



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 12 May 2010 AT 7.30 pm IN THE SCHOOL

Present: Cllr C Cavanagh
Cllr J Dadge (arrived 8.30pm)
Cllr R Lord
Cllr R Robinson
Cllr B Spriggs
Cllr T Sharp
Cllr M Sleet
Cllr R Tindall *Chairman*

In attendance: One member of the public

951/10 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr L Steen.

952/10 Declaration of Interest

None

953/10 Minutes of Meeting of the 14 April 2010

The Minutes were agreed and signed with some minor typographical corrections.

954/10 Matters Arising [for information]

937/10 918/10 Allotments

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

937/10 918/10 901/10 Finance

Discussion took place on the revised invoice received for work at the Old Pond Site.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting between Mr Sharpe and Cllr B Spriggs in an endeavour to agree a value for the work carried out at the site.

937/10 918/10 Children's Play Area

Parish Councillors will continue to monitor the area.

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937/10 918/10 Clare Road

The meeting is being arranged between Cllrs Lord and Steen to discuss a further suggestion for dealing with the problem.

Cllrs Lord
and Steen

937/10 918/10 Dog Fouling

Notices have been displayed on the notice boards with regards to the problem on the Playing Field.

Clerk

Peterborough City Council are awaiting a delivery of permanent signs to fix around the area and will make contact with the Parish Council when they are available to be erected.

It was agreed to request the Dog Warden to make regular visits to the area and to assist him any specific areas will be identified.

937/10 923/10 Handyman

The Handyman has commenced his duties with some work around the Village Hall. Other items of work have also been identified and the list will be regularly updated with an input from Parish Councillors.

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943/10 Nine Bridges Safety Work

A letter has been received from an Officer within Peterborough City Council which outlines their approach and reason for undertaking the work. It also includes details of further work being undertaken which was not known initially.

However the letter did not answer the point of not consulting the Parish Council before planning of the scheme commenced or on any of the suggestions for improving the appearance.

The Clerk was requested to write to the Chief Executive restating these two points and requesting a further meeting.

Clerk

947/10.02 Paradise Lane

The Highways Authority has been informed of the position.

947/10.03 Standing Orders

It was agreed to consider the new document at the meeting on the 14 July 2010.

955/10 Accounts 2009 - 2010

The final figures for the year were considered and the variances with the original Budget noted.

It was agreed to accept the accounts and they were signed by the Chairman.

956/10 Annual Return

The figures in Section 1 related to those showing in the approved year end accounts were approved.

The various items within Section 2 were considered and it was agreed that the Parish Council has during the year undertaken the duties required by this section.

The section was approved and signed by the Chairman.

957/10 Report from Working Groups

957/10.01 Finance

Cllr Robinson reported that he has undertaken a review of the current insurance policy with an alternative provided through Arriva.

He said that the alternative policy provided increased values for some items and the same amount of cover as the existing policy for the remainder of the items. They were also offering a reduction in premium for entering into a three year binding agreement.

It was agreed to place the insurance cover with Aviva and to accept the three year binding agreement. Clerk

The Clerk was requested to ascertain the ownership of the play equipment provided by Peterborough City Council under the S106 monies available to the Parish Council. Clerk

957/10.02 Community Facilities

Arrangements for the Christmas tree ceremony are being prepared.

A tree on the Playing Field in the vicinity of the Village Hall has been reported as blocking the light to a house in Claypole Drive. The Chairman agreed to have this inspected and if necessary a proposal for rectification to be prepared. Cllr Tindall

Following an incident in the Burial ground the Parish Council records are in the process of being checked. An apology has been given to the Resident and letter is to be sent confirming the apology. Cllr Sharp/Clerk

957/10.03 Planning and Countryside

Cllr Tindall declared a personal interest in the planning application for 'Fell and remove Tree of Heaven, 26 Church Street [10/00487/CTR]. He remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision.

This planning application has been received and considered.

957/10.04 Village Hall

Cllr Robinson has been elected as Chairman of the Management Committee at its recent meeting. The position will be appointed at each meeting until the AGM in October 2010.

957/10.05 Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

Cllr Cavanagh said that the training session for the Speedwatch scheme has been held and there are now ten people in the Village qualified to use the equipment.

It was agreed to arrange for the equipment to be used for a week at various locations throughout the Village.

On account of a clash with the Parish Council meetings a verbal report has been submitted to the Police Liaison Meeting.

957/10.06 Village Fete

It was noted that the Working Group were now a section of the Parish Council.

Cllrs
Sleet/Steen

958/10 Risk Register

The Register will be presented at the next meeting.

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959/10 Planning

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

Fell and remove Tree of Heaven 26 Church Street [10/00487/CTR].

It was recommended that the applicant be asked to plant a replacement tree either on their land or at some other location in the Village.

A schedule of initial responses to the revised Conservation Area Management Plan was handed to Parish Councillors.

960/10 Finance

960/10.01 Payments

Payments to:

Mrs Baxter	Cleaning Playing field [April]	£ 40.00
Clerk	Salary and expenses	£1,099.52
Peterborough City Council	Rates	£ 35.00
CPALC	Membership	£ 404.21
Lentons Landscaping	Grass cutting [April]	£ 345.36
A & M Print	Leaflets	£ 58.75

960/10.02 Receipts

Receipt of the following payments was noted:

Anglia Co-op Funerals	Burial [Mr Joyce]	£ 140.00
Deeping Gate	Training contribution	£ 212.04
NFU	Insurance claim	£ 244.15
Peterborough City Council	Precept	£12,350.00

961/10 Youth Council

The various meetings with other Parish Councils are being re-arranged starting in June 2010. Cllr Steen

962/10 Training

Cllr Lord said that a training session on planning matters has been held attended by the Parish Councillors and he is looking into possible further training subjects. Cllr Lord

963/10 Village Enhancement Programme

Cllr Lord said that he has been informed that the pieces of furniture identified as of use from the McDonalds restaurant will become available during the weekend of the 5/6 June 2010. He requested assistance with their removal. They will be placed into storage until final arrangements can be made for their installation. Parish Councillors

964/01 Correspondence

Items have been referred to in the above Minutes.

965/10 Village Matters

965/10.01 Open Area Church Street

An inspection is to be arranged to view the state of the hedges in this area following a complaint from a Resident. Cllr Tindall

965/10.02 Future Funding

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Parish Councillors are considering if this funding can be used for a project or activity in the Village.

965/10.03 Village Sign

Cllr Robinson enquired if the Village sign could be re-located to a more appropriate location, possibly at one of the entrances to the Village.

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It was agreed to ask the Village Enhancement Working Group to consider the proposal.

965/10.04 Church Street

Cllr Cavanagh said that the trees and bushes overhanging the footpath on the left hand side at the junction of Church Street and Peakirk/Marketing Deeping road were considered to be a hazard for drivers turning right out of Church Street.

Cllr Dadge agreed to speak with the Highways Department.

Cllr Dadge

965/10.05 Cold Calling

It was noted that a letter on this subject appears to have been hand delivered to all the properties in the Village.

966/10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 June 2010 in the School at 7.00 pm

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