



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 17 April 2013 AT 7.00 pm IN THE SCHOOL

Present: Cllr R Chiva *arrived 8.05 pm* Cllr R Robinson
Cllr J Dadge Cllr M Sleet *Vice Chair*
Cllr C Fuller *arrived 7.10 pm* Cllr B Spriggs
Cllr R Lord Cllr L Steen

In attendance: One member of the public

Open Forum

None

1476/13 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr R Tindall.

1477/13 Declaration of Interest

None

1478/13 Footpath Forum

No report.

1479/13 Minutes of Meeting of the 13 March 2013

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

1480/13 Matters Arising [for information]

1474/12.03 Grass Cutting

Documents have been sent to the successful Contractor for signing and a request for sight of his insurance and grass disposal certificate.

The Contract has been signed by the Contractor and Parish Council.

1481/13 Accounts 2012 - 2013

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year 2012 – 2013.

He explained how the construction of the car park extension has resulted in the various totals increasing by its value when comparing items with the previous year.

The accounts **were approved** by a majority vote.

1482/13 Annual Return

1482/13.01 Section 1

The figures in Section 1 are a combination of various figures in the Accounts. The value of the National Savings Bonds has been transferred from Box 1 to Box 9.

The Section was approved and signed by the Vice Chair.

1482/13.02 Section 2

Each of the eight sections was considered in relation to the working arrangements undertaken during the year.

It was agreed that the the Parish Council could say 'Yes' to each item.

The Section was signed by the Vice Chair.

1483/13 Financial Regulations

The document has been considered by the Working Group and recommended for acceptance.

The variation to clause 11.1(i) allows for the Parish Council to accept a single tender where attempts to obtain three tenders have been unsuccessful.

It was agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations.

1484/13 General Powers of Competence

The Parish Council agrees that it meets the criteria for eligibility with two thirds of the Parish Councillors having been elected and the Clerk holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration, including Section 7 as prescribed in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.

1485/13 Management of Parish Council Trees

Cllr Dadge said that a meeting has been held with the Peterborough City Council Tree Officer to discuss the recent work undertaken on trees in the Village. He has stated that he is willing to give advice in the future in respect of any work on trees, which may need to be carried out by the Parish Council.

He stated that he considered the tree in the Burial Ground did not need to be removed. Concern was recorded by some Parish Councillors about the number of branches falling from the tree at the time of strong winds.

It was agreed to invite the Tree Officer to undertake another inspection, taking these concerns into account, to establish its safety.

Cllr Dadge

1486/13 Planning

No applications have been received.

Cllr Dadge said that meetings have been held with other Parish Councils in respect of the Neighbourhood Planning resulting in the establishment of a Working Group.

The Working Group comprises representatives from Deeping Gate, Glington, Northborough and Peakirk.

An application on behalf of the Working Group has been submitted to Peterborough City Council, which is now the subject of consultation. The closing date for comments is the 16 May 2013.

Applications for funding can be submitted after the 1 May 2013 and may result in each Parish Council receiving upwards of £7,000 to assist with the production of the plan.

1487/13 Finance

1487/13.01 Payments

The following payments were approved:

Mrs Baxter	Wages [March]	£ 235.00
Lentons Landscaping	Grass cutting contract [March]	£ 303.92
Mr Bloodworth	Wages [March]	£ 80.00
HMRC	PAYE	£ 115.00
CPALC	Subscription	£ 475.78
Village Tribune	Advertisement	£ 81.00
N'boro School	Room Hire	£ 247.50

1487/13.02 Receipts

Toms	Reservation renewal	£ 30.00
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1488/13 Training

Cllr Lord agreed to organise the Tree training course with Lantra. It was agreed that Cllrs Chiva and Lord would attend, together with any other Parish Councils.

The cost will be £105.00 plus VAT and £33.77 per person.

1489/13 Correspondence

A letter from Brian McKie in respect of the Footpath Forum and some local concerns was read to the meeting.

A Northern Footpath Forum application to Government for funding is almost complete but is held up by the lack of response to letters from one local land owner of a 50 mtr x 2mtr piece of land.

Both Cllr P Hiller and Cllr J Holditch have given the Northern Footpath Forum a grant to cover expenses.

Lincolnshire County Council have taken on the direction of the new Welland bridge project.

1490/13 Village Matters

1490/13.01 Footpath Adjacent to School

The repairs undertaken by Peterborough City Council last year has deteriorated and the footpath is becoming impassable at times.

During a discussion on the problem, **it was agreed to** explore the possibility of the Parish Council undertaking some work to make the surface more permanent. Working Group

1490/13.02 Parking Lincoln Road

The problem of parking on the road outside the bungalows has returned.

The Working Group will explore alternative possibilities for resolving the problem. Working Group

1491/13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15 May 2013 in Northborough 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

1492/13 Proposal

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

1493/13 Grant

An application for a grant has been received to assist with the costs of training for a possible place in the Olympics Team 2016.

It was agreed to make a grant of £250.00.

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