



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 11 May 2011 AT 7.30 pm IN THE SCHOOL

Present: Cllr R Lord
Cllr T Sharp
Cllr M Sleet
Cllr L Steen
Cllr B Spriggs
Cllr R Tindall
Chairman

Three members of the public

1127/11 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr J Dadge.

1128/11 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Lord declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application for 65 Granville Avenue [11/00347/FUL]

1129/11 Minutes of Meeting of the 13 April 2011

1112/11 1102/11 insert para 2 after daughters 'of John Weston'.

The Minutes were agreed and signed with this amendment.

1130/11 Matters Arising [for information]

1112/11 1096/11 Children's Play Area

Parish Councillors will continue to monitor the area.

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1112/11 1081/11 Handyman

The Handyman now has further jobs to be undertaken.

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1112/11 1096/11 Village Hall

Arrangements have been made for the Solicitor to send a draft copy of the lease to the Village Hall Management Committee.

1131/11 Accounts 2010 – 2011

The accounts for the year 2010 – 2011 were reviewed.

It was noted that the balance at the end of the year is greater than last year on account of the work associated with two items was not completed in the year. These monies are being carried forward to the new financial year.

Income was greater in the year than forecast when setting the Budget due to the reimbursement of VAT and the high number of burials.

The accounts were approved.

1132/11 Annual Return

1132/11.01 Annual Return – Section 1

The figures included in the report match the year end accounts and the section was approved.

1132/11.02 Annual return – Section 2

It was agreed that a 'Yes' response could be inserted in the boxes as the Parish Council has made the appropriate arrangements and has carried out reviews during the year.

Both sections were signed by the Chairman.

1133/11 Report from Working Groups

1133/11.01 Finance

The review of the Asset register has been undertaken and will be completed by the Clerk with the insertion of the values for the new items.

Clerk

1133/11.02 Community Facilities

The Contractor has agreed to replace some of the recently planted trees which have died.

A discussion took place in respect of the trees on the Playing Field and it was agreed to employ Andrew Belson to undertake a survey and submit a report for the sum of £425.00.

Cllr Dadge

The report is to cover the age and condition of all the trees and to propose a strategy and a programme for replacement planting and future management.

1133/11.03 Planning and Countryside

Three planning applications have been considered.

1133/11.04 Village Fete

The Village Fete Working Group continues its work for the event.

1133/11.04 Village Hall

No report.

1133/11.05 Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

No report.

1134/11 Planning

Two storey side and rear extension and change flat roof of front canopy to tiled and pitched 65 Granville Avenue [11/00347/FUL]

It was agreed to object to the proposal having regard to the appropriate Peterborough City Council Development Plan policy.

Change of use to mixed use for residential and business use for livery stables and horse breeding business The Stables Paradise Lane [01/01067/FUL]

The original application 99/01260/FUL approved on this site was quite specific.

Condition C3 required that The development hereby approved shall be used only for private stabling/store purposes and not for any commercial use.

The stables relative to the size of the land within the ownership which have been built are substantial and there is already a residential caravan positioned on the site. Local knowledge suggests that the occupation of the site has been sporadic for stabling and the keeping of horses.

There is a presumption against residential development in the open countryside and there are very strict requirements to be met in relation to meeting the tests set out in PPS7.

The applicant has attempted to address some of the tests but has not satisfied them in detail and the business plan does not demonstrate that the holding can be viable in the long term.

It is usual to find that when establishing a business of this nature the applicant will have demonstrated that they have the necessary experience, knowledge, qualifications and expertise of working in a commercial "horsiculture" environment.

This is not demonstrated.

The function and financial tests have not been satisfied

The amount of land available with the stables is inadequate for the purpose for which the application is made.

The applicant has not demonstrated expertise in this field and has provide no substantive evidence of expert support as would normally be provided with this type of application.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would object on account of the above reasons and to request that it is referred to committee if officers are minded to grant approval.

Installation of external wall insulation to front and side elevation 8 Church Street [11/00516/FUL]

No objections were recorded.

1135/110 Finance**1135/11.01 Payments**

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Mrs Baxter	Wages	£ 235.00
Lentons Landscaping	Grass cutting contract [April]	£ 293.92
Mr Bloodworth	Wages	£ 62.40
Clerk	Salary and expenses	£ 850.01
N'boro School	Hire of room	£ 292.50
NS & I	Interest repayment	£ 57.70
HMRC	PAYE deductions	£ 10.000
Northboro' School	Room hire	£ 292.50
PWLB	Loan	£ 412.49
CPALC	Subscription	£ 444.64
Broker Network	Insurance	£ 727.08
AMVC	Grant	£ 250.00

1135/11.02 Receipts

To note receipt of the following payments

Anglia Memorials Memorial (Bembridge)	£ 40.00
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1136/11 Allotments

The meeting is to be arranged during the next month. Cllr Tindall

1137/11 Maxey Cut Footbridge

Cllr Tindall agreed to contact Cllr Hiller for the response to the report. Cllr Tindall

1138/11 Insurance Provision for Children's Play Equipment

It was agreed to arrange for insurance cover to avoid delays on the part of Peterborough City Council of undertaking replacement or repairs to any equipment.

1139/11 Grants**1139/11.01 General**

It was agreed to review the applications and to obtain upto date details from the applicants.

1139/11.02 Arthur Mellows Village College

It was agreed that as residents of the Village use the swimming pool a grant would be made under S137 for £250.00.

1140/11 British Red Cross

It was agreed to request more detail in respect of their proposal and would include a reference in the next edition of the Tribune.

Clerk

1141/11 Grit Bins

It was agreed to request the Village Enhancement Working Group to identify a number and location.

VEWG

1142/11 Training

Cllr Lord said that he is still waiting the current programme from CPALC.

1143/11 Village Enhancement Programme

A meeting is to be arranged to discuss various items and to agree a timetable for undertaking and completing of items of work as included in the Budget.

1144/11 Correspondence

Any correspondence has been dealt with as part of the appropriate Agenda item.

1145/11 Village Matters

No items were raised.

1146/11 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 June 2011 in the School at 7.15 pm

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