



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 13 May 2009 AT 7.15 pm IN THE SCHOOL

Present: Cllr C Cavanagh
Cllr G Gudgin
Cllr T Sharp

Cllr M Sleet
Cllr B Spriggs
Cllr L Steen
Cllr R Tindall *Chairman*

In attendance: Two Members of the public

756 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr R Lord and Cllr R Robinson.

757 Declaration of Interest

Cllr L Steen declared a personal interest in the matter of Clare Road, remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion when the item was considered.

758 Minutes of Meeting of the 8 April 2009

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

759 Matters Arising [for information]

745 729 Allotments

No piece of land has yet been identified. Discussions are still taking place as and when an appropriate piece of land is considered to be of possible use.

Cllr Tindall

745 729 Play Area

A meeting is taking place on Monday 18 May 2009 to finalise the outstanding items and to determine the final balance.

Cllr Steen

754.01 Bird Scaring Noise

The noise had abated when Parish Councillors were arranging to meet with the land owner.

760 Clare Road

The Clerk said that the Land Registry has issued a new plan showing that the land in the ownership of the Parish Council now abuts that taken over by Peterborough City Council.

Clerk

Peterborough City Council Legal Department are now liaising with the Highways Department to obtain their confirmation that there is now no problem.

761 Accounts 2008 - 2009

The accounts for the year were reviewed which show a balance which is being held for the possible purchase of land for the Allotments.

The balances will be reduced during the next Financial Year as further work is undertaken under the Village Enhancement Scheme.

The accounts were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

762 Annual Return

A review is to take place during the current year in respect of the various financial policies and risk assessments.

It was agreed to appoint Canals Ltd as the internal auditor for the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2009 and to undertake the interim review during the current Financial Year.

Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return were approved and signed by the Chairman.

763 Report from Working Groups

763.01 Finance

A meeting is being held on the 18 May 2009 to arrange for the risk assessments to be carried out and to consider a possible change of insurance company.

All
Councillors

763.02 Community Facilities

It was agreed to extend the grass cutting contract to include the piece of land adjacent to the shop.

Clerk

A verbal complaint has been received about a smell from the grass compost heap in the Burial Ground. It was considered that no action would be taken.

A re-alignment of the gate posts to the Burial Ground and the provision of a new post to the Churchyard gate is to be undertaken.

Cllr Sharp

763.03 Planning and Countryside

No planning applications have been received.

Mumbys Landscaping are to be asked to remove a fallen cherry tree at Cuckoo corner.

Clerk

763.04 Village Hall

No recent meeting has been held whilst the refurbishment work is undertaken.

763.05 Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

Cllr
Cavanagh

Cllr Cavanagh agreed to arrange for another meeting to extend the scheme in the Village.

The Police are to be approached again regarding the parking outside the School and to progress the obtaining of the speed gun.

764 Planning

No applications have been received.

765 Finance

765.01 Payments

Payments to:

Mrs Baxter	Cleaning Playing field [April]	£ 40.00
Lentons Landscaping	Grass cutting contract [April]	£ 299.00
Allianz	Annual insurance	£ 781.76

were approved for payment.

765.02 Receipts

Receipt of payment from:

R J Scholes	Burial	£ 50.00
A Mumby	Burial	£ 50.00

were noted.

766 Petition

A petition received in respect of the use of land on the west of Lincoln Road currently being used for a business using machinery and causing unsocial noise.

It was agreed to pass the matter to the Enforcement Officer in the Planning Department of Peterborough City Council.

A letter will be sent to one of the petitioners advising them of this action.

767 Quality Status

The outstanding module has now been submitted by the Clerk and its result will complete the application for qualification.

Clerk

The documents to be included in the Quality Status submission are now being finalised and a meeting with Ian Dewar (CPALC) to obtain an initial approval before the formal submission is being arranged.

768 Website

Cllrs Robinson and Sharp together with the Clerk are attending a meeting on Friday 15 May 2009 to approve the work and to arrange a date for the website to go live.

Cllrs
Robinson,
Sharp and
Clerk

- 769 Training**
A report from Cllr Lord said that a joint training session with adjoining Parishes has been arranged for the 2, 16 and 30 November 2009. Cllr Lord
All Parish
Councillors
He is contacting to surrounding Parishes to finalise numbers.
- 770 Village Enhancement Programme**
The license for the Parish Council to use the land adjacent to the shop has been signed by both parties.
The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of Peterborough City Council for obtaining a grant to enable the footpaths in the Churchyard and Burial ground to be made accessible for disabled people. Clerk
- 771 Village Matters**
771.01 Notice Board
The Clerk stated that a new notice board has now been erected at the junction of Clare Road and Claypole Drive has been erected.
771.02 Youth Council
It was agreed to investigate the possibility of forming a Youth Council in the Village. There does not appear to be a similar body, linked to Parish Councils, elsewhere in Peterborough. Clerk
771.03 Welland Drainage Board
Cllr Gudgin agreed to attend the open day in July 2009. Cllr Gudgin
771.04 Playing Field Cllr Steen
The provision of a seat adjacent to the children's play area and a notice about no dogs to be allowed on the field is being considered.
- 772 Date of Next Meeting**
Wednesday 10 June 2009 in the School at 7.15 pm

Signed..... Date.....