



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 9 September 2009 AT 7.15 pm IN THE SCHOOL

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

In attendance: Matthew Footitt and two Members of the public (additional member from 8.25 pm)

804/09 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr G Gudgin.

805/09 Declaration of Interest

Cllr L Steen declared a personal interest in the matter of Agenda item 809/09 - Clare Road, remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion when the item was considered.

806/09 Youth Council

The Chairman introduced Matthew Footitt to the meeting saying that he has expressed an interest in being involved with the formation of a Youth Council.

Matthew Footitt said that he is a student at Arthur Mellows College and is interested in forming a Youth Council with the Parish Council facilitating the formation.

He said that there are some seven to eight other Youth Councils in the Peterborough area. They each have a Budget and are involved with other groups through having a representation on the group. There is a Citizenship link and the age ranges from 11 to 25.

He would be looking for other people to join the Youth Council and for Northborough to formulate. He said that he is obtaining details of when the other Youth Councils meet with the intention of visiting.

He outlined what candidates would need to make effective members and the benefits of having a Youth Council.

He requested the Parish Council consider his presentation and give support to the formation of a Youth Council.

The Parish Councillors agreed to consider the request at the next meeting of the Village Enhancement Programme Working Group and to report back to the next Parish Council Meeting.

Matthew Footitt was thanked for his presentation.

[A copy of the slides used in the presentation is attached to the Minutes]

807/09 Minutes of Meeting of the 8 July 2009

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

808/09 Matters Arising [for information]

792/09 776/09 Allotments

Cllr Tindall said that he is still attempting to make contact with the owner of an appropriate piece of land. Cllr Tindall

792/09 783/09 Website

The Clerk said that there had been a problem with uploading papers which has been identified. The site is now up to date with Agendas and Minutes of Meetings.

796/09 Computer Backup System

Various systems have been identified and are being reviewed to ensure ease of automatic uploading of papers. Clerk

A report will be presented at the next Parish Council meeting.

798/09 Finance

No response has been received to the letter sent requesting information on details of the order.

A letter has been received from an Insurance Company in respect of the damage to the posts to the Old Pond Site. Clerk

802/09.01 Church Street

An inspection is to be arranged of the work. Parish Councillors

802/09.02 Seats and Notice Boards

The various seats around the Village have been re-varnished and the notice boards cleaned.

809/09 Clare Road

Details of the proposed work have been distributed to Parish Councillors and various residents.

Peterborough City Council has said that the work is programmed to be completed before the end of September 2009.

A letter has been received by the Chairman regarding the footpath to the rear of the properties on Clare Road affected by the new link.

It was agreed to consider the matter at the next Parish Council meeting. Clerk

810/09 Report from Working Groups

810/09.01 Finance

No meeting has been held.

810/09.02 Community Facilities

No meeting has been held.

810/09.03 Planning and Countryside

The papers for a planning application are still in the postal system and will be considered between meetings.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Parish Councillors to the letter from the Greater Peterborough Partnership concerning the review of sites allocation in and around the Village.

It was agreed to consider the various pieces of land identified in the report at the next meeting of the Village Enhancement Programme Working Group and to report back to the next Parish Council Meeting. Parish Councillors

810/09.04 Village Hall

The Village Hall has been re-opened after the completion of the refurbishment works.

810/09.05 Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

Cllr
Cavanagh

Cllr Cavanagh said that the Speedwatch system is now in place and Maxey have held their first use of the system. Several vehicles were recorded as exceeding the speed limit.

It was agreed to form a group of Parish Councillors and Residents from the Village to have training in the use of the equipment and system

She said that a Neighbourhood Intervention Team has been established. They are visiting districts to make an inspection of the area and to make their presence known. They are initially concentrating on burglaries, metal theft and fly tipping.

810/09.06 Village Fete

Parish
Councillors

Cllr Sleet said that all the arrangements have been made and will be looking for further assistance on the day.

811/09 Financial Risk Assessment

It was agreed that the document is not a Risk Assessment document and is to be re-named Financial Regulations.

The document was approved with this amendment.

Cllrs Robinson and Steen are to meet and prepare a schedule of items to enable Risk Assessment documents to be prepared.

Cllrs
Robinson
and Steen

812/09 Planning

Papers for a planning application will be considered when received.

Planning
Working
Group

813/09 Finance

813/09.01 Payments

Payments to:

Mrs Baxter	Cleaning Playing field [July and August]	£ 80.00
Lentons Landscaping	Grass cutting contract [July and August]	£ 736.00
Anglian Water	Water to Burial Ground	£ 26.39
Canalbs	Internal audit	£ 61.50
RJH Building Services	Rebuild wall and form bicycle rack	£ 645.00
Lovedale Gardens	Playing field maintenance	£ 300.00

were approved for payment.

813/09.02 Receipts

Receipt of payment from:

B Pike	Grave reservation	£ 40.00
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was noted.

814/09 Quality Status

The Clerk announced that the Parish Council has now been granted Quality Status.

He said that he has been informed that the local Panel were over ruled by the National Body who approved the application.

The certificate has been posted and was expected to be received in sufficient time to be handed to the Chairman at the next meeting.

Clerk

Consideration will be given for a formal presentation to be made at the meeting in November 2009 and to include some of the former Parish Councillors who were involved in the initial stages.

815/09 Training

Cllr Lord said that he has heard that several of the adjoining Parish Councils are interested in attending the training sessions to be held on the 2, 16 and 30 November 2009.

All Parish Councillors

A final number is to be established to enable the share of the cost to be borne by each Parish Council can be determined.

816/09 Village Enhancement Programme

A further meeting is to be arranged for the 21 September 2009.

All Parish Councillors

A copy of the Village Questionnaire to be used to generate the Northborough Village and Neighbourhood Investment Plan was handed to Parish Councillors. The document will be considered at the next meeting of the Working Group.

817/09 Correspondence

817/09.01 A letter received from Mr C Ward on behalf of various residents concerning balls landing in their gardens from the Playing Field is to be considered at the next meeting of the Village Enhancement Programme Working Group.

A report will be presented at the next Parish Council meeting.

817/09.02 Subject to the link on Clare Road being opened by the end of September 2009 a letter received from Mr C Gibson regarding the footpath at the rear of the properties in Clare Road will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

818/09

Village Matters

818/09.01 Post to Church Gate

Cllr Spriggs expressed concern at the time being taken to replace the post. The Contractor has been contacted and urged to complete the work as quickly as possible.

818/09.02 Footpath adjacent to the School

The Residents who adjoin the footpath are to be approached to request that they take action with regard to their hedges and trees overhanging and blocking the footpath.

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818/09.03 Children's Play Area

Concern was recorded that the Children's Play Area is being misused by some children.

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Councillors

The matter is to be monitored and reported to the Police if the action persists.

819/09

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 October 2009 in the School at 7.15 pm

The Open Forum discussed various matters associated with the Football Clubs making use of the Village Hall and the possibility of providing a temporary building to store equipment adjacent to the Village Hall.

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