



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 18 April 2012 AT 7.00 pm IN THE SCHOOL

Present: Cllr J Dadge
Cllr C Fuller
Cllr R Lord
Cllr B Spriggs
Cllr M Sleet
Cllr R Tindall *Chairman*

Three members of the public (one left 7.10 pm, one left 8.30 pm)

Open Forum

Tony McShane, Chairman Northborough Junior Football Club handed over a letter of thanks to the Parish Council for their grant.

He said that as the season has now closed he invited the Parish Councillors to meet with the teams when they start playing again next season to see the equipment purchased using the monies from the grant.

Parish
Councillors

1308/12 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr R Robinson and Cllr L Steen.

1309/12 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Sleet declared a personal interest in the planning application relating to 23 Granville Avenue and took no part in the discussion or decision.

1310/12 Minutes of Meeting of the 21 March 2012

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

1311/12 Matters Arising [for information]

1293/12 1277/12 Village Hall

A meeting has been held with the Village Hall Management during which the final points in the lease were agreed.

Clerk

1293/12 1278/12.02 Community Facilities – Burial Ground

A draft document has been reviewed of proposed new rules and regulations. A separate document is being prepared for handing to relatives of the deceased. It will make a reference to the main document covering the rules and regulations.

Cllr Dadge

The level of fees is still being considered and will be finalised at the next meeting of the Working Group.

The complete package will be presented for approval at the meeting on the 9 May 2012.

Clerk

1294/12.02 Community Facilities – Village Hall

The complaint about the raised slab adjacent to the new paving slabs has been attempted to be dealt with by the Handyman. However he has reported that it is a slab of concrete and is difficult to remove.

Cllr
Spriggs

Cllr Spriggs agreed to inspect and determine a proposal for dealing with the matter.

Open Forum

Cllr Spriggs said that he has litter picked the stretch of dyke running across the Playing Field. It is not known if Peterborough City Council's Mr Fixit cleared the dyke after the request made following the meeting on the 21 March 2012.

Cllr Lord said that he understood that any litter associated with McDonalds at Glinton would be cleared by them when requested.

1312/12 Report from Working Groups

1312/12.01 Finance

No meeting has been held.

1312/12.02 Community Facilities

An application has been received for a memorial containing a lamp instead of a flower vase.

The Clerk was asked to obtain more information in respect of the lamp together with details of alternative designs and sizes. He is to remind the Stonemason that the lamp will not be accepted if it is made of glass.

Clerk

A price has been quoted by the Grass Cutting Contractor of £200.00 for cutting the unmown grass in the Burial Ground and removing the arisings from the site.

It was agreed to accept the price and to instruct the Contractor to proceed with the work. Cllr Sleet

A comment has been received about an alleged smell from the compost heap in the corner of the Burial Ground. It was agreed that as the heap is currently dry at the present time and therefore does not smell to monitor it during the remainder of the year.

It was agreed that the fee for the double headstone for Mrs Cutforth will be £80.00. Clerk

An application has been received from Mrs Franklyn to reserve a plot to allow for a burial and at a later date for an ashes casket to also be buried in the same plot.

It was agreed that the plot will need to be a double depth plot to allow for the required space between the top of the coffin and the bottom of the casket. Clerk

The fee to be £60.00 if the reservation is made before the introduction of the new rules and fees.

Border at footpath between Clare Road and Church View

It was agreed to request the Clerk to trace the Developer of the houses in Church View and to make enquiries as to whether they undertook the cutting back of the vegetation along the line of the dyke between Clare Road and Church View. Clerk

He is also to ask them if they are willing to undertake remedial work to the plants and hedges.

1312/12.03 Planning and Countryside

Two applications have been received.

A letter has been received from Peakirk Parish Council proposing the formation of a joint group to discuss the way forward with Neighbourhood Planning as instigated by the Localism Bill. Clerk

It was agreed to inform them of the Parish Council's interest and to arrange a meeting.

1312/12.04 Community Events

The final arrangements for the Northborough Queen's Jubilee Celebrations are progressing and volunteers are being sought to help before and on the day.

