



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 14 October 2009 AT 7.15 pm IN THE SCHOOL

Present: Cllr C Cavanagh
Cllr R Lord
Cllr T Sharp
Cllr B Spriggs
Cllr L Steen
Cllr R Tindall *Chairman*

In attendance: Sally Ann Jackson and David Wragg (Northern Footpath Forum)
Two Members of the public
Two members of the public (arrived at 8.10 pm, left 8.35pm)
Four members of the public (arrived 8.25 pm, left 8.35pm)

820/09 **Apologies for Absence**

An apology was received from Cllr G Gudgin, Cllr R Robinson and Cllr M Sleet.

821/09 **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr L Steen declared a personal interest in the matter of Agenda item 825/09 and 831/09 - Clare Road, remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion when the item was considered.

822/09 **Northern Footpath Forum**

The Chairman introduced Sally Ann Jackson and David Wragg of the Northern Footpath Forum.

Sally Ann Jackson said that the Forum had been set up on account of the problems of footpath access for walking in the area.

The area is split east/west by the railway and north/south by the river. One of the objectives of the Group is to get more rail crossings and a bridge over the river and to link with other groups covering the area. Funds are available to design and construct a bridge over the river but the problem that has to be resolved is its location.

Any new bridge needs to be in an area which would be readily accessible and unrestricted to walkers.

She gave some details of the increase in the number of cars over the years which were having an effect on the area. The Group is endeavouring to obtain reduced speed limits on lanes, change the maintenance and alter verges to assist the walkers.

Maps and leaflets of walks in the area are being produced and a sample was handed to Parish Councillors.

Northborough is in the middle of the area covered by the Forum and has five designated footpaths in the Village and all are well walked.

A representative from Northborough (not necessarily a Parish Councillor) is sought to represent the Village on the Forum.

Both Sally Ann Jackson and David Wragg were thanked for their presentation and were informed that the Parish Council is continuing to keep the item seeking a representative on its Agenda.

All Parish
Councillors

823/09 Minutes of Meeting of the 9 September 2009

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

824/09 Matters Arising [for information]

808/09 792/09 Allotments

Cllr Tindall said that the person he is trying to contact has been on holiday and will endeavour to obtain a response for the next meeting.

Cllr Tindall

808/09 796/09 Computer Backup System

This item has been held over until the next meeting.

Clerk

808/09 798/09 Finance

The Clerk said that following receipt of the letter from the Insurance Company there had been no further communication.

During a telephonic conversation with a representative of the Insurance Company a proposal had been made by him to meet with the Parish Council. They considered that on account of the problem of moving machinery through the Village the Parish Council had not taken this into account when erecting the posts on the site.

A discussion took place when it was agreed that the Parish Council has the same right as any other resident of a piece of land in that a passing vehicle should be held responsible for any damage to its property.

It was agreed to inform the Insurance Company that the matter should be dealt with correctly as a claim.

Clerk

The matter of payment of the invoice for additional work will be dealt with when a response is received to the letter requesting details of instructions to undertake the work.

802/09.01 Church Street

An inspection is still to be arranged of the work.

Parish
Councillors

818/09.03 Children's Play Area

Parish Councillors will continue to monitor the area.

Parish
Councillors

825/09

Clare Road

Peterborough City Council has commenced work on the new link.

The installation of the bollards and laying of tarmac remains outstanding.

826/09

Report from Working Groups

826/09.01 Finance

No meeting has been held.

826/09.02 Community Facilities

The matter of balls entering the garden of Mr Ward was discussed and it was agreed that the Chairman will arrange to meet with Mr Ward to discuss the matter.

Cllr Tindall

826/09.03 Planning and Countryside

The various pieces of land around the Village identified in the Peterborough Site Allocations report have been considered by the Parish Council Enhancement Group. A detailed response prepared by Cllr L Steen is to be submitted to the Greater Peterborough Partnership in respect of each piece of land.

Cllr Steen

Two planning applications have been considered since the last meeting.

A letter received from a resident in respect of a planning application for land west of houses at the southern end of Lincoln Road was passed to Cllr Sharp. The Parish Council has at the present time received no paperwork in respect of the application.

Cllr Sharp

826/09.04 Village Hall

A request by the Village Hall to construct a new soak away to replace an existing soak away was approved.

826/09.05 Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

Cllr Cavanagh said that she is now seeking a minimum of six people to attend a training session in the use of the Speedwatch equipment. Cllr Lord agreed to provide some names of people willing to take part in the use of the equipment.

