

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY
12 January 2011 AT 7.00 pm IN THE SCHOOL**

Present: Cllr J Dadge Cllr L Steen *(arrived 7.55 pm)*
Cllr R Lord Cllr M Sleet
Cllr R Robinson Cllr R Tindall *Chairman*

Three members of the public ~ one member left at 8.20pm

Open Forum

A request was made for support from the Parish Council to seek the approval from the appropriate authority to allow an alternative access to be provided adjacent to the gate on the North bank, at the Northern End of Nine Bridges, where the footpath along the bank joins Lincoln Road, just South of Northborough whilst the bridge at Paradise Lane is closed.

1058/11 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr C Cavanagh, Cllr T Sharp and Cllr B Spriggs.

1059/11 Declaration of Interest

None

1060/11 Minutes of Meeting of the 8 December 2010

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

1061/11 **Matters Arising [for information]**

1046/10 1027/10 Village Hall

See Agenda item 1076/11

1046/10 1027/10 Allotments

Cllr Tindall said that he has no further information to report.

Clr Tindall

1046/10 1027/10 Children's Play Area

Parish Councillors will continue to monitor the area.

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1046/10 1027/10 Handyman

The Handyman now has further jobs to be undertaken when weather conditions allow work to be undertaken.

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1046/10 1027/10 Play Equipment

Peterborough City Council has stated that it has no insurance for damage or theft of play equipment.

They have stated that if the equipment is damaged they will take immediate action to make safe and repair, if the equipment is beyond repair and should need to be replaced this would be done depending on funding/budget availability.

The Clerk is submitting details to obtain a quotation for the insurance premium.

Clerk

1046/10 107/10 Allotments

A report will be presented at the meeting on the 9 February 2011 of the meeting with Karen Kenny held on the 31 January 2011.

1046/10 1027/10 Bus Stop Seat

Installation is forecast to take place at the end of February 2011.

1062/11

Report from Working Groups

1062/11.01 Finance

Cllrs Dadge and Steen will prepare a risk assessment for the Cleaner and Handyman.

Cllrs
Dadge and
Steen

1062/11.02 Community Facilities

No report

1062/11.03 Planning and Countryside

The planning application 1000787/FUL – construction of four-bed dwelling and detached garage, 54 Church Street which was not accepted by Peterborough City Council is now the subject of an appeal.

It was agreed that there was no new comment that the Parish Council wishes to add to its original submission.

1062/11.04 Village Fete and Christmas Carols

The Village Fete Working Group is continuing to work on the arrangements for the 2011 event.

It was agreed to hold a Christmas Carol event in December 2011.

1062/11.04 Village Hall

The Management Committee are arranging a party to celebrate the Royal Wedding on the 29 April 2011.

1062/11.05 Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

No report.

1063/11 Planning

A report will be presented at the meeting on the 9 February 2011 in respect of:

Listed Building – Proposed loft conversion and internal alterations 9 Church Street [10/01670/LBC]

1064/11 Accounts 2010 - 2011

The accounts as at the 30 November 2010 were noted.

1065/11 Precept 2011 – 2012

The Clerk explained that with the employment of staff the costs for these items, previously identified as separate items, have now been incorporated into wages.

It was agreed to place into reserves the monies approved in the Precept 2010 – 2011 for the Village Enhancement items for spending in the year 2011 – 2012 and to include an item as a contribution towards the costs of obtaining and providing allotments of £2,500.

The total expenditure forecasted to be spent is £23,731 and it was agreed to set a Precept for 2011 – 2012 of £23,000 with the balance of expenditure being taken from reserves.

This is a reduction of £2,000 on the 2010 – 2011 Precept.

1066/110 **Finance**

1066/11.01 Payments

Payments to:

Mrs Baxter	Cleaning Playing field [December]	£ 40.00
Lentons Landscaping	Grass cutting contract [December]	£ 293.92
Canalbs	Internal audit	£ 99.00
Clerk	Salary and expenses	£ 1,028.83
Viridor	Waste collection	£ 40.40
Anglian Water	Water supply	£ 28.10
B Bloodworth	Handyman	£ 30.40

1066/11.02 Receipts

The following payments have been received:

Co-op Funerals (Ward)	Funeral and grave reservation	£ 180.00
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1067/11 **Internal Audit Report**

The comments made by the Internal Auditor and the response were noted.

It was agreed that no action needs to be taken at the present time on any of the points referred to in the report.

1068/11 **Village Investment Plan**

Work is in hand to present details at the Parish Council meeting on the 9 March 2011. Cllr Steen

The costs for printing and postage will be borne by the Parish Council and the collating of the responses by Peterborough City Council.

1069/11 **Nine Bridges**

A meeting has been held with Peterborough City Council (PCC) on the 10 January 2011 and four options were presented for improving the appearance and safety.

The responses made by the representatives of PCC were all considered to be negative and all had some element of a Health & Safety matter.

The Parish Council has agreed to identify examples elsewhere in the country for disguising the barrier.

It was agreed to approach the manufacturer of the barrier to see if they have had similar requests and what actions could be taken which would be acceptable to PCC and may resolve the problem.

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Parish Councillors also agreed to explore alternative measures.

1070/11 Bridge Southern End of Paradise Lane

Adjacent Parish Councils have indicated that they are not willing to support the cost of an independent engineer's report.

Peterborough City Council has stated that they will be making a submission in the next financial year for monies to replace the bridge. Success will be dependent upon prioritisation of the various other projects.

Residents were urged to continue to write and complain about the situation.

1071/11 Training

Two advertised courses for which Parish Councillors have expressed an interest in attending have still not set a date for holding the courses.

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Enquiries will made of adjacent Parish Councils in respect of holding a combined training session locally similar to that held in 2009.

1072/11 Village Enhancement Programme

It was agreed that monies approved in the Precept 2010 – 2011 for the Village Enhancement items are to be placed in reserve for spending in 2011 – 2012.

It was agreed to make a submission for funds available through the Neighbourhood Council of

Northborough Brownies: day out on a visit - £420.00

Northborough Football Club; new fleece tops - £400.00

Plant Trees on verges around the Village - £750.00

Plant shrubs in beds on grassed areas in Village - £450.00

Enquires will be made to Peterborough City Council for obtaining grit boxes to place in some locations within the Village to assist with keeping the main footpaths clear during inclement weather.

The next meeting has been arranged for the 31 January 2011 at 7.00 pm at the School.

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1073/11 Correspondence

Various items of correspondence received have been dealt with under the various Agenda items.

1074/11 Village Matters

1074/11.01 20mph Speed Limit and No Waiting Restrictions

Peterborough City Council has agreed to review both items in the next financial year after evaluation of the current proposals.

1074/11.02 Playing Field

Work on various trees in the Playing Field is to be organised during the next four weeks.

Cllr
Robinson

1074/11.03 Cemetery

It was agreed to arrange for the trimming of the willow trees in the cemetery to assist with maintaining tidiness.

Cllr Sleet

1075/11 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 February 2011 in the School at 7.00 pm

1076/11 Exclusion of Public and Press

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

1077/11 Village Hall

The comments and suggested amendments to the Lease made by the Solicitor were noted.

It was agreed that Cllrs Dadge and Robinson, together with the Clerk, arrange to meet the Solicitor and agree the alterations to be made to the document.

Cllrs
Dadge and
Robinson

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