access.

862.0 FINANCE

862.1 To consider payments to:

S Halkett	Office costs	17.00
S Halkett	Salary	636.65
HMRC	PAYE/Nat Insurance	164.42
Millennium Hall	Library rent	20.00
NCALC	VAT payments on course	81.00
CPRE	Subscriptions	36.00
	Total	955.07

Date of next, full Council meeting: 17th January 2022 in the United Reformed Church Schoolroom

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE BRODIE LODGE PAVILION ON 5th DECEMBER 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Tom Higginson,
Mr Simon Levell, Mr John Thomason
0 Members of the public

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Cllrs Mr Andy Anderson, Mr Kev Beasley, Miss Freya Davies,
Mr Geoff Holden, Mrs Chris Littlewood

858.0 **Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion.** No declarations declared.

859.0 **Public Forum:** No members of the public present

860.0 **GENERAL**

860.1 **Bus Services Consultation:** Response has been submitted and received.

861.0 **PLANNING**

861.1 **Application: WNS/2022/2164/MAO. Land at Main Road Upper Heyford (Junction 16 M1).**

Outline Application for the Proposed Development of a Lorry Parking Area and associated Car Parking with all Matters Reserved aside from Access

Flore Parish Council objects to the planning application for the lorry park at Upper Heyford. Whilst the location falls outside of the Parish of Flore it has a direct impact upon Flore village.

The site falls outside the settlement boundary of Upper Heyford and is open countryside and agricultural in nature. It does not have the benefit of an allocation for development and the proposed use is speculative and inappropriate for such a location.

The applicants major on the needs of the proposed user of the site who faces short term difficulties. A quick google search of commercial property agents indicate a large number of suitable alternative locations within Northampton and even Daventry that are available to rent thus negating the need for this green-field development.

A key concern for Flore PC is the consequences of additional HGV traffic along the former A45, now declassified. There is no data or analysis of the unknown numbers of HGV movements nor their hours of operation and routing strategies.

The first phase of traffic calming measures has been successfully introduced on the High Street in Flore the aim of which was twofold. Firstly to slow down speeding traffic and secondly to deter HGV's and other large vehicles from using the High Street rather than the Flore Bypass. Recent data suggests that whilst numbers of vehicles using the High Street has reduced significantly from the pre-bypass period there is still a substantial number, particularly HGV's, that use this route. This causes environmental issues for residents and is particularly acute during evening and early morning periods. There is no data within the application to assess this impact as the suggestion is that this site is to be used 24 hours a day all year round. If this application were to be approved a clear weight limit must be in place from Upper Heyford through to the Weedon Road/A5 junction to ensure all HGV's use the Flore By-pass.

The documents attached to this application include ecological surveys, but these do not address the air pollution created by the vehicles using this park. We would like to see an air quality impact assessment on this area as that is far more important to human health than any other impact, and we consider that such an assessment will prove that a lorry park will have a very negative environmental impact. This needs to address two areas;

Local Air Quality Management of pollutants is required by Councils under environmental health. It is a known fact that vehicles emit up to ten time more harmful pollutants on start-up and idling than when they are warm, and a vehicle park will result in numerous cold start-ups. Lorries are diesel fuelled and emit particulates and other toxic substances, and this area is already high in PM10 particulates as can be found on the BEIS National Atmospheric emissions inventory website. Such pollutants are very harmful to human health, which will especially affect the residents of Upper Heyford.

Carbon dioxide emissions. According to data from the Centre for Sustainable Energy, CO2 emissions from the transport sector in the parish of Flore are 79.9 tonnes of CO2e compared to a national average of 4.33, in other words 18 times higher than the national average which is mainly the M1

motorway. We don't need any more in this area.

Back in February 2020, Daventry District Council declared a climate emergency, when councillors agreed a raft of measures in a bid to tackle the issue. They included setting targets for the reduction of emissions and promoting the wide range of support and funding that is available to help residents and businesses be more environmentally friendly. There were pledges to look at ways to further reduce the Council's carbon emissions, as well as to work with other local councils to make improvements.

It was hoped that West Northamptonshire Council would take up this mantle!

For information, Flore village has a climate action group and we are taking action to reduce carbon emissions in the parish.

861.2 **Application: Received after agenda published but discussed due to Xmas holidays and response deadline: WND/2022/1030. Mandalay, 55 Sutton Street.** Construction of single storey rear extension

The Council has no objections to this application which conforms to the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan

862.0 FINANCE

862.1 To consider payments to:

S Halkett	Office Costs	17.00
S Halkett	Salary	636.65
HMRC	PAYE	164.42
Millennium Hall	Library Fund	20.00
NCALC	VAT payments	81.00
CPRE	Subscriptions	36.00
	TOTAL	955.07

The meeting closed at 8pm

Date of next meeting: 17th January 2023, in the URC Schoolroom