

IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH
NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM AT THE DAY CENTRE, COLLEGE STREET, NN9 5TU

PRESENT: Councillors P Boyer, S Boyer, C Collis-Neale, C Cross, E Hopkinson, C Kearns-Gray, D Maxwell and R Powell.

ABSENT: Councillor T Walton

ALSO PRESENT: Unitary Councillor K Harrison, Chris Healy Crimesecure and 4 members of the public

The Mayor welcomed everybody to the Meeting of Irthlingborough Town Council and informed members and the public that the meeting was being recorded for minute taking purposes. She informed them that there was an opportunity for fifteen minutes public speaking with each person having an opportunity to speak for a maximum of three minutes in connection with an item on the agenda. She asked if anyone wished to address the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public wished to address the meeting in connection with Agenda item 85.8 TO CONSIDER ARRANGING A MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF HUXLOW TO DISCUSS STUDENT WELFARE – CLLR C KEARNS-GRAY

They outlined serious problems they were experiencing, which had been ongoing for a long time. They informed members of their attempts to arrange meetings/hold discussions with the Head of Huxlow school to try and resolve the problems and their dissatisfaction with the lack of response. They explained the impact the situation was having on their whole families and that the problems were worsening. They didn't know where else to turn.

Members of the Council asked questions to clarify certain elements of the situation to which the members of the public responded.

The Mayor thanked them for bringing the situation to the Council's attention.

77. APOLOGIES - TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J Bragg – Family commitment

Councillor J Farrar – Family commitment

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RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/250 – that Councillor’s J Bragg and J Farrar’s apologies be accepted.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS AND THE NATURE OF THOSE INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Item 84.4 – To consider a request from Irthlingborough Youth Club for a donation of £200 to assist with the purchase of new equipment– Cllr E Hopkinson – is a Trustee of the Irthlingborough Youth Club

Item 85.6 – To agree to co-opt Jenny Reece to represent iGrow on to the Events Committee – Cllr C Cross – member of iGrow

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Item 86.1 – To agree to accept a donation of £5000 from Marsh industries for the sponsorship of Christmas Lights in the High Street – Councillor P Boyer – Director of Marsh Industries

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79. MINUTES

79.1 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FOR SIGNATURE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2021

Page 71 – **RESOLVE ITC/06(21)/84** – that once the new consultation document has been approved a Consultation is undertaken through the council website.

Action- New document drafted and put on website. Details also sent Scouts, Allotment Society and Cando for circulation. – Councillor C Cross asked if any more responses had been received. – Councillor C Cross advised that Cando should have read Headway.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/251 - that the amended minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting 12th October 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings

80. MATTERS ARISING

80.1 TO NOTE ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2021 NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA, FOR REPORT ONLY

Page 69- Item 67 - Page 50 - Item 53 - Page 24 - Item 31.2 Matters arising – Councillor C Cross informed members she had recently attended a flood warden course and raised the issues regarding drains/flooding High Street/Cross monument roundabout with them.

Councillor C Cross had not heard anything back from report. Asked if Clerk could write to Joanne

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Maddams and ask that the ongoing flooding issues be investigated and fixed. – Councillor C Cross asked if the Clerk had had a response from Joanne Maddams. Clerk had not received a response.

Councillor C Cross informed members that following heavy rainfall the blocked drain had been reported North Northants Council Fix my Street system – they had responded This report has been assessed and a job for repair has been raised. State changed to: Action scheduled

Page 69 Item 67 - Page 51 - Page 38 - **43. NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS 43.1 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR'S K HARRISON, D MAXWELL AND R POWELL**
Councillor D Maxwell also wished to highlight to members the fact the Unitary Council had inherited a poorly maintained road network – potholes are a major issue but, the Unitary Council also inherited no money to rectify the problems, so are having to look at ways to generate income.

-It was asked if the Unitary Council had found a way to generate some income to enable the major problem of potholes to be addressed. - Councillor D Maxwell indicated this was ongoing – Councillor C Cross was concerned that the potholes were still not fixed and with the bad weather on the way, she asked Councillor D Maxwell if North Northants Council had grit lorries covered.

