

NORTHORPE PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in St. John the Baptist Church on Monday 9th May 2016 at 6 pm.

THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT PARISH MEETING

Present: Councillor Christine Watson (Chairman) (CW)
Councillor Dian Booth (Minute taker) (DB)

In Attendance: 2 members of the public.

Following light refreshments, the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

Approval of Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd June 2015

The minutes were approved, then signed by the Chairman

Chairman's report

Policies and procedures

The following policies have been produced or updated and are on the Parish Council website

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Freedom of Information
- Complaints procedure
- Media Policy
- Transparency code
- Code of Conduct
- Cemetery policy

Playing field

In response to the poor ROSPA report and after consideration to ongoing maintenance costs, several of the parish councillors and parishioners generously gave time and effort to address the situation. The boarding (much of which was rotten) was removed. The soft fall was reused under the zip wire to save costs. Grasslok safety matting was laid under the Borneo and the matting under the swings was taken up and re-laid. The whole area then had turf applied and was diligently watered. It was a considerable task. Many thanks to all those who took part. Although the grassed area is now extended, the maintenance costs have been drastically reduced as the overall grass cutting costs have been halved. It is anticipated that the soft fall under the zip wire will require maintenance this year. Due

to the success of the upgrading already undertaken, consideration is being given to applying the same remedial work. A refund on Co-op vouchers could be used to part finance the upgrade.

Grass cutting

Tenders for 2016/17 were obtained. They were £1042, £1163 and £521.52. the lowest bid was submitted by WLDC and was accepted. It took some time for this bid to come through and cutting started a little later than anticipated. However, after the first cut, a good job has been done. A further reduction was sought by offering allotments on the reserve burial ground. No-one came forward to take up the offer.

The precept for 2016/17 was set at £2897.00 based on 2015/16 costs.

Wind farm

Notification has been received that the application has been withdrawn

Clerk's report

At the current time, Northorpe Parish Council do not have a Parish Clerk.

A copy of the Final Financial statement 2015/16 and Costing for Playing Field were both available to the meeting (copies attached)

The meeting was closed at 6.30 pm.

Minutes prepared by Dian Booth, Member of Northorpe Parish Council.

SIGNED:..... (Chairman) DATED