Cllrs
Cavanagh
and Lord

The Annual General Meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch Council is on the 24 October 2009 and the next meeting of the Police Panel is on the 11 November 2009.

826/09.06 Village Fete

Cllr Tindall reported that the event had been very successful and arrangements are being made to hold it again next year.

Cllr Sleet will present a report on the accounts to the next meeting of the Parish Council Cllr Sleet

827/09 Financial Risk Assessment

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

828/09 Planning

No objections were made to the following planning applications:

First floor side extension 24 Claypole Drive [09/00880/FUL]

Revised - First floor side extension 24 Claypole Drive [09/00880/FUL]

Crown Reduce T1 Acer by 3m 3 Church Street [09/00720/CTR]

829/09 Finance 2009 - 2010

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

830/09 Finance

830/09.01 Payments

Payments to:

Mrs Baxter	Cleaning Playing field [September]	£ 40.00
Lentons Landscaping	Grass cutting contract [September]	£ 391.00
Viridor	Waste collection	£ 32.06
Clerk	Salary and Expenses	£1,242.22
Signwise	Signs	£ 127.88
T Broom	Maintenance work	£ 145.26
A Field	Repairs to fencing	£ 141.69

were approved for payment.

830/09.02 Receipts

None

831/09 Footpath to Rear of Properties – Clare Road

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm to allow Members of the public to speak on this matter.

The Clerk informed the members of the public that further investigation is taking place in respect of the Parish Council being involved in the closure. He said there is also a cost implication and this is also being looked into as to whether the Parish Council can legally spend money on the cost of the closure.

The public said that in 2001 when the Parish Council first proposed the new link they agreed to organise the closure of the existing footpath. They were advised that the Parish Council may have been acting illegally by making that statement.

The members of the public present indicated that they wanted the footpath closed.

The Chairman closed the open meeting at 8.27 pm and re-opened the Parish Council meeting.

Parish Councillors took note of the statements by the Clerk and the request from members of the public.

It was proposed by Cllr Sharp and seconded by Cllr Cavanagh that the footpath from its junction with Clare Road through to its junction with Church View be closed.

This was agreed unanimously by all Parish Councillors.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare a report to clarify the Parish Council's role in obtaining the extinguishment of the footpath and the spending of time and fees in obtaining the extinguishment.

832/09

Quality Status

The Clerk announced that the certificate has now been posted by CPALC.

It was agreed to make arrangements for an event to be held to celebrate the obtaining of the award in December 2009.

833/09

Training

Cllr Lord said that three of the adjoining Parish Councils are sending representatives to the training sessions and there is the possibility of some others also confirming their attendance.

It is anticipated that some 20 people may be in attendance for the three sessions.

834/09

Village Enhancement Programme

Arrangements are being made for a session to plant bulbs in other areas in the Village on the 7 November 2009.

It was agreed to expend a maximum of £350 on the purchase of bulbs and other items associated with the planting.

A Christmas tree and lights has been organised.

835/09

Correspondence

835/09.01 Neighbourhood Councils

The first meeting organised by Peterborough City Council for the area which includes Northborough is taking place on the 19 October 2009. Parish Councillors were recommended to attend.

All Parish
Councillors

835/09.02 Pingle Lane

A letter has been received from Mr B McKay thanking the Parish Council for their efforts in endeavouring Peterborough City Council to improve the condition of Pingle Lane. The Parish Council has been advised that no funds are available to carry out any work during this financial year.

835/09.02 Brownies

A letter has been received from the Brownie Pack in the Village seeking a grant from the Parish Council. They have been sent the application form and the matter will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

836/09

Village Matters

836/09.01 Church Street Parking

Details have been received of revised parking arrangements in Church Street adjacent to the School.

It was agreed to object to the proposals on the grounds set out in the email from the Chairman, Cllr R Tindall, to Peter Tebb Peterborough City Council dated 1 October 2009.

Clerk

836/09.02 Clare Road/Crowson Crescent

A request has been made to clear the fallen apples from the apple tree at the junction of Clare Road and Crowson Crescent.

It was agreed to instruct Lovedale Gardens to clear the apples and to remove the tree. Arrangements will be made at a later date to plant a replacement tree.

Cllr Steen

837/09

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 November 2009 in the School at 7.15 pm

A meeting with Jim Daley, Peterborough City Council to discuss a draft of the Northborough Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan will commence at 6.30 pm.

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