Councillor D Maxwell responded that Northamptonshire was one of the worst counties affected by potholes. In 2020/2021 they received additional money to deal with the potholes but no additional money had been received this year. She has flagged the issue up with Tom Pursglove MP.

Regarding grit lorries she said the fleet is now divided into two, North Northants and West Northants. North Northants Council would control the grit lorries for this area – she said she would contact Jason Smithers regarding this. – Councillor C Cross asked for update on potholes and if Councillor D Maxwell had received response from Jason Smithers.

Councillor D Maxwell said potholes are being dealt with using new instant repair machine, but problem is limited funds and have to do ones scheduled by Northamptonshire Council but not done prior to North Northants taking over first. They trying to work as fast as they can but it all comes down to money. Jason Smithers had informed her grit lorries would be running across the county.

Page 69 Item 67 - Page 51 - Page 42 – Item 46.5 TO ASCERTAIN THE PLANS FOR FUTURE MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR IRTHLINGBOROUGH – CLLR R POWELL

RESOLVE ITC/07(21)/127 – that the Council writes to the Nene Commissioning Group, Northamptonshire, to ascertain what their plans for future medical facilities for Irthlingborough are. The Clerk was asked if a response had been received, she stated the item was ongoing. Councillor R Powell asked the Clerk for an update. - The Clerk had written to them, but to date, had received no response. – Councillor S Boyer asked if any response had been received. The Assistant Clerk had not seen a response. - Councillor D Maxwell said she had been in touch with the Care Quality Commission and surgery. Going to make sure surgeries are back to normal. She had phoned the Practice Manager and arranged to see her. MP Tom Pursglove had received a response from the surgery indicating the GPs are working at the surgery. She will be continuing to try and resolve situation. Care Quality Commission is finding it difficult keep up with complaints.

Councillor R Powell reminded members the approach had actually been made to enquire as to whether the Nene Commissioning Group had any plans for additional services in Irthlingborough.

Page 70 Item 67 - Page 59 Item 59.2 CAR PARK – UPDATE:

I) TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM CARNELL'S WITHDRAWING FROM THE PROJECT

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Councillor D Maxwell informed the meeting that she had been in contact with Tom Pursglove MP, the Chief Executive of North Northants Council, George Chandler and the Deputy Chief Executive Rob Bridges regarding this project, to try and get the project reinstated. They were going to investigate and see if they could find a solution, which would enable the project to move forward.

RESOLVE ITC/09(21)/178 – that Councillor D Maxwell continues to investigate the possibility of an arrangement between North Northants Unitary Council and Carnell's to tarmac the new area of the car park recently purchased by the Town Council. Councillor D Maxwell to keep the Clerk informed at all times. - Councillor J Farrar asked if there was any update. - Councillor D Maxwell was still waiting to hear back. She had received conflicting reports of past events but it is hoped that Highways England will reconsider this as a good will gesture. – Councillor C Cross asked Councillor D Maxwell if she had received any update.

Councillor D Maxwell was still awaiting a response.

Page 70 – Item 67 - Page 62 Item 60.4 TO CONSIDER COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING THE LACK OF SERVICE/MAINTENANCE PROVISIONS FROM THE VARIOUS HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS – CLLR C CROSS **RESOLVE ITC/09(21)/197** – that the Clerk writes to all the housing Associations that have Properties in Irthlingborough advising them of the Councils concerns and requesting that they drive round all their locations to identify issues and make contact with all their tenants. – Councillor C Cross asked if any responses had been received. - The Clerk hadn't to date received any responses.- It was asked if any responses had been received.

The Assistant Clerk said one response had been received which had been circulated to all Councillors.

Councillor R Powell felt that the response had just been a standard form and was a derisory response to the council's enquiry.

Councillor C Cross felt the response had just advised what their policies and procedures were.

Councillor D Maxwell had spoken to North Northants Councils Jason Smithers about the Housing Associations. She had asked for a report from the Housing Associations asking why certain things were not being done. Due to the change over to Unitary she felt tracking had been overlooked.

