



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY
11 December 2013 AT 7.15 pm IN THE VILLAGE SCHOOL**

Present: Cllr C Cavanagh
Cllr R Chiva
Cllr C Fuller
Cllr B Lord

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

In attendance: Seven members of the public (4 left after the Open Forum)

Open Forum

Mrs Ward said that she wished to discuss the letter she, and the other residents affected by the application made for the closure of the footpath at the rear of Clare Road, has received from Peterborough City Council.

Cllr L Steen declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter and wished to speak as a resident.

The letter from Peterborough City Council sets out their position in respect of acting as the responsible highways authority for public rights of way.

The Residents in Clare Road own the section of land across which the footpath runs and they must retain this portion as a public right of way.

Peterborough City Council have over the period of time undertaken two consultations. On each occasion, there was not unanimous support and they received strong arguments for and against the closure.

In accordance with the requirements of the Highways Act, and having taken legal advice, with the responses received have stated that they will not be proceeding with the process. They stated that unless there is a change in the legislation or evidence is produced that all the residents support the closure they will not undertake any further review of the decision.

Cllr Steen said that she considers that the Parish Council were at fault when they organised the opening of the footpath in Clare Road in that this should have been linked to the closure of the existing footpath.

A general discussion took place between the Residents on the matter in an attempt to persuade one of the those not supporting the closure to agree to the closure.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will arrange a meeting in the New Year between the various Residents in an attempt to find some common ground.

Cllr Sleet

Welcome

The Chair welcomed Cllr Cavanagh to her first meeting since being co-opted.

1584/13 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr J Dadge and Cllr M Spinks.

1585/13 Declaration of Interest

Cllr L Steen declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter of the closure of the footpath at the rear of Clare Road spoke as a resident for the item.

1586/13 Footpath Forum

Mr B McKie said that work to clear the Deeping Gate/Peakirk footpath to the Welland is currently in hand. Some volunteers from Newborough have undertook the clearance on the stretch used by National Rail with the new bridge.

The new footbridge has been erected and is now open. Some fifty organisations and businesses supported the application. Work on a second footbridge is to be installed.

An official opening of the stretch of footpath is to be organised for next year.

Mr B McKie was thanked for his report

1587/13 Minutes of Meeting of the 13 November 2013

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

1588/13 Matters Arising [for information]

1568/13 1557/13.02 The work is in hand in reducing the size of the hedge. It was recommended that he cuts out the elder growing in the hedge and to plant new saplings.

1569/13 Posters have been printed and distributed to various locations in the Village.

1573/13 The work to the tree has been completed. A check is to be undertaken of the top of the tree to see if dead material has been removed.

The Grass Cutting Contractor has cut the rough grass area.

1575/13 Reflective paint is being considered as an alternative to reflectors.

1576/13 The paint and bags have been ordered. Receipt of the bags has been made and arrangements are in hand for their distribution.

1589/13 **Website**

Mr Turp was unavailable to attend the meeting and a new arrangement is in hand to organise a meeting in the New Year.

Cllr Sleet

1590/13 **Planning**

The following application was approved with no objections:

Single storey extension to front 35 Church Street
[13/01649/HHFUL]

1591/13 **Neighbourhood Planning**

No report was available due to the absence of Cllr Dadge.

1592/13 **Finance**

1572/13.01 Payments

The following payments were approved:

Mrs Baxter	Wages [November]	£	235.00
Mr Bloodworth	Wages [November]	£	80.00
HMRC	PAYE	£	120.00
M G Landscapes	Grass cutting [November]	£	349.33
CPALC	Book	£	49.99
Just Cloud	Online storage	£	89.28
Anglian Water	Water rates	£	20.76
CAPALC	Book	£	49.99
JRB Enterprises	Dog bags	£	40.25
R Robinson	Xmas tree festivities	£	52.99
R Lord	Xmas tree festivities	£	17.33

1592/13.02 Receipts

The following receipts were noted:

J Cross	Memorial	£	50.00
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1593/13 Bank Mandate

It was agreed to agree to change the names on the Bank Mandate by removing Mr R Robinson and Mr R Tindall and adding Cllr C Cavanagh and Cllr M Spinks.

1594/13 Burial Ground

It was agreed to organise the planting of a replacement tree. An existing tree is to be removed following the receipt and consideration of the report on the tree.

1595/13 Training

The training session scheduled to be held on the 12 November 2013 has been re-arranged for the 7 January 2014.

All Parish
Councillors

1596/13 Correspondence

None

1597/13 Village Matters

1597/13.01 Parish Council Seminar

Cllr Chiva agreed to forward a copy of the papers to the Clerk for distribution of the recent seminar held at Thorney.

Cllr Chiva

1597/13.02 Christmas Tree

The Chairman thanked everyone for their assistance with the event which was well attended. A review will be held next year of the arrangements.

Cllr Sleet agreed to write to the shop expressing the thanks of the Parish Council for their assistance on the day.

Cllr Sleet

1597/13.03 Car Parking

The problem of parking outside the school and in Church View continues to be a problem. There is also a repeat of the problem of cars being parked on footpaths and causing an obstruction.

Cllr Spinks has agreed to contact the Police to ask them to make some visits at the commencement and end of school sessions to encourage drivers to consider how and where they park whilst visiting the School. He will also ask them to visit car owners in various streets who have been observed to cause an obstruction to pedestrians by parking on the footpath.

The Clerk said that Peterborough City Council Traffic Management Department has been contacted regarding the road markings in Church Street.

Cllr
Sleet/Clerk

Cllr Sleet agreed to provide a brief explanation of the problem, which will be sent to the Department, for them to review. A meeting will then be arranged with Parish Councillors to discuss Parish Councillor's concerns.

1598/13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 January 2014 at 7.00 pm in Northborough School.

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