



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 1 September 2010 AT 7.00 pm IN THE SCHOOL

Present: Cllr J Dadge
Cllr R Lord
Cllr T Sharp

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

In attendance: Mr P Peacock - Community Facilities Manager Cambridgeshire ACRE
Mr B McKies – Parish Council Representative Northern Footpath Forum
Two members of the public

Open Forum

There being no members of the public present the Parish Council commenced at 7.05 pm.

994/10 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr C Cavanagh and Cllr R Robinson.

995/10 Declaration of Interest

None

996/10 Village Hall

The Chairman introduced Mr P Peacock from Acre to the meeting.

Mr Peacock gave some back information in respect of the situation with the Village Management Committee following changes in personnel.

He said that it was considered that the Licence between the Village Hall and Parish Council was not a valid document and that a new document needs to be in place which the Village Hall can submit to the Charity Commission.

He is prepared to draft a lease document incorporating information contained within the Licence for the Parish Council to consider and seek any legal advice. He suggested that in place of a monetary value being included in the Lease that payment should be by means of an actual peppercorn (on the basis that is what the value will be set of the rent).

The Lease will include a term period of something in excess of 35 years and provisions for renewal at the end of the term.

There would be a requirement for the Village Hall to ensure there was no nuisance activity, the building is kept in good repair and any surrounding area around the building (this would be marked on a plan attached to the document) which they would have responsibility for maintenance, together with rates and any other taxes.

The Village hall is preparing a new constitution document in parallel with a Trust Deed.

It was agreed that the Parish Council have previously agreed to the Village hall constructing an extension to the building and this would be incorporated into the document.

The Parish Council agreed to consider the document when received from Acre and to discuss with their Solicitor the background for recommending a Licence rather than a lease.

Mr Peacock was thanked for his presentation and left the meeting.

997/10 Northern Footpath Forum

The Chairman introduced Mr B McKie to the meeting who is the parish Council Representative on the Northern Footpath Forum.

Mr McKie outlined the background and approach to representing the Parish Council.

He said that the Forum was organised initially on an ad hoc basis but is now moving to a more formal constitution. The parish Council will receive a copy of the document when it is completed and approved.

The Forum is looking to have footpaths provided to allow a link from the old WFT to the Maxey cut which would pass through Northborough's area.

Peterborough City Council has agreed to improve the verge and to cut back the hedges at no cost to the Forum or Parish Councils. There is currently no footpath between the Decoy and Peakirk which the Forum would like to see being provided as this would allow people to walk from Peakirk, through Northborough and onto Deeping.

The railway authorities have been approached regarding the provision of a footbridge to cross the Welland being attached to the current railway bridge but no response has been received to-date.

The Forum is looking at an alternative method of using a ford, which is shown on some old maps, to provide a crossing. However the difficulty being experienced is that the owners of the land on either side of the ford are unknown.

In closing he said that he has been informed that Peterborough City Council are considering the demolition of the bridge at Paradise Lane as they consider the repair costs are unreasonable.

It was agreed to approach other Parish Councils and to make a joint approach to Peterborough City Council to ensure it is replaced if demolition takes place.

Mr McKie was thanked for his presentation and he agreed to continue to represent the Parish Council.

998/10 Minutes of Meeting of the 15 July 2010

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

999/10 Matters Arising [for information]

976/10 954/10 Allotments

Cllr Tindall said that he is still awaiting a response from someone he has approached. Cllr Tindall

976/10 954/10 Children's Play Area

Parish Councillors will continue to monitor the area. Councillors

976/10 954/10 Dog Fouling

The Clerk said that Peterborough City Council is currently undertaking a financial review and until it is completed no action is being taken by them in respect of requests for bins.

He has arranged to make contact later in September 2010 and on the basis that the request will be unsuccessful proposes to enquire about the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing and erecting a bin.

Clerk

976/10 954/10 Handyman

The Handyman now has various jobs to be undertaken. Other items of work will be scheduled with a regular update from Parish Councillors.