Page 71 – Item 68 - Page 13 Item 42.4 TO ORGANISE A MEETING WITH THE FIRE, POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR SEPTEMBER – CLLR D MAXWELL

RESOLVE ITC/07(21)/108 - that Irthlingborough Town Councillors have the opportunity to attend a meeting with the Fire, Police and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold that Councillor D Maxwell is organising in conjunction with other parishes. – Councillor C Cross asked for clarification on which other parishes would be involved. - Councillor D Maxwell responded that the other parishes involved would be Denford, Great Addington, Little Addington, Ringstead and Woodford. – Councillor S Boyer asked if date had been set.

Councillor D Maxwell informed members the meeting had been arranged for Monday 13th December 2021 at the North Northants Council offices Thrapston the meeting starts at 6.30pm Chambers open 6pm refreshments would be available on arrival.

Page 78 Item 72.3 TO CONSIDER A NEEDS SURVEY TO BE CARRIED OUT FOR A SPORTS/COMMUNITY

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FACILITY IN THE TOWN IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF RESIDENTS ARE IN FAVOUR OF SUCH A PROJECT
– CLLR R POWELL

Councillor R Powell explained that the previous council had investigated building a possible community facility in the town but hadn't come to fruition due to planning restrictions on the proposed site. He would like to seek the Councils approval to survey residents and the local schools to establish the requirements/needs of such a project and asked the Council to consider this as a potential future initiative. Councillor D Maxwell thought it might be something Sports England may be able to help with, devising a questionnaire and or offering a grant towards the cost of.

Councillor C Cross informed members that when the Crow hill Community Centre Working party had been in existence consideration had been given to the possibility of marking out sports courts on the floor in the main hall. Councillor T Walton felt that the local schools should be consulted. – Councillor C Cross asked if the possibility of marking out sports courts on the floor of the Main Hall could be considered by the Community Building Working Party.

Councillor E Hopkinson indicated it could be discussed by the Committee.

Page 78 – Item 72.2 **RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/228** – that the Clerk arranges a meeting with the Wildlife Trust, Rockingham Forest Trust - who run Stanwick Lakes, the Chester House Estate and the Crown Estates who run Rushden Lakes to establish their plans for the River Nene particularly the Irthlingborough Section. – Councillor S Boyer asked if a meeting had been arranged.

The Clerk had emailed Councillor R Powell for contact details but Councillor R Powell had not replied to the Clerk yet.

Page 79 Item 72.6 TO DISCUSS RESIDENTS' CONCERNS REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE POST OFFICE – CLLR J FARRAR - **RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/232** – that the Clerk writes to the Post Office, to request an update on the situation in relation to the Post Office provision in the town. Enquiring as to their plans to relocate the Post Office and if there are any interim plans to have a mobile Post Office facility in the town. – Councillor E Hopkinson asked if there was any update on the Post Office.

The Assistant Clerk read response received by email 2.11.2021 advising they were currently exploring options and giving details of alternative local Post Offices.

Councillor D Maxwell felt part of the problem was finding trained staff. She stated people with no transport were finding it difficult and felt the Post Office should be asked to provide a mobile Post Office. She offered to take it up with MP Tom Pursglove, but members felt the approach should be made by the Town Council.

Page 80 – Item 72.9 TO AGREE TO POSTPONE THE TOWN RUN UNTIL THE SPRING AND AGREE A NEW DATE SO THE WEBSITE AND POSTERS CAN BE CHANGED. RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/235 - that the Town Run scheduled for October 2021 is postponed until spring 2022 with a new date of Sunday 8th May 2022 being agreed for the event. – Councillor E Hopkinson asked if the promotional material for the rearranged date had been received yet.

The Assistant Clerk advised that the new promotional material had not been received yet.

Page 82 0- Item 73.3 TO RECEIVE A FUNDING ALLOCATION LETTER FROM NORTH NORTHANTS

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COUNCIL AND AGREE PROJECT(S)

RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/241 - that the following list of things the council wish the grant to support:-

- i) Installation of commando sockets in the High Street lamp posts for new Christmas decorations
- ii) A pop up gazebo for Irthlingborough Town Council to use at the markets and other town events
- iii) Hire of entertainment for the November Market
- iv) Hire of band for the December market
- v) Banners to advertise the markets
- vi) Marquee to cover the Community Centre Courtyard
- vii) Deep clean of the High Street

along with the key milestones (timings) and estimated costs be submitted to North Northants Council.
- Councillor C Cross asked if all the funding had been accounted for.