The grant offered from the Community Fund has not yet been received.

It is understood that the Olympic Torch will not pass through the Village on the 4 July 2012 as originally envisaged.

1312/12.05 Village Hall

The next meeting of the Management Committee is scheduled for the 19 April 2012.

1312/12.06 Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

The new PCSO – Charlotte James, has made contact with the Clerk and will be attending the meeting on the 9 May 2012.

She will be asked to assist with liaising with the Neighbourhood Watch teams in the Village.

Cllr Fuller

1313/12 Planning

It was agreed there was no objection in respect of the application for:

Construction of single storey extensions to south and north elevations 29 Lincoln Road [12/00422/HHFUL]

Construction of single storey rear extension – amended 23 Granville Avenue [12/00357/HHFUL]

Appeal

An appeal has been lodged in respect of

Construction of two storey rear and side extension and single storey front extension 62 Lincoln Road

The appeal is being made under the Householder Appeals Service which does not allow the Parish Council to make any further comments.

It was agreed to review the Parish Council's views and objectives, including the consideration of neighbour's views, in respect of planning matters. This will initially be considered at the Enhancement meeting.

1314/12 Finance

1314/12.01 Payments

The following payments were approved for payment:

Mrs Baxter	Wages [March]	£ 235.00
Lentons	Grass cutting	£ 293.92
Landscaping	contract [March]	
Mr Bloodworth	Wages [March]	£ 79.00
HMRC	PAYE	£ 79.97

1314/12.02 Receipts

To note receipt of the following payments

None

1315/12 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge

It was agreed not to submit the Playing Field to the scheme.

1316/12 Training

Cllr Lord said that he was proposing that the Clerk attends the course on General Power of Competence.

The new general power of competence for local authorities will enable the Parish Council to act in the interest of the community and in our own financial interest to generate efficiencies, run services and secure value for money outcomes.

In order to use the power the Parish Council has to demonstrate that it has a qualified Clerk.

This section was not part of the portfolio when the Clerk obtained his qualification.

It was agreed that the Clerk attends the course at St Ives on Tuesday 22 May 2012 at a cost of £22.00.

He said that as part of the tree management being undertaken by the Parish Council he has obtained details of a course that can be held locally for the Lantra basic survey and inspection at a cost of £650.00 for four people.

It was agreed to proceed with the course with the numbers to be agreed.

An approach is to be made to other Parish Councils to see if they would be interested in attending.

1317/12 Village Enhancement Group

1317/12.01 Meeting

A meeting of the Working Group was held on the 3 April 2012 when the following items were discussed.

- 1 Review of draft Burial Ground rules
- 2 Dog Fouling. ~ Cllr Tindall has contacted the Dog Warden and requested a 'blitz'. No response has been received.
- 3 Parking in Church Street and Church View. ~ Cllr Tindall has written to Judi Anderson (Traffic Engineers) and requested a site meeting. No response to date.
- 4 Village Hall Lease
- 5 Jubilee Tree and Plaque
- 6 Bicycle Parking Stands. ~ It was agreed not to progress this matter.
- 7 Fence to North End of playing field
- 8 Unmown Areas
- 9 Slab adjacent to new paving slabs near bike racks at Village Hall
- 10 Border at footpath between Clare Road and Church View.
- 11 Trees adjacent to P Gibbins House. ~ It was agreed that no work was required.
- 12 Review of all trees in the Village

1317/12.02 Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 25 April 2012 at 7.30 pm.

1318/12 Correspondence

Covered in various Minutes.

1319/12 Village Matters

Cllr Tindall said that Northborough WI had made an enquiry to erect a flagpole on the land adjacent to the Village shop. It would be erected in an area not used by the Christmas tree.

It was agreed that subject to obtaining all the necessary approvals the Parish Council has no objection.

1305/12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 May 2012 in the School
Annual Parish Meeting at 6.45 pm
Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.00 pm
Parish Council Meeting at 7.15 pm

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