

NORTHORPE PARISH ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the meeting

Held on: 14th March 2012

At: The schoolroom of the Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, Northorpe.

Present: Councilor B Dunk, Councilors N & J Montgomery, Councilor D Challinor, Councilors P&L Marasco, Mrs. S Ledgerwood, Mr. and Mrs. A&L Dunk

Minutes: A Harrison - Clerk

The Chairman welcomed everyone to their meeting.

1. Minutes of the Assembly held on 14th March 2011

The minutes were signed as a true record and accurate record.

2 Matters Arising

None

3 Chairperson's Report

N Montgomery gave his report. There had been a number of grants that had been applied for. Brenda Dunk expressed her gratitude for all the work he has undertaken and this is much appreciated. The aim for last year and the following is to ensure that a variety of funds are applied for. This is to ensure the Parish is not in a position where changes in Local and Regional Government mean we are liable to charges that have not been planned for, in this unstable economic time. The aim, at no cost to residents of the Parish, is to continue to improve the facilities of Northorpe via the use of grants

4 Precept Report

A. Harrison explained what the precept was and how it was fixed. She shared with the meeting what the precept will be for the forthcoming year and how local people can influence how the precept is set. Any councilor can be approached or parishioners can attend the annual parish assembly.

A. Harrison asked if there were any questions, and none were raised.

5 Church Hall Report

As the last remaining public building in Northorpe it was agreed to maintain it and the local community were consulted. It now has new floors, curtains kitchen etc. Plans for various community projects will commence soon. This will include the diamond jubilee celebration, street party. Volunteers are required to make the events successful. The best kept village will be entered and to the councilors knowledge this has not been entered before. There is a budget for planters and improvements to the village. A range of new initiatives will be tested using the Hall, and at no cost to the Parish, including a rural cinema, youth club and indoor sports.

6 Playing Field

N Montgomery shared that just under £40,000 was secured from Community Spaces. New equipment has been installed. Local children and residents were consulted on what they would like. A fence in the park will be erected; also additional benches are now in the village including 3 on the street pavements. Additional signage is being erected and signage for the park.

Further funding is also being accessed. Once the park is complete there will be an official launch, hoping to be a grand affair. Funds will continue to be applied for and at no cost to the Parish. The park will self fund in order to meet costs such as insurance and grass cutting.

8. District Councilors report.

The Chairman explained that the councilors had been asked to provide a report and when these were received they would be placed on the parish website and the notice board.

7 Any Other Business

- Pavements -these are going to be done as they are in a poor state of repair. B. Dunk explained that she had corresponded with C. Darley and a letter has been received to inform the council the pavements will be repaired. There is an anticipated road closure, although the exact date has not been finalised.
- B Dunk shared that an approach had been made to have a path between the village of Scotton and Northorpe some time ago and she asked if highways could be contacted for it to be considered again.
- The lack of buses was raised as a concerns and the call connect bus is utilised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Assembly.