



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 14 November 2012 AT 7.00 pm IN THE SCHOOL

Present: Cllr R Chiva (arrived 7.25 pm)
Cllr C Fuller
Cllr R Robinson
Cllr M Sleet
Cllr B Spriggs
Cllr L Steen
Cllr R Tindall *Chairman*

In attendance: Eleven members of the public – nine left at 7.25 pm

Open Forum

Jan Ward asked what is happening with the footpath as it is currently overgrown and difficult to access.

The Chairman said that representatives of the Residents, including himself, had attended a meeting with the Legal Dept of the Highways Dept at Peterborough City Council to discuss the problem.

Residents who are in agreement with the closure are considering mediation discussions with the Residents who are objecting to the closure and it is anticipated a resolution will be reached by December 2012.

The Chairman reminded the Residents that the closure is not a matter for the Parish Council who is attempting to assist with the matter.

The Residents thanked the Chairman for the assistance of the Parish Council.

Representatives of the Village Hall Management Committee exchanged copies of the lease with the Parish Council.

Mr B McKie said that he has been advised that the replacement Maxey Cut bridge will re-open during week commencing 19 November 2012.

He said that discussions are still on going with Network Rail regarding their refurbishment of the Welland bridge and to keeping and the possibility of constructing a footpath bridge at the same time. Both Lincolnshire County Council and Network Rail have each said that they have each identified a spare bridge that could possibly be used in this position

The Footpath Forum will be seeking funding to enable them to make a contribution towards the cost of the scheme and will approach Parish Councils with a request for a donation.

140212 **Parish Councillor**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Rob Chiva to the Parish Council and introduced him to the other Parish Councillors.

He signed the declaration of office.

1403/12 **Apologies for Absence**

An apology was received from Cllr J Dadge.

1404/12 **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Steen declared a personal and prejudicial interest in any matter that may arise during the meeting in respect of the closure of the footpath.

The Chair referred Parish Councillors to the letter recently received by Cllr Steen from a resident affected by the closure of the footpath. The letter makes a statement that the resident considers that the approval of funds by the Parish Council, as a contribution towards the fees to be incurred by the closure, as a misuse of public money.

The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the letter and to obtain legal advice in respect of the comments made in the letter in respect of Cllr Steen's actions and those of the Parish Council.

Clerk

1405/12 **Minutes of Meeting of the 10 October 2012**

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

1406/12 Matters Arising [for information]

1272/12.03 Churchyard Inspection

The Churchwarden has stated that a faculty is not required and the Diocesan Office recommended that the headstone be laid flat in such a manner as to allow for grass cutting taking place. The Churchwardens are also attempting to contact the relatives.

Stonemasons are now preparing a tender on this basis as the memorial is considered to be beyond repair.

Cllr Lord is to make contact with the Stonemason to discuss an alternative method of repair. Cllr Lord

139012 Burial Ground

The draft document has been proof read and a final document will be presented at the meeting on 12 December 2012. Cllr Dadge

1383/12.02 Village Plan

A response is awaited from Peterborough City Council on the request for a meeting. Clerk

1407/12 Annual Return

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return has been approved by the external auditor with no qualification.

1408/12 Burial Ground Fees

It was agreed to request the Working Group to consider any change to the fee for holders of reservation not living in the village and to make a recommendation to the Parish Council Working Group

1409/12 Christmas Tree

Cllr Spriggs said that a Christmas tree has been donated to the village.

1410/12 Planning

Two storey rear/side extensions 62 Lincoln Road [12/01482/HHFUL]

It was agreed to make no comment on the application and to leave a decision to be made by the Local Authority Planning Officer.

No objections were recorded in respect of the following application.

Fell 1 x Western Red Cedar 12 Church Street
[12/01656/CTR]

1411/12 **Finance**

1411/12.01 Payments

The following payments were approved:

Mrs Baxter	Wages [October]	£ 235.00
Lentons	Grass cutting	£ 323.92
Landscaping	contract [October]	
Mr Bloodworth	Wages [October]	£ 79.60
Clerk	Salary and expenses	£ 1,224.61
HMRC	PAYE	£ 268.41
Mumby	Car Park extension	£ 600.00
Landscapes	contract	
Mumby	Additional work to	£ 178.80
Landscapes	Car Park	
J D'Arcy	Regalia bars and valuation	£ 98.50

1411/12.02 Receipts

The following payments were noted:

J Smith	Renewal plot reservation	£ 10.00
P Malbon	Renewal plot reservation	£ 10.00
R Beasley	Renewal plot reservation	£ 30.00
J Cross	Memorial fees	£ 120.00
R Scholes (Heelis)	Burial and plot reservation	£ 875.00

1411A/12 Additional Payments

Parish Councillors confirmed the Working Group action to authorise the payment to H & S Signs of £12.08 for dog fouling signs and to receive the sum of £150.00 for the disposal of some of the panels removed from Nine Bridges.

The Working Group also authorised the employment of a person to undertake work associated with the website.

1412/12 Training

Cllr Lord said that a response has been received from three other Parish Councils who would be interested in attending the training course on tree management.

Cllr Lord

He said that he has looked at alternative courses to reduce the cost. However the Lantra course is recognised in respect of having the necessary qualifications for tree management.

The course will now possibly be held early in 2013.

1413/12 Correspondence

None.

1414/12 Village Matters

1414/12.01 Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree is expected to be erected on the 24 November 2012.

Cllrs
Lord/Spriggs

1414/12.02 Stable Block, Pingle Lane

Enquiries are to be made with Peterborough City Council in respect of the planning application that is being submitted for the change of use for this site

Cllr Tindall

1399/12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 December 2012 in the School at 7.00 pm.

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