

NORTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting

Held on: Wednesday, 7th November 2012 7pm

At: The Schoolroom of the Village Hall, Manor Road, Northorpe

Present: Councillors: B. Dunk (Vice Chair) N. Montgomery (Chair Person)
J. Montgomery, P. Marasco and D. Challinor

Visitors: Community Action Officer WLDC Katherine Hear
Richard Usher: Blyton Park Driving Centre owner

Minutes: A Harrison (Parish Clerk)

Visitors:

KH is employed under the localism project. Her role is to find out more about the local community and get to know what the community requires. There are 6 areas and KH covers in the Trent area. KH has access to resources and can support the village. NM shared that we will be offering a rural cinema and a family day on a monthly basis. We should like to ensure we are appropriately CRB checked and hope KH can assist in knowing how this process works.

The council has concerns regarding dog fouling and unoccupied properties. Concern was expressed with people speeding thorough the village. KH suggested clubbing together with neighbouring villages to use a Speed Indicator Device (SID). KH had looked at funding for SID devises but there is nothing/ little available. NM asked if there were any other funds available particularly for the village hall. KH suggested the Heritage, Big Society, WREN, Santander Community Grant, Church Funding and CAV fund.

RU is the owner of the Blyton Park Driving Centre - An update was given on the current activities that Blyton Park Driving Centre provides, and the owner thanked the Council for the invite and the opportunity to attend the meeting. Feedback was requested on the Noise Management Policy circulated. One direct complaint had been received but not from any parishioners in Northorpe. A noise report was commissioned and compiled. Raffle prizes

were offered to support the local village e.g. use of track. A planning application is being processed to erect a semi permanent building.

Action: NM will send info to the local parish magazine relating to Blyton Park Driving Centre to allow residents to obtain further information should they wish.

1/11/12 Apologises:

None received however L Marasco was not in attendance and P Marasco offered them on her behalf

2/11/12 Declaration of interest

None

3/11/12 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.

4/11/12 Clerks report on items in the minutes

- Calendar of cuts for Garden Angels – there are 12 cuts per year and AH shared the dates with the first cut commencing in April and the last cut in September
- AH had received a quote for next years grass cutting a rise of 5% (reflected in the precept) and adhoc cuts of £17.00 per cut in the areas identified.
- AH had contacted Came and Company insurance who informed us that we would be insured for a handyperson, although we could also request they had their own insurance. She shared correspondence that she had received.

5/11/12 Village Champions Report – L Marasco

- PM has requested the roads are swept and BD has done this too after consulting with LM, BD had made several requests. There are

problems on Monson Road and the hedge is over grown another parish resident has complained.

Action: AH will write again to the resident to request they cut back the hedge

- A suggestion of a bus shelter in the centre of the village for the school children was made.

Action: NM will investigate this further, although it was done in 2010/11 and felt the look and feel of the proposed area would not look pleasing to the eye.

6/11/12 Playing Field Report – N Montgomery

No update all okay.

7/11/12 Planning

None received

8/11/12 Precept

AH the Parish Clerk presented the proposed precept for 2013/2014

The additional grants obtained and the playing field equipment installation, this has resulted in additional costs e.g. audit fees, grass cutting and insurances have all increased. As a result of this and other factors a proposed increase in the precept is required. The precept was agreed

The current insurance covers gates, fences and the playground equipment.

The signs should be insured for £1500 outside equipment, planters £800, fencing to remain the same and play equipment.

It was agreed that the increase in insurance and village hall rent would be paid this year from the Playing Field account, which was previously agreed in past meetings as sufficient funds were secured through a series of grants for this purpose.

9/11/12 Code of Conduct

Agreed to adopt WLDC and AH will send out the paperwork for councillors to complete and return to AH within the next week please. She will also inform WLDC of the Councillors decision.

10/11/12 Flooding – BD

BD has chased up the verge cutting, hedging and flooding on Monson Road at the junction.

FM a local resident made BD aware that a tomb stone had broken; as a result A. Grieves was contacted.

Also the dog fouling and dog roaming is an ongoing concern. BD had received a complaint as a car user nearly had an accident as a result of a roaming dog. BD had also spoken with Simon Smoothey to make him aware of the dog fouling issue and to seek his advice.

Action: WLDC to be contacted to make them aware of the issue. AH to write to Simon Smoothey – the purpose being to register and document the concern.

11/12/12 Handy Person Update – NM

Ongoing, however this has not been accounted for in the precept. There had been one person who had contacted the Council who was interested and BD also offered a name of a local person.

12/11/12 Awards for all Event

There is an event at the end of this month and NM wishes to attend the event in Leicester. It is hoped NM will be able to network and obtain further information on grants and to secure a range of grants for 2013. He requested £100 for him to attend to cover his expenses.

Action: This to be funded from the Playing Field account. Councillors were in agreement.

13/11/12 Correspondence

Community Lincs Best Kept Village

The marking sheet from the judges various rounds had been sent. The village had received a good score and some positive constructive comments were offered.

WLDC

Changes have been made to the green bin collection. A poster has been placed on the notice board. Suspension of the green bins will now not occur until 3Rd December and collections will resume 25th March 2013

LCC

LCC have provided information on the English National Travel Scheme. This relates to bus passes and residents are urged to renew their passes as soon as possible. A poster has been placed on the notice board.

WLDC

A notice of election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for the Lincolnshire Area had been received. Posters will be displayed prominently in the parish. A poster has been placed on the notice board.

Community Lincs

A request to display a new project on the notice board was made and agreed.

Came and Company

Parish Matters Edition received.

Clements Keys Audit

The audit has gone well with no additional questions asked at a cost of £342. A letter of confirmation had been received.

14/11/12 Payments made and outstanding

Paid in

Garden Angels £240.00

Clements Keys Audit £342.00

Rospa Playsafe £111.60
Garden Angels £120.00
MPLC £300.00
J Montgomery (sustainability grant) £274.69
J Montgomery (sustainability grant) £345.31
WLDC £30.00
J Montgomery (sustainability grant) £160.73
J Montgomery (Awards For all) £826.99
B Dunk £2.37
J Montgomery £522.30
J Montgomery £343.73
J Gardener £1000.00

Outstanding

J Montgomery £186.42
Village Hall Rent £180.00

Income

£8.54 Way Leave
Alcohol Sales from Playing Field Opening – PC account to be paid in by NM
Halloween Event – PC account to be paid in by NM
£400 Coop grant obtained by NM on behalf of the council.

15/11/12 Parish Magazine entries

- Flooding – to inform residents that highways have this in hand
- Blyton Car Track - NM
- Halloween party - JM
- Proposed future Christmas afternoon event to be arranged by AH and JM (and others if interested) - AH
- Volunteers required to help in the inclement weather. - AH
- To remind parishioners that snow shovels are available at the village hall. - AH

16/11/12 AOB – for discussion not decision

BD offered to enquire as to distributing salt to older people in the village.

The village hall is now alarmed and the electric have also been done.

BD suggested that a later time for the remembrance service may enable a greater number of parishioners to attend and she informed the meeting that she would enquire about this.

AH reminded councillors that they were able to include items for the agenda and then the chairperson approved before it was distributed. AOB can be used for discussion but not decisions.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date, time and venue of next meeting

Date: Jan 9th 2013 7pm

Venue: The Schoolroom of the Village Hall

Proposed dates for 2013

Jan 9th 2013

March 6th 2013

May 8th 2013

July 4th 2013

September 4th 2013

November 6th 2013