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976/10 957/10.01 Finance

Cllr P Hiller has provided a contact name of a person to speak with on the matter but he is currently on holiday. He will be contacted in about ten day's time to progress the item.

Clerk

976/10 965/10.02 Future Funding

Peterborough City Council will make enquiries of any Parish Council also looking for a part time involvement and liaise if successful.

Clerk

981/10 Standing Orders

Difficulty in arranging a meeting due to holidays has not enabled the meeting to take place. The Clerk will liaise with the three Parish Councillors to identify some common dates.

Clerk

984/10 Nine Bridges

The Clerk is to send a letter to Peterborough City Council upon his return from leave.

Clerk

985/10 Bus Stop

A selection of catalogues was handed to Parish Councillors to enable a suitable seat to be selected.

992/10.01 Allotments

Difficulty is still being experienced in making contact with the Tutor. The Clerk was asked to obtain the assistance of CPALC to make a contact.

Clerk

1000/10 Report from Working Groups

1000/10.01 Finance

The report from the Internal Auditor will be presented after the meeting of the Working Group. Clerk

1000/10.02 Community Facilities

The hedge on the Open Area in Church View has been cut to an acceptable level. It was agreed to arrange for a further cut of hedges if the work of the second cut has been completed.

1000/10.03 Planning and Countryside

Cllr Dadge agreed to draft a statement for presentation to the Planning Committee when they consider the application for 54 Church Street. Cllr Dadge

The appeal by 42 Church Street to erect a dwelling in the rear garden has been refused.

1000/10.04 Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place in November 2010.

1000/10.05 Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

Another Speedwatch exercise is being arranged for the end of September 2010. Concern was recorded about the time of day that the Police are undertaking speed monitoring. Cllr Cavanagh

No Cold Calling signs have been erected throughout the Village.

979/10.06 Village Fete and Christmas Carols

The brochure has now been printed and the Committee are seeking further volunteers to help on the day. There is some concern on the state of the Playing Field following the recent rain.

The Christmas Carols is being organised for the 4 December 2010.

1001/10 Planning

No comments were made in respect of the following applications:

Construction of oak style framed car port with study and garden store room 5A Church Street [10/00911/FUL]

Fell one Horse Chestnut tree 14 Church Street [10/00982/CTR]

Replacement of rear conservatory with garden room 2 Church View [10/00991/FUL]

New porch and washroom extension to front elevation of property 19 Clare Road [10/00996/FUL]

1002/10 **Finance**

1002/10.01 Payments

Payments to:

Mrs Baxter	Cleaning Playing field [July]	£ 40.00
Lentons Landscaping	Grass cutting contract [July]	£ 313.92
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B Bloodworth	Handyman	£ 114.22
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Inland Revenue	PAYE deductions	£ 462.89
Clerk	Salary and expenses	£1,353.25
23 ccc	Website address	£ 11.75

1002/10.02 Receipts

The following payments have been received:

J G Cross	Memorial	£ 40.00
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1003/10 **Old Pond Site**

A drawing has been received from Anglian Water showing the extent of their responsibility for the land adjacent to the Old pond Site.

The drawing will be deposited with the Asset Register.

1004/10 **Training**

Cllr Lord asked Parish Councillors to advise him of any course that they considered suitable.

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1005/10 Village Enhancement Programme

A meeting is being arranged in early October 2010 to consider bulbs, seat, Christmas carol concert, Village sign, two donations, trees on the Old Pond site, footpath near the Castle and Village portals.

1006/10 Correspondence

Referred to in previous Minutes of the meeting.

1007/10 Village Matters

1007/10.01 Allotments

The Tutor of the course attended by Parish Councillors is to be invited to the next meeting after making contact.

Cllrs
Sleet/Spriggs

1007/10.02 Lincoln Road

Complaints have been received regarding the parking of cars on the verge and blocking the footpath.

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It was agreed to monitor the situation before deciding on any action.

1008/10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 October 2010 in the School at 7.00 pm

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