

NORTHORPE PARISH ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the meeting

Held on: 14th March 2011

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

Present: E Henson (Chairman), R Bohin, A Whitacker, S Ward, J. Little, B Pryor, F Mosey, B Dunk, P Eminson, N Montgomery, and L Marasco.

Minutes: A Harrison

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Assembly held on 15th March 2010

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

2 Matters Arising

- a) Speed Limit – to be dealt with in the chair persons report.
- b) The resignation of G Beaman had been received.
- c) R Bohin, clerk to the Parish council had resigned. April Harrison had been recruited to the post.

3 Chairperson's Report

E Henson shared her report and invited any comments. There was a question regarding the Playing Field. This is agenda item No. 6 where the chairman of the Playing Field committee will present his report.

4 Precept Report

R Bohin presented this report. She explained what the precept was and what had been included within it. This year there would be Parish and District Council elections. The Parish council would not have elections due to the cost involved. It would cost more than the £150 that had been allocated. Cost would be incurred if more than 7 people were to stand for election, however this was not anticipated. There will be at least 4 vacancies, with meetings taking place every other month.

R Bohin asked if there were any questions, and none were raised.

5 Church Hall Report

N Montgomery shared that a range of monies had been gained to fund new curtains, plastering, and painting. £5200 had also been gained to fit a new kitchen. This will much improve the condition of the building and ease renting of the building. Estimates and quotes are awaited.

The chairperson thanked N Montgomery for undertaking this work and taking on the responsibility.

6 Playing Field

N Montgomery shared that in the last year an Award for All grant had been received. £50,000 had also been set aside from Community spaces. Quotes had been received and within the next 10 weeks further information was anticipated. The work was expected to be carried out over the summer. M Whittaker expressed a view that in his opinion the playing field had been spoilt. N Montgomery explained that a group had been set up due to local interest from the children in the village. The children had been involved in choosing the playing field equipment. An open meeting to gain local views had been held. The previous equipment had failed inspections and was no longer fit for purpose. The playing field also has new goal post and nets.

A comment was raised that the position of the climbing frame is close to a resident's house and there was a privacy issue. Checks had been made with WLDC prior to the climbing frames installation. Original plans however had seen it sited in a number of different places. E Henson suggested the residents concerned should attend the next Playing Field Committee meeting to assist in a resolution. B Dunk will let the residents know the date, time and venue of the next meeting.

£3000 had been set aside for the maintenance. The council pays for the grass cutting and the insurance.

E Henson explained that the grant money had not required matched funding, however funding is not likely to be available in the foreseeable future.

The committee had organized fund raising events which had been successful and supported by villagers.

7 Neighborhood Watch

N Montgomery had volunteered to run the Neighbourhood watch. He reported that new signs had been placed within the village as a deterrent. Interest within the village is required. Lead had been removed from the church roof and light and guttering had been damaged.

8. District Councillors report.

The Chairman read a report supplied by Councillor Parry. Council Underwood Frost had also provided a report, which would be circulated.

8 Any Other Business

a) Parish Council Elections

These are to be held on May 5th 2011.

b) Library Service

This will commence in April 2011. The village would now have a library van calling in the village on Thursdays between 11.15 and 11.45 on Monson Road

c) Diamond Jubilee and Royal Wedding

P Eminson raised the Diamond Jubilee and Royal Wedding for consideration. Could any celebrations been considered. It was agreed to place this item on the next meetings agenda.

d) Road Closure

Northorpe Level crossing will be closed on March 21st 2011 0500hrs to 1400hrs for essential maintenance work.

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The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Assembly.