The Assistant Clerk said all requests had, had to be submitted by 13.10.2021 and no additions could be made.

81. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UP TO 1ST NOVEMBER 2021

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/252 – that the Town Clerk's report up to the 1st November 2021 is received and noted

82. CCTV REPORT

82.1 TO RECEIVE THE CCTV REPORTS FROM CRIMESECURE FOR OCTOBER 2021

The report was tabled at the meeting.

Chris Healy from Crimesecure was present to answer any questions. He explained that the amount of information/data his operatives could release was restricted by data protection legislation. The contract with the Council did not include the provision of a monthly report it was something they provided for information and he confirmed the Police received a copy of the report too.

In connection with one of the items on the report it was stated the CCTV operatives had reported the incident at the time to the Police – but they hadn't attended the scene until 2 hours later.

Councillor S Boyer was disappointed that having been told in July a new Police Officer had been allocated to the town he had not been seen in the town.

Chris Healy indicated that the increase in incidents and the type of incidents being experienced in Irthlingborough currently were also being experienced in the other 4 towns in the county they worked with.

Pictures showing the coverage available from the new CCTV camera recently installed in Les O'Dell Park had been included for Councillor's information.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/253 - that the CCTV report for October 2021 was received and noted.

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82.2 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE TO THE REQUEST FOR THE MONITORING OF HGV'S USING THE HIGH STREET

The report was tabled at the meeting.

Chris Healy said his operatives had supplied a snap shot of HGV's using the High Street as requested but questioned its usefulness without being able to identify the vehicles destination.

He recalled in the past the Council had arranged for the Police to carry out a stop/check day on lorries travelling along the High Street which had provided more conclusive information.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/254 - to receive an update to the request for the monitoring of HGV's using the High Street.

83. COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES - TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

83.1 THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH OCTOBER 2021 – CLLR R POWELL

Councillor R Powell invited questions in connection with the minutes.

Nothing was raised.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/255 - that the minutes of the Planning Committee, meeting held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 were noted.

83.2 THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2021 – CLLR D MAXWELL

Councillor D Maxwell informed members that the application for 1 Grimmer Walk had been approved by the Area Planning Committee, and that the application for Harrington Road had been passed. The application for 48 High Street had not been decided yet. She invited questions in connection with the minutes.

Councillor K Harrison felt that the Councils argument against the 1 Grimmer Walk application had not been expressed with enough vigour at the Area Planning Committee meeting and that there had been no planning reasons on which to turn it down so it had been difficult to find a reason to support Councils objection.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/256 - that the minutes of the Planning Committee, meeting held on Tuesday 26th October 2021 were noted.

83.3 THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2021 – CLLR C CROSS

Councillor C Cross reminded members about the Rededication of the War Memorial Event on the 14th November and hoped all Councillors would be present. She invited questions in connection with the minutes.

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RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/257 - that the minutes of the Events Committee, meeting held on Tuesday 26th October 2021 were noted.

TO RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMEND:

Councillor C Cross asked members to resolve the recommendation from the meeting.

A) RECOMMEND – THAT THE DECEMBER MARKET BE EXTENDED FROM 9.30AM TO 1PM TO 9.30AM TO 6PM TO ENABLE STALL HOLDERS TO BE PRESENT DURING THE CHRISTMAS FEST EVENT.

It was felt that 9.30am until 6pm was too long.

It was proposed the market was extended until 3pm.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/258 - that the December market is extended from 9.30am to 3pm to enable stall holders to be present at the start of the Christmas Fest Event.

