



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 13 June 2012 AT 7.00 pm IN THE SCHOOL

Present: Cllr J Dadge
Cllr C Fuller
Cllr R Lord
Cllr R Robinson
Cllr B Spriggs
Cllr L Steen
Cllr R Tindall

Three members of the public (one left at 7.15pm)

Open Forum

Feedback on the Jubilee celebration has indicated that it was enjoyed by everyone and Liz Baker thanked everyone involved with the organisation and for the plaque which has been installed in the wall to the Burial Ground. It is noted that income raised on the day will, in addition to the grant received from the Leadership Fund, defray the costs of holding the event.

Ashley Baker introduced himself saying that he has heard that the Railway Company is talking about replacing the bridge over the river Welland. They have indicated that as part of the process they are considering providing assistance to include a footpath bridge. Some funds have been identified to help towards the costs and various other organisations have indicated their interest.

The Chair said that the Parish Council would be interested in helping to promote the scheme and asked him to keep in contact.

1336/12 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr M Sleet.

1337/12 Declaration of Interest

None

1338/12 Minutes of Meeting of the 9 May 2012

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

1339/12 Matters Arising [for information]

1324/12 1311/12 Community Facilities – Burial Ground

The preparation of the draft document for distribution to the relatives of the deceased has been completed. This document and the level of fees to be set will be considered at the next meeting of the General Purposes Working Group.

Clerk

1324/12 1294/12.02 Community Facilities – Burial Ground

The unmown grass area has been cut and the grass removed from the site. The next phase of planting will be considered by the Working Group.

GPWG

1324/12 Border at footpath between Clare Road and Church View

The Developer has visited the site to consider a request to make good the cutting back that has been carried out to the vegetation. He has reported that with the recent weather conditions the vegetation has grown back and looks reasonable.

It was agreed to arrange for the Handyman to carry out a tidying up of the area.

Cllr Tindall

1325/12.02 Community Facilities – Dog Fouling

An article drafted by Cllr Sleet has been distributed with the Villages Advertiser.

The situation will be monitored and considered again at the next meeting of the Working Group.

GPWG

1327/12 Annual Return

The Annual return has been signed by the Internal Auditor during his visit on the 29 May 2012. The document has been submitted to the External Auditor together with other papers.

It was agreed, following a request from Cllr Robinson, to reduce the amount of time spent on the item of Matters Arising at each meeting by making reference to the details to be provided in an update sheet that will accompany the Minutes of each meeting. Further discussion will be confined to any clarification on the information on the update sheet.

Clerk

1340/12 **Verbal Reports from General Purposes Working Group**

1340/12.01 It was agreed to accept the recommendation of the General Purposes Working Group that no separate working groups are formed to replace the former working groups.

1340/12.02 A response has been received from Peterborough City Council that the footpath adjacent to the School is classified as a Right of Way and does not attract the same level of maintenance as an ordinary footpath.

They are making arrangements to provide stone filling to the potholes with the work being completed before school restarts in September 2012.

1341/12 **Planning**

The following application was approved with no objections:

Ash tree – Reduce NE limb over road to historic pruning point, reduce west facing limb over drive by 4m to fork over drive 14 Church Street [12/00828/CTR].

Peterborough City Council has issued its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for consultation.

Cllr Dadge agreed to review the document and to prepare any comments for submission by the closing date of the 5 July 2012.

Cllr Dadge

1342/12 **Finance**

1342/12.01 Payments

The following payments were approved for payment:

Mrs Baxter	Wages [April]	£ 235.00
Lentons	Grass cutting	£ 293.92
Landscaping	contract [April]	
Mr Bloodworth	Wages [April]	£ 79.20
A & M Print	Distribution of newsletter	£ 36.14
N'boro Fun Day	PCC grant	£2,500.00
SLCC	Training	£ 48.00
23ccc	Website	£ 12.00
P'boro Grass	Strimmer	£ 386.24

1342/12.02 Receipts

Receipt was noted of the following payments

Village Hall	Refund wages	£	570.00
Mrs Fry	Grave reservation	£	40.00
Mrs Franklyn	Grave reservation	£	40.00

1342/12.03 Landscape Contractor

It was agreed to increase the value of the contract for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 by £120.00.

1343/12 Training

Cllr Lord said he had no further news on courses.

1344/12 Correspondence

An email has been received requesting that due to the effect caused by the recent weather that the bushes and hedges on the Open Area in Church View be cut.

It was agreed to instruct the Landscape Contractor to undertake an additional cut for all bushes and hedges in the contract.

Clerk

1345/12 Village Matters

1345/12.01 ~ Cllr Robinson said that there had been a disturbance on the Playing Field near the Village Hall. A discussion took place on the possibility of installing a CCTV system.

It was noted that there are difficulties with installing such a system and it was agreed that Cllr Robinson would meet with a representative of a security firm and obtain suggestions for consideration of a scheme.

Cllr
Robinson

1346/12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 July 2012 in the School at 7.15 pm

The General Purposes Working Group will meet on Wednesday 4 July 2012 at 7.30 pm

1347/12 Proposal

It was agreed that

Members of the public and press be excluded for the following items in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and LGA 1972 ss 100 and 102

1348/12 Grant Request

An application has been received for a grant to assist with training which may lead to a position in the GB team for the Olympics 2016.

It was agreed to make a grant of £250.00 in accordance with S137 of the Local Government Act.

1349/12 Overflow Car Park

Two tenders have been received for the work in providing the Overflow Car Park adjacent to the Village Hall.

Both tenders were considered to have been submitted without qualification.

It was agreed to proceed with the work using the lowest tender in the sum of £19,398.50.

The contract will be financed by the use of £17,775.86, the balance of the S106 monies held by Peterborough City Council, and £1,622.64 from the general reserves of the Parish Council.

1350/12 Strimmer

Two tenders have been received for the purchase of a strimmer to be used to assist with the maintenance of grassed areas, mainly on the Playing Field.

It was agreed to purchase the machine from the lowest tender in the revised sum of £326.53.

This amount will be transferred from the general reserves.

The machine will be added to the Asset Register and also to the insurance policy.

1351/12 Playing Field Fence

An inspection of the panels held in store from the Nine Bridges site has been carried out to ascertain their condition for use with the fence.

The inspection identified that a considerable number of panels would require being blast cleaned and painted before they could be re-used and there was doubt as to whether they would stand the blast cleaning process.

The alternative cost for new panels was considered uneconomical.

It was agreed to ask some Residents of the Village for recommendations for their use/disposal as it is not intended to re-use the panels.

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