

NORTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held in Scotton Village Hall on Thursday 27th March 2014 at 8.05 pm.

Present: Councillor Brenda Dunk
Councillor Paul Marasco
Councillor Neil Montgomery
Councillor Julie Ann Montgomery
Judith Bates (Acting Clerk)
Mrs Lynne Dunk

Also in attendance Mr Alan Dunk
Mrs Christine Watson

1/3/14 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lynne Marasco and reasons accepted

2/3/14 Councillor J Montgomery declared an interest in agenda item 5.

3/3/14 Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, proposed by Councillor N Montgomery and seconded by Councillor P Murasco and **RESOLVED** that these be signed as a true record.

4/3/14 **New Clerk/Training Courses**

The Chairman welcomed the new clerk, Mrs Lynne Dunk to her first meeting, the contract of employment was signed and training dates have already been set. To put on May agenda, clerk's current rate and salary.

5/3/14 **Planning – WLDC 131018 – Request for scoping for wind farm development**

Councillor Dunk and Murasco had attended a meeting organised by the developers RES at Corringham Village Hall on Tuesday 25th March. It was a meeting to outline the plans and gain views from members of local parish councils. In June there will be 3 days of presentations and further consultations, if all goes to plan then the formal application will go in September 2014, a decision by Spring 2015 and if passed construction to begin in 2016. All Councillors are concerned about this application and will attend the consultations when arranged.

6/3/14 **Village Hall**

As the Church made the decision in January that the Hall will be sold Councillor Montgomery suggested it would be a good idea to found out a timescale of when this is likely to happen, as learnt in the Parish Assembly the Parish Council have a 6 month window of opportunity for this, Councillor Murasco suggested a letter to be sent to the Church to see if they have a plan as yet for the date of the proposed sale, a letter worded in reply to the flyer distributed throughout the village outlining the intention to sell the property, we would like to indicate that the Parish Council on behalf of the village are expressing an interest to purchase. Clerk to deal with this.

7/3/14 **Funding applications – events committee**

Councillor Dunk proposed that an events committee be formed, perhaps a representative from the Parish Council along with a couple of parishioners to organise up and coming events for the year, and proposed to ask Mr and Mrs Chandler, and Councillor J Montgomery said she would also be happy to be involved. Councillor Dunk also proposed to purchase plants for the pots using funds from the playing field account, Councillor N Montgomery seconded both proposals with all in favour, it was **RESOLVED** to take this action.

8/3/14 Complaint – re Code of Conduct

A letter had been received from West Lindsey District Council informing Northorpe Parish Council that this matter has been dismissed, the matters raised are not covered by the code of conduct and no evidence to support any wrongdoing, an offer of guidance was also made to all Councillors, if they wished to accept.

9/3/14 Correspondence

General correspondence was read out and noted:-

Plunkett Foundation – Community Assets Fund - a letter re support for help with the village hall reference roof repairs and heating with a grant of up to £5000.00 should the PCC have agreed to lease the hall to the Parish Council.

Good Citizens Award

Came & Co – re Insurance renewal – to go on May agenda

NALC – notification for repeal of S.150 of LGA 1972

NALC – notification regarding the regulations of recordings at meetings

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership – Community speedwatch – chance to buy speed signs for the village, the reactive signs are in the region of £2,000 each, it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman would ask other Parishes if they would wish to share a sign to cut the costs, Judith to ask at Blyton meeting.

10/3/14 Removal of Northorpe Website

A letter sent to the acting clerk from Mr Booth expressing concern regarding this matter and felt it was great benefit to the village. Judith pointed out that as the clerk is only paid for one hour per week, along with all their other responsibilities it may not be possible to continue with this, there was no law expressing that the website could not be taken down, or indeed that the village has to have one. The new clerk suggested that it should keep going for a couple of months and see how things go with it, Councillors J Montgomery and Murasco felt that this is a decision for the clerk to make, it was **RESOLVED** to include this item on the May agenda for further discussion.

11/3/14 Bus Shelter Grant Scheme

There is a grant scheme in place with Lincolnshire county Council for bus shelters, after a short discussion it was **RESOLVED** not to pursue this for now.

12/3/14 Payments made and Outstanding

Proposed by Councillor Murasco and seconded by Councillor N Montgomery and so **RESOLVED** to make payments to the following:-

Judith Bates £39.20

LALC Subs £71.51

Mrs B Dunk (Stationery) £15.32

Payments will still be required to be made for the grass cutting and the final wage for the old clerk.

13/3/14 Parish Magazine Entries

It was suggested a small account of the meeting attended at Corringham re the wind farm to be included, and also to ask if anyone would be interested in joining the events committee.

14/3/14 Items for inclusion on next agenda

Cemetery Fees review

Clerk's salary, and a way to put some funding to one side to employ somebody to look after the verges and plants.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

SIGNED(Chairman) DATED.....