84. FINANCE MATTERS



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Cashbook Payments

October 2021

Bank No.	Supplier	Description	Total
174	NCalc	Staff Training - Appraisal Skills	£ 38.00
175	ClIr C Cross	Event Re-imburement	£ 25.00
176	Smiths Fire	Fire extinguisher visit	£ 84.60
177	Rubicon	Talent Pathway Event	£ 1,104.00
178	CS Plumbing	Offices new immersion heater	£ 341.76
179	Clarendon	Various Office R&M	£ 1,732.80
180	I-Grow	Donation towards Christmas event	£ 1,000.00
181	Webb House	Monthly Payroll Services	£ 27.11
182	Clean4Shaw	Cleaning of public toilets	£ 879.60
183	Colemans	Stationery	£ 194.90

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			£
184	Malcolm Thomas	Remote maintenance of network	150.00
			£
185	Rialtas	Annual Support MTD	160.80
			£
186	Crimesecure	Monitor CCTV Nov to Jan	4,440.00
			£
187	British Gas	Parsons' Green	7.74
			£
188	E-On Energy Solutions	Street Lighting Maintenance	162.02
			£
189	LGSS Law	Car Park Legal Costs	200.50
			£
190	Nimota Bello	Refund of Deposit Invoice 5919	50.00
			£
191-6	Staff Wages	Monthly Salaries	8,549.72
			£
197	HMRC	P32 PAYE & NI contributions	2,756.25
			£
198	NCC Pensions Account	Pension Contributions	3,510.98
			£
199	R Erikson	Refund of Deposit Invoice 5967	90.00
			£
200	Microshade	Hosting Rialtas & Pear mapping	80.40
			£
201	E-On UK PLC	Unmetered Supplies September	475.70
			£
202	PPL & PRS	Annual Music Licence Fee	426.82
			£
203	Cheaper Waste	Community Centre 660 litre Bin	57.20
			£
205	Smiths Of Derby	St Peters Church clock service	278.40
			£
206	Ricoh	3 Months Printing costs	72.55
			£
207	Smiths Fire	Fire extinguisher visit	86.88
			£
208	Memorials of Distinction	Refund of Overpayment	165.00
			£
209	Lizzie Agho	Refund of Deposit Invoice 5945	50.00
			£
210	Puja Mulgi	Refund of Deposit Invoice 5981	50.00
			£
DD	Cheaper Waste	Cemetery 660 litre bin	70.20
			£
DD	O2	Office Mobile Phone	54.97

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			£
DD	CNG	Gas Community Centre - Previous month	23.66
			£
DD	Nat West	Monthly bank charges for previous month	12.25
			£
DD	Nat West	Monthly Bankline Charges	12.80
			£
DD	NW Business Credit	Various - Postage & Zoom	132.43
			£
		Expenditure	27,555.04
			£
Donations	Budget balance at 31/10/21	N/C 4295	3,229.00
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84.1 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR OCTOBER 2021

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/259 - to approve the Accounts for payment up to the 31st October 2021

84.2 TO APPROVE THE BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS UP TO 31ST OCTOBER 2021

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/260 - to approve the Bank Account Reconciliations up to 31st October 2021

84.3 TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE UP TO 31ST OCTOBER 2021

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/261 - to approve the Statements of Income and Expenditure up to 31st October 2021

Councillor E Hopkinson left the room.

84.4 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM IRTHLINGBOROUGH YOUTH CLUB FOR A DONATION OF £200 TO ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT

Members felt it would be nice to know what equipment had been purchased with the donation.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/262 - to agree a donation of £200 to the Irthlingborough Youth Club to assist with the purchase of new equipment, a list of equipment purchased was to be requested.

Councillor E Hopkinson returned.

84.5 TO AGREE PAYMENT OF £17 FOR THE POPPY WREATH AND CONSIDER A DONATION TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION FOR THE POPPY APPEAL 2021

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/263 - to agree payment of £17 for the poppy wreath and a donation of £83 to the Royal British Legion in accordance with section S137.

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85. AGENDA ITEMS

85.1 COVID-19: ACTION TAKEN BY IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

I) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ACTIONS BEING TAKEN BY IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL IN THE LIGHT OF CORONAVIRUS AND TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/264 - that the update on actions being taken by Irthlingborough Town Council in the light of Coronavirus is received and noted

II) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE TO **RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/227**– CLEANING OF THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/265 - that the update to **RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/227** – that the Council continues with the two time a day cleaning of the public toilets, whilst guidance is sought as to the latest government requirements/recommendations is noted.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/266 -that the public conveniences continue to be cleaned twice daily.

