



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 10 March 2010 AT 7.00 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: Three member of the public (*two left at 8.30 pm*)

Open Forum

A discussion took place on a parking problem related to the layby on Lincoln Road and people parking in their driveway where it crosses the footpath.

The possibility of introducing residents parking areas on the road was felt might overcome the parking in the layby problem.

Where residents park where their drives cross the footpath is a matter for involving the police.

915/10 Apologies for Absence

None

916/10 Declaration of Interest

None

917/10 Minutes of Meeting of the 10 February 2010

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

918/10 Matters Arising [for information]

901/10 882/10 Allotments

Cllr Tindall said that he has spoken with the landowner who has indicated that he may be interested in selling his land and suggested contacting him next month.

Cllr Tindall

It was agreed to continue looking for other leads and to possibly look at a joint allotment with the surrounding Villages.

901/10 882/10 Finance

The Clerk said that he received an email late in the afternoon from the Insurance Company. They have proposed that they settle the claim with the proviso that the Parish Council pays their insured for the work carried out to the pond area.

A discussion took place on the proposal and it was agreed that the insurance claim is a separate matter to the settlement of the invoice and should be paid without further delay. Although some work was undertaken in the area by the insured it was considered by those Parish Councillors present at the time that a voluntary offer was made by the insured.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Insurance Company requesting immediate payment of the claim and separately to the insured stating that the work that was undertaken was done on a voluntary basis.

Clerk

901/10 882/10 Children's Play Area

Parish Councillors will continue to monitor the area.

Parish
Councillors

901/10 882/10 Clare Road/Crowson Crescent

Peterborough City Council has responded saying that the tree does belong to them but are not keen on removing it for what was considered a onetime problem. They proposed that the tree remains and in future their street cleaning operatives remove any surplus apples and keep the area clean.

Clerk

The Parish Councillors reluctantly agreed to the proposal.

901/10 882/10 Clare Road

Cllr Steen registered a personal interest in the matter, stayed in the room and took part in the discussion.

Cllr Lord said that the proposed work has not been completed and a meeting is to take place between him and Cllr Steen to discuss a further suggestion for dealing with the problem.

Cllrs Lord
and Steen

907/10 Dog Fouling

The proposed notice is to be worded to ban dogs from the playing field and to also include a reference to not playing golf on the field.

Clerk

Two signs are to be provided approximately A3 size.

919/10 Report from Working Groups

919/10.01 Finance

Cllr Robinson has agreed to lead the Working Group and is to be provided with a copy of the internal auditor's report.

919/10.02 Community Facilities

No report

919/10.03 Planning and Countryside

One planning application has been received and considered.

919/10.04 Village Hall

An Extra General Meeting has been arranged for Thursday 18 March 2010 for the resignation of two officers. The meeting will endeavour to encourage new Members.

The area around the building is in need of clearing of the shrubbery.

Clerk

919/10.05 Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

Cllr Cavanagh said that at the recent Police Liaison meeting the problem of parking outside the School is being treated as a main priority.

The PCSO providing the training for the Speedwatch has now returned to duty and a training session has been arranged in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch for the 21 April 2010 at the School commencing at 6.00 pm.

Cllr
Cavanagh

919/10.06 Village Fete

The arrangements are continuing for the event.

920/10 Risk Register

No new items have been added to the Register.

Parish
Councillors

921/10 Planning

It was agreed that the Parish Council has no comments to make in respect of the application for:

Construction of single storey front extension 8 Claypole Drive
[10/00201/FUL]

922/10 Finance**922/10.01 Payments**

Payments to:

Mrs Baxter	Cleaning Playing field [February]	£ 40.00
Lentons Landscaping	Grass cutting contract [February]	£ 305.50
Clerk	Salary and expenses	£1,507.04
Aitken Floral Designs	Quality Status	£ 40.00
CPALC	Standing Orders – part 1	£ 25.00
Village Tribune	Advertisement	£ 81.00

were approved for payment.

922/10.02 Receipts

There were no receipts to record.

923/10 Handyman

It was agreed to create the post of Handyman for a trial period of six months. The appointed person will report to Cllr B Spriggs.

Cllr
Spriggs

924/10 Youth Council

The various meetings with other Parish Councils have been re-arranged for April and July 2010.

Cllr Steen

925/10 Training

Cllr Lord said that he has to confirm the number attending for the course on the year end accounts on the 14 April 2010.

Cllr Lord

926/10 Village Enhancement Programme

No meeting has been held.

It was noted that the bulbs planted at various times are now appearing in different parts of the Village.

It was agreed that Cllr Lord will follow up his recent visit and confirm the definite interest in various pieces of furniture.

Cllr Lord

Cllr Lord agreed to make enquiries of grant funding from CLOMA for use with the Village Enhancement projects considered at the time of preparing the Budget 2010 – 2011.

Cllr Lord

927/01 Correspondence

None.

928/10 Village Matters

928/10.01 Nine Bridges

The Chairman gave a resume of the attempt by the Parish Councillors to have the work being carried out by Peterborough City Council cancelled. It was eventually accepted that the involvement of the adjacent Villages and Cllr Hiller was not to be successful.

An email has been received from a resident in the Village to complain about the work and the lack of notification.

The Parish Council has taken possession of the old railings and arranged for their storage whilst suggestions are considered for their re-use in the Village.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Chief Executive, Peterborough City Council to complain about the non consultation on the matter.

Clerk

928/10.02 Church View Garden Area

Anglian Water is to be informed that the shrubbery along the footpath adjacent to the pumping station is in need of cutting.

929/10 Exclusion of Public and Press

It was agreed that that Members of the public and press are excluded for the following item in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and LGA 1972 ss 100 and 102

930/10 Grass Cutting Tenders

The Clerk reported that five enquiries had been sent out and four tenders received.

A discussion took place on the correctness of the tenders and it was agreed by a majority vote to place the contract for 2010 – 2013 with Lentons Landscaping.

Clerk

931/10 Parish Council Vacancy

It was agreed after a discussion took place on the applications received to appoint Mr John Dadge to the vacant position for the remainder of the current term of office of the Parish Councillors.

Clerk

932/10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 April 2010 in the School at 7.00 pm

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