



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 9 December 2015 AT 7.00 pm IN THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Present: Cllr C Cavanagh
Cllr R Chiva (Chairman)
Cllr J Dadge
Cllr M Sleet
Cllr M Spinks
Cllr B Spriggs
Cllr L Steen

In attendance: Five members of the public (1 left at 7.35pm)

Open Forum

The Village Hall has received a letter from Cllr P Hiller saying that they are on the shortlist for the Community Civic Award scheme.

PCSO Report

The Crime Prevention Officer Peterborough has reported that there were two road traffic accidents on Deeping St James Road in Northborough for November 2015.

Adam Rennick introduced himself in respect of Speedwatch.

He said that he is a Police volunteer involved with Speedwatch. During the last 24 to 36 months it has not had a very good press. However, it has recently undergone some changes and re-organisation. There are now some 250 villages signed up to the scheme.

There is new Head of the scheme with three appointed volunteers. There is a Village Co-ordinator for organising the scheme locally.

He explained how Speedwatch works and said that its main object is to educate drivers on their speed. Drivers found regularly speeding are sent three letters with the last copy being hand delivered by a Police Officer.

The Chairman said that the main complaint from Residents is about speeding as informed by the survey work on its Neighbourhood Plan and asked what would be the next

step in attempting to reduce speeding.

Adam Rennick said that the team has 75 kits spread across over all the villages. Several villages have purchased the kit either singularly or as a group. The approximate cost for the head is £2,500 with the team providing the remainder of the equipment.

The Parish Council needs to register that it is interested in hiring the equipment and to organise a Co-ordinator and to start a group who will receive training.

Footpath Forum

Mr McKie said that the Forum has made further enquiries regarding a second hand bridge. It has encountered a problem with regards to its cost in that for moving it will cost approximately double the purchase price and there are problems with the transporting.

The Group is looking at a new location to make it easier for the transportation.

They are finding that obtaining funding has become more difficult in the last two years.

1932/15 Apologies for Absence

None

1933/15 Declaration of Interest

None

1934/15 Minutes of Meeting of the 11 November 2015

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

1935/15 Matters Arising [for information]

1922/15 1892/15 Burial Ground

Cllr Sleet said that a date is being identified in the early part of 1916 to invite Residents to collect the compost in the bin area.

Cllrs
Sleet/Sprigs

1922/15 1901/15 Grass Verges

An email has been received from Cllr P Hiller who is to discuss the matter with Peterborough City Council and Cross Keys Homes.

1936/15 Planning

No applications.

It was agreed that Parish Councillors will register with the Peterborough City Council planning hub to receive notifications direct of planning applications in respect of Northborough.

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The paper copy received of each application will be sent to Cllr Spriggs who does not use a computer.

Clerk

1937/15 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Dadge said that Peterborough City Council is undertaking a review of its Local Government Framework, particularly in respect of identifying more housing sites and asking land owners to submit details of suitable land.

He recommended that when details are known in respect of Northborough to include them in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Although Peterborough City Council will also be looking at brownfield sites it is considered that there are no such sites in the Village.

1938/15 Finance

1938/15.01 Payments

The following payments were approved:

Mrs Baxter	Wages [November]	£	276.67
Mr Bloodworth	Wages [November]	£	82.40
HMRC	PAYE [November]	£	110.00
A & M Print	Leaflets	£	68.40
Anglian Water	Water	£	17.13
Viridor	Waste Management	£	129.84
R P Electrical	Christmas tree	£	48.50
M Sleet	Christmas tree	£	132.89
L Steen	Christmas tree	£	77.74

1938/15.02 Receipts

The following receipts were noted:

Village Hall	Wages	£	200.00
Benkiron	Internment	£	1,150.00

1939/15 Accounts 2014 – 2015

The Clerk explained that the external Auditor has included two comments in respect of the accounts.

The first comment related to wrong wording by Peterborough City Council on their payment receipts in respect of the precept and grants resulting in the figures in the Annual Return for boxes 2 and 3 being reversed.

The second comment was to reiterate the Parish Council is reviewing the risks facing the Parish Council as Section 2 Box 5 of the Annual Return.

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1940/15 Precept 2015 – 2016

The Clerk said that to assist with the preparation of the Budget in readiness for setting the Precept it would help if Parish Councillors identified projects for inclusion in the Budget.

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Subject to the papers being received from Peterborough City Council during the next few weeks the Precept will consider as part of the next meeting. It was necessary to hold an additional meeting to agree the Precept for 2015 – 2016 and the same may happen this year.

1941/15 Village Maintenance

1941/15.0 ~ Whilst repairing the drains from the Village Hall to the main sewer the Contractor identified repairs that were needed to the manholes.

It was agreed to place a contract with Oakdale Building Services in the sum of £340.00 for repairing and replacing the two manhole covers.

1941/15.02 ~ Parts of the surface to the overflow car park have been affected by the recent inclement weather.

It was agreed to accept the quotation from Mumby Landscapes for £145.00 to supply and spread 2 tonnes of sharp sand to the worst areas.

The general condition will be monitored during the coming months and the general surface condition reviewed in the Spring 2016.

1942/15 Training

No courses have been currently identified.

1943/15 Correspondence

1943/15.01 The Pingle

A letter has been received from Peterborough City Council to say that they have been asked to consider extending the double yellow lines further along the road.

Parish Councillors considered that this will exacerbate the parking linked to the School by cars further away.

It was agreed to invite the Traffic Management Technician to a meeting to discuss the problem of car parking and rejection of any further double yellow lines unless they assist with the traffic problem.

Clerk

1943/15.02 Special Police Officers

An email has been received from Peterborough Adult Services saying they are looking to recruit more Special Police Officers, particularly with a link to a village.

They would like to display a poster inviting Residents of the Village to consider applying.

The Clerk is to obtain more information on the type of poster.

Clerk

1944/15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 January 2016 in Northborough School at 7.00 pm.

1945/15 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 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted at Agenda item 1946/15.

1946/15 Parish Council Vacancies

It was agreed, after an extensive discussion, to not accept applications received and to re-invite nominations next year.

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

Informative Matters

IM101/15 Christmas Tree

Cllrs Sleet and Steen said that the arrangements had been changed on the day, resulting in reduced activities, due to the inclement weather and very strong winds.

IM102/15 Etton Road

Cllr Sleet said that she understands that the quarry near Etton Road Maxey is being extended and that there is the possibility of a conveyor belt being installed under the road as part of the development. This would bring it to the boundary with Northborough.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the development and to ascertain its association to Northborough Clerk

IM103/15 Footpath to the Rear Clare Road

A Resident has raised a problem with regards to the condition of the footpath and its closure.

Cllr Steen said that the closure of the footpath is the responsibility of the Residents.