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RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/267 - that the public conveniences hours of opening are extended until 8pm on Saturday 4th December 2021.

III) TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE SUGGESTED UPDATES TO THE RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/268 - that the suggested updates to items 1, 2, and 6 of the Risk Assessment for the Public Conveniences are agreed. Items 3, 4 and 5 remain the same.

85.2 TO AGREE THE CHRISTMAS CLOSEDOWN FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES FROM MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2021 TO 3RD JANUARY 2022 INCLUSIVE

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/269 - that the Christmas closedown for the Town Council Offices from Monday 20th December 2021 to the 3rd January 2022 inclusive is agreed.

85.3 TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE TO RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/233 – TO CONTACT THE OWNER OF THE GLASS RETAIL UNIT ON THE CORNER OF CHURCH STREET TO ESTABLISH A NORTHANTS LEATHER HERITAGE CENTRE

The agent had responded indicating that they were in the process of selling the unit to a take-away food retailer.

Some members were disappointed that the town was to have another take away food outlet, but it was noted that the planning permission had stated the building was for A3/A5 use.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/270 - that the response to **RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/233** – that the Clerk writes to the agent dealing with the vacant commercial unit on the corner of Church Street to ask if they would consider leasing the building free of charge to the Council for a six month period for them to use as a Northants Leather Heritage Centre is received and noted.

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85.4 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM STAGECOACH IN RESPONSE TO RESOLVE ITC/07(21)/128

Stagecoach's response stated that all their services had now reverted to pre-covid conditions in terms of passengers travelling, and providing both adult and children have a valid ticket there should be no reasonable reason (unless a bus is full) that passengers travelling from Crow Hill to the centre of Irthlingborough are refused travel.

Councillor E Hopkinson noted this specific issue had been resolved satisfactorily.

Councillor D Maxwell reported that she had been in touch with Stagecoach and North Northants Councils Jason Smithers regarding a complaint that it had taken someone 2 hours to travel from Rushden to Irthlingborough by bus which was not acceptable.

Councillor R Powell who had recently travelled by bus from Rushden to Irthlingborough stated his travel time had been 15 mins and he had experienced no problems what so ever.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/271 - that the letter from Stagecoach in response to **RESOLVE ITC/07(21)/128** – that the Council writes to Stagecoach and asks whether parents and siblings not being able to travel on this bus is due to current COVID restrictions and whether this can be changed in light of future COVID government guidelines is received and noted.

85.5 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE TO RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/230 – DETAILS OF THE NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT – UNITARY COUNCILLORS HARRISON, MAXWELL AND POWELL

Councillor R Powell had spoken to North Northants David Watts who was involved with the Community Hub project. He had been assured that North Northants would be presenting the project in the corporate plan in December and all towns would be taken into account.

Unitary Councillor K Harrison stated he was very much in touch with the Community Hub Project and would be pushing for Irthlingborough.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/272 - that the update to **RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/230** - that the Council charge Unitary Councillors K Harrison, D Maxwell and R Powell to obtain details from North Northants Council of their Community Hub Project. The details to be brought to Full Town Council in order for the Councils Community Building Working Party to consider them in conjunction with their own proposals is received and noted.

85.6 TO AGREE TO CO-OPT JENNY REECE TO REPRESENT IGROW ON TO THE EVENTS COMMITTEE

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/273 - that it is agreed that Jenny Reece a representative of iGrow becomes a co-opted member of the Events Committee.

85.7 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE TO RESOLVE ITC/07(21)/121 – TRAFFIC SURVEY OF HGV'S – CLLR E HOPKINSON

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/274 - that the update to **RESOLVE ITC/07(21)/121** – that Councillors undertake a study of how many of the lorries travel along the High Street. Where the lorries travelling the High

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Street are destined to go; how many are connected with business at Whitworths is received and noted.

