



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 9 October 2013 AT 7.15 pm IN THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Present: Cllr R Chiva
Cllr J Dadge
Cllr C Fuller
Cllr R Lord

Cllr M Sleet *Chairman*
Cllr B Spriggs
Cllr L Steen

In attendance: Two members of the public

Open Forum

A request was made for an additional dog bin on the Playing Field and on Deeping St James Road.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of Peterborough City Council supplying additional bins with an alternative of the Parish Council purchasing the bins if Peterborough City Council would empty. Clerk

The bin at the end of Clare Road is used at times as a dog bin and an enquiry will be made for changing this bin from a litter to dog bin

1548/13 Apologies for Absence

None

1549/13 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Steen declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items relating to the closure of the footpath and took no part in any discussion or decision making when arising during the meeting.

1550/13 Footpath Forum

Mr B McKie sent a report saying that the Forum is talking to Deeping St James Parish Council with regards to setting up a Community Trust for the Welland River footbridge.

1551/13 Minutes of Meeting of the 10 July 2013

1534/13 ~ Neighbourhood Watch has been restarted as Neighbourhood Alert.

The Minutes were agreed and signed with this amendment.

1552/13 Matters Arising [for information]

1543/13.02 The Resident has been informed of his rights for cutting back the overhanging branches. He has been requested to advise the Parish Council if and when he undertakes the work to allow the Parish Council to clear the cuttings when placed on the Playing Field.

1546/13.02 The sign has been passed to Cllr Lord who is arranging for it to be fixed to the gate.

1553/13 Election of Vice Chairman

This item was taken by the Clerk.

The Clerk said that he has received two nominations for the position of Vice Chairman in the name of Cllr L Steen. He invited any other nominations.

No other names were nominated. Cllr L Steen was deemed to have been elected as Vice Chairman.

1554/13 Planning

1540/13 Peterborough City Council have been advised of the new arrangements for the Parish Council to receive planning applications by email.

An email was sent to Parish Councillors regarding the application for:

Two storey side extension to existing house with detached car port Delamere Farm Pasture Lane [13/01328/HHFUL]

It was agreed that Parish Councillors will send their comments to Cllr J Dadge who will summarise and prepare a draft response for the Clerk to send to Peterborough City Council. This will then be recorded in the Minutes of the next meeting.

Cllr
Dadge/Clerk

It was considered that the area of the extension was out of proportion to the existing building and that a landscape report should be prepared as part of the application.

It was agreed to make no objections to the application for:

Construction of two storey side and rear extension and first floor side extension over existing garage 26 Deeping St James Road [13/01418/HHFL]

1555/13 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Dadge said that a query has arisen with regard to his offer to act as Consultant with no charge for his service. The audit trail appears to be vigorous. He is in the process of clarifying the position.

It was agreed that he will make a presentation to the Working Group on all aspects of the application on Monday 21 November 2013.

Parish
Councillors
Clerk

1556/13 Finance

1556/13.01 Payments

The following payments were approved:

Mrs Baxter	Wages [September]	£	235.00
Mr Bloodworth	Wages [September]	£	80.00
HMRC	PAYE	£	120.00
M G Landscapes	Grass cutting [August]	£	289.33
P'boro Engraving	Signs	£	42.00
Viridor	Waste disposal	£	53.80
Littlejohn	Audit	£	360.00
R. Lord	Materials	£	10.47

1556/13.02 Receipts

The following receipts were noted:

Peterborough City Council	Precept	£11,500.00
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1557/13 Burial Ground

A single tender has been received for the preparation of a report on trees in the Burial Ground.

It was agreed to accept the tender from Andrew Belson for the report.

Upon receipt of his report an application will be submitted to Peterborough City Council to remove the tree. Another tree will be planted as a replacement.

Cllr Chiva
Clerk

It was agreed to approve the variation to the Grass Cutting contract for the reduction and narrowing of the East boundary hedge to approximately six feet above ground level, including removing the arisings from site to an approved local green waste site.

Clerk

1558/13 Training

Cllr Lord said that he is still investigating alternative sources for training courses.

It was agreed to invite Jaquie Wilson to present a training session on the Roles and Responsibilities of Parish Councillors on Tuesday 12 November 2013 at 7.30 pm.

Clerk

1559/13 Correspondence

A letter of resignation has been received from Mr R Robinson as a Parish Councillor. The chairman thanked Mr Robinson for all his work over the past years.

Clerk

Connecting Cambridgeshire is a service to provide details of the improvement of the digital infrastructure across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This will give some of the best broadband coverage in the country by the end of 2015 in areas where there is no commercial coverage with fibre-based broadband.

The installation will be available for all ISPs when connecting to their customers.

A letter has been received from the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the new Neighbourhood Alert service. The service allows Parish Councils to be aware of police and crime activity within the Village and is linked to Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators.

The service will be used to re-launch eCops. Signing up is available on www.ecops.org.uk

The Local Government Boundary Commission is undertaking an electoral review of Peterborough City Council.

Initial representations should be made by the 11 November 2013 through <http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>

1560/13 Village Matters

1560/13.01 Nine Bridges

The Chairman reported that travellers have taken up residence on land at Nine Bridges and Peterborough City Council has commenced proceedings for their removal.

1561/13.02 Christmas Tree

Arrangements are being made to erect a Christmas tree with the lights being switched on for the evening of the 7 December 2013. Parish Councillors

1561/13.03 Burial Ground

Until the danger of falling branches has been removed arrangements are being made to remove the seat under the willow tree as a safety precaution. Cllrs Lord/Spriggs

1561/13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 November 2013 at 7.00 pm in Northborough School.

1562/13 Proposal

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

1563/13 Parish Council Vacancies

A general discussion took place on the filling of the two vacancies that have arisen following the sad loss of Cllr R Tindall and resignation of Cllr R Robinson.

It was agreed to advertise and co-opt two people to fill the vacancies.

A notice will be placed on each of the notice boards inviting applications with a closing date of the 6 November 2013 Clerk

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

