



NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 11 January 2017 AT 7.00 pm IN THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

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

In attendance: Two members of the public

Open Forum

None

PCSO Report

The PCSO has reported a dwelling burglary incident took place in Church Street.

Footpath Forum

Mr B McKie said that he has reported previously that the Footpath Forum are seeking a £50,000 grant from WREN which requires them to have £6,000 as their contribution.

He said that they have received £2,000 from two sources and are hoping Parish Councils in the area will also contribute. They have approached other sources and the public and have currently approximately 50% of the amount.

Network Rail and another source have been approached who have declined to assist with the total cost. Alternative designs are being examined to reduce the cost.

He congratulated the Parish Council on their recent exhibition at the Village Hall showing areas in the Village for possible development.

Mr McKie was thanked for his report.

2108/17 Apologies for Absence

None

2109/17 Declaration of Interest

None

2110/17 Minutes of Meeting of the 14 December 2106

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

2111/17 Matters Arising

2100/16 Village Hall ~ It is understood that the Village Hall has been successful in obtaining their grant.

2112/17 Finance 2016 - 2017

The Clerk explained the different figures in the income and expenditure columns.

Income was expected to remain unchanged unless any burials take place in the Burial Ground.

Expenditure has exceeded the Budget because the grant of £10,000 to the Village Hall and the receipt of two invoices which should have been received in the last financial year. The Clerk explained that the accounts are prepared based on activities during the year and does not provide for the accrual of unreceived invoices, although these are always considered when reviewing the balance of reserves.

The amount for unpaid cheques on the balance sheet includes for the £10,000 grant to the Village Hall and all cheques issued in December 2016.

2113/17 Precept 2017 - 2018

A Budget for 2017 – 2018 has been prepared which shows that expenditure forecast for the new year is covered without changing the precept figure set for the current year.

A discussion took place in respect of repairs that are required to the car park at the Playing Field at an estimated cost of £26,000 and how this could be funded. The state of the car park has reached a state that extensive repairs will need to be undertaken during the next twelve months. **It was agreed that** any work will be delayed until the Village Hall Contractor for the extension to the Village Hall has completed his work.

Sources for grants and loans for the work will be explored over the next few months.

It was agreed to increase the Precept by £1,102.00, the equivalent of an average of £2.00 per house (the actual amount will be dependent upon the band for a house) or an average of 0.9% on Band D.

2114/17 Planning

The Parish Council is aware of planning applications in respect of 44 Granville Avenue and 27 Church Street although no details have been received from Peterborough City Council.

These will be reviewed at the next meeting.

2115/17 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Dadge said that the Working Group has agreed a timeline for the publication and distribution of the questionnaire.

The questionnaire will be delivered by Parish Councillors during the weekend of the 19/20 January 2017 and is due to be returned to Parish Councillors for collation during the weekend of the 4/5 February 2017.

2116/17 Finance

2116/17.01 Payments

The following payments were approved:

Mrs Baxter	Wages [December]	£ 60.00
Mr Bloodworth	Wages [December]	£ 88.40
HMRC	PAYE [December]	£ 219.01
M G Landscapes	Grass cutting	£ 345.65
Clerk	Salary and expenses	£ 1,363.87

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Receipts

Mrs E Baker	Plot reservation	£ 40.00
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2117/16 Quotations

Painting Bollards

It was agreed to defer the acceptance of the quotation from B Broughton for additional work to the bollards until the problem is resolved with respect to the quality of the work already carried out.

2118/17 Training

Parish Councillors will advise the Clerk of any courses they wish to attend.

2119/17 Correspondence

None

2120/17 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 February 2017 in Northborough School at 7.00 pm

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

IM12/17 Informative Matters

Playing Field

Cllr Spinks is to contact the Peterborough City Council Officer in respect of the quotation for the repairs to the play equipment.

Speedwatch

People who have volunteered to assist with the scheme will be contacted to arrange for their training to be completed. Following the training a date will be identified to carry out another session of Speedwatch.

Speeding Castle Drive

The Clerk was asked to approach Peterborough City Council for a solution to the speeding problem. A suggestion has been made for the erection of a mirror near the bend to provide help.