The survey is to be undertaken between 2pm and 5pm on Wednesday 17th November 2021 and between 9am and 12 noon on Wednesday 24th November 2021 by Councillors on a 1 hour rota programme.

85.8 TO CONSIDER ARRANGING A MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF HUXLOW TO DISCUSS STUDENT WELFARE – CLLR C KEARNS-GRAY

Councillor C Kearns-Gray referred to the serious problems being experienced outlined by the members of the public who had addressed the meeting earlier and she advised these were not the only people who had contacted her with their concerns. She proposed that a meeting with the Head of Huxlow Science College be requested.

Councillor E Hopkinson indicated he would like to be included in the meeting. He was in contact with Huxlow students through his role as a Trustee of the Irthlingborough Youth Club.

Councillor D Maxwell felt that it was not the Town Councils place to request a meeting with the Head. The facts and figures should be obtained and the information should be taken to the North Northants Unitary Council's Education Panel.

Other Councillors disagreed and felt that they should try and assist the electorate who had approached them to resolve the problems being experienced and to do so in a timely manner.

Councillor R Powell requested he be included in the meeting.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/275 - that the Council write a letter to the Huxlow Science College Head expressing concerns and requesting a meeting with Councillors E Hopkinson, C Kearns-Gray and R Powell.

One against

85.9 TO RECEIVE A LETTER REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF A HIGH STREET STORE AND CONSIDER A RESPONSE AND ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Members were very disappointed the town would be losing the Tesco Express High Street store.

Councillor C Cross raised concerns for the staff, many of whom have worked in the store for numerous years.

Tesco own the store.

Councillor D Maxwell in her role as a Unitary Councillor had approached Tesco's. She informed members that Tesco's were willing to meet with the Council.

Councillor E Hopkinson suggested the Council ask that if tenants where not found, if Tesco's would consider renting it free of charge to someone for a period of time maybe a year.

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Councillor D Maxwell suggested Made in Northamptonshire who are currently based at Rushden Lakes.

Members considered it unlikely that Made in Northamptonshire would move from its current location.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/276 - that the letter regarding the closure of a High Street Store March 2022 is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/277 - that the Council request a meeting with Tesco's.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/278 - that the meeting be extended until 10.00pm in accordance with Standing Orders Meetings 3W.

85.10 TO AGREE TO CONTACT NORTH NORTHANTS HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE FOOTPATH REPAIRS OUTSIDE NUMBERS 62 AND 72 HIGH STREET – CLLR J FARRAR

In Councillor J Farrar's absence, it was proposed this item be passed to the December meeting.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/279 - that this item be passed to the December Full Town Council Meeting of the 14th December 2021

85.11 TO CONSIDER COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY CLLR FARRAR REGARDING THE COLLAPSED WALL AT LIME STREET – CLLR J FARRAR

In Councillor J Farrar's absence, it was proposed this item be passed to the December meeting.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/280 - that this item be passed to the December Full Town Council Meeting of the 14th December 2021

Councillors P Boyer, S Boyer and C Collis-Neale left the room.

86. CORRESPONDENCE & REQUESTS

86.1 TO AGREE TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF £5000 FROM MARSH INDUSTRIES FOR THE SPONSORSHIP OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN THE HIGH STREET

Members considered the generous donation from Marsh Industries, they would be delighted to accept it and proposed a letter of thanks be sent.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/281- that the Council agree to accept a donation of £5000 from Marsh Industries for the sponsorship of Christmas Lights in the High Street.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/282 - that the Council write a letter of thanks to Marsh Industries to be signed by the Deputy *Mayor* Councillor J Farrar.

Councillors P Boyer, S Boyer and C Collis-Neale returned.

86.2 TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM ST. PETER'S CHURCH TO USE PARSONS' GREEN FROM 3PM TO

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6PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE TO HOLD A CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/283 - that permission is granted for St Peter's Church to use Parsons' Green from 3pm to 6pm on Christmas Eve to hold a Christingle Service.

86.3 TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH TO USE THE RAILINGS AT PARSONS' GREEN FOR THEIR OUTREACH PROJECT

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/284 - that permission is granted for the Methodist Church to use the railings at Parsons' Green for their Outreach Project on the 2nd and 3rd December 2021.

86.4 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM NORTHANTS POLICE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A KNIFE AMNESTY BIN IN THE REST GARDENS

The proposal was for a permanent secure knife amnesty bin to be installed in the Rest Gardens in the High Street.

Most Councillors felt the Council should support the Police's request seeing it as proactive measure, however, they did not consider the Rest Gardens to be a suitable location for the bin to be sited for several reasons.

Councillor D Maxwell did not agree with the installation of a knife amnesty bin in the town feeling it would send out the wrong message about Irthlingborough.

A proposal to write to the Police stating the Councils support for the initiative, but rejecting the proposed location and suggesting an alternative location for the Police to consider was made.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/285 - that permission is not granted for Northants Police to install a knife amnesty bin in the Rest Gardens.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/286 - that the Council write to the Police stating the Councils support for the initiative, but rejecting the proposed location and suggesting an alternative location for the knife amnesty bin at Huxlow Science College.

86.5 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM NORTHANTS POLICE TO INSTALL AN EMERGENCY BLEED CONTROL CABINET & KIT PACKAGE AT A COST OF £425 + INSTALLATION

Members were in favour of supporting the Police's request.

Councillor D Maxwell suggested the Fire Station in College Street as all Fire Station staff were trained in first aid and there was a defibrillator located there.

Some members felt a more central location on or near the High Street would be more appropriate.

It was proposed that the Council should investigate the availability of a grant to install Emergency Bleed Control Cabinet.

Sponsorship for the provision of further Emergency Bleed Control Cabinets in the town should also be

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investigated.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/287 - that the Council agree to the install an emergency bleed control cabinet & kit package at a cost of £425 + installation and investigate whether any grants are available to cover the costs.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/288 - that the Council looks for sponsorship to install additional bleed control Cabinet and kits within the town.

Councillor D Maxwell left the meeting at 9.43pm.

87. NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS

87.1 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR'S K HARRISON, D MAXWELL AND R POWELL

Councillor R Powell brought members attention to the fact a new revised Planning Application had been received for 7 dwellings at 7 Nene View.

Councillor K Harrison introduced himself and informed members he had been elected to 4 Committees:-

Executive Advisory Panel, Delivery, performance and Customers
Audit and Governance
Area Planning Committee Thrapston
Democracy and Standards.

He had been sitting on the Democracy and Standards Working Party. Had been undertaking work on a Planning Protocol, part of which had been agreed and would hopefully be approved by Full Council in December.

Local matters, he had contacted the Tesco's about the store closure. In response Councillor C Cross's earlier concerns regarding the staff he indicated there was a redundancy statutory formula and Tesco's will be obliged to look to redeploy staff and offer interviews.

He, as an individual, had put in a Freedom of Information request in relation to the consultation on the proposed locations for electric vehicle charging points in Wellingborough Rushden and Higham Ferrers and the lack of proposed sites in Irthlingborough, Raunds and Thrapston.

He noted there had been resubmissions of Planning Applications for both 28 College Street and 7 Nene View.

He stated he would circulate his full report.

88. POLICE/PUBLIC ORDER MATTERS

88.1 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST CRIME FIGURES FROM WWW.STREETCHECK.CO.UK AND WWW.POLICE.UK

Councillor C Cross asked if it was known what category a racist attack would come under.

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Unfortunately, this was not known.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/289 - that the crime figures for September 2021 sourced from the Streetcheck and police.UK websites were received and noted

88.2 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME AND POLICING UPDATES

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/290 - that the Crime and Policing updates were received and noted

88.3 TO RECEIVE THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER FROM THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/291 - that the October newsletter from the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner is received and noted.

88.4 TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF THE CRIME AND COMMUNITY SURVEY FOR 2021 FROM NORTHANTS POLICE

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/292 - that details of the Crime and Community Survey for 2021 from Northants Police is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/293 - that Councillors respond to the Crime and Community Survey for 2021 individually.

Date of the next scheduled meeting is 14th December 2021 at the Community Centre, Fettleline Road, NN9 5XF

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.59 pm.

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