

NORTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in St John the Baptist Church on Wednesday 23rd November 2016

Present: Councillor Christine Watson (Chairman) (CW)
Councillor Dian Booth (Acting Clerk) (DB)
Councillor Robert Dickinson (RD)
Councillor Glenn Heward (GH)

The meeting was opened at 6.30pm. No members of the public were present.

1/11/16 **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Clare Heward sent her apologies. These were accepted by the Parish Council.

2/11/16 **Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were circulated to all Councillors. They were approved and signed. (Proposed by RD, seconded by GH and accepted).

3/11/16 **Declarations of Interest**

The following declarations were accepted:

RD item 12

DB item 10

CW item 8

4/11/16 **To note Correspondence received**

Parishioner regarding speeding through the village.

Parishioner regarding the position of Parish Clerk.

PP for barn conversion.

Various notices for Notice Board.

5/11/16 **To approve Parish Precept for 2017/2018**

All councillors had been provided with the budget prior to the meeting and it was agreed that the precept for the years 2017/2018 be set at a level of 2016/2017 precept minus 10% due to the savings that had been made. (Proposed by CW, seconded by RD and accepted).

6/11/16 **To approve change of bank account.**

Due to the closure of the Co-op Scunthorpe branch and the ongoing problems with the Co-op, it was agreed to change the bank account to one based in Gainsborough. (Proposed RD, seconded GH and accepted).

7/11/16 **To approve application for grant money for improvements to Play Park.**

It was agreed to submit a grant application for the following items:

- Self-closer for gate
- Short length of fencing near entrance
- Improvements to Park verge

(Proposed CW, seconded GH and accepted).

8/11/16 To approve work to be carried out to remove tree stump.

The clerk will obtain a quotation and provided it falls within the limit set within the Financial Regulations for a single quote, will authorise work to remove the tree stump. (Proposed RD, seconded GH and accepted).

9/11/16 To receive report on grass cutting previously carried out by LCC.

LCC will no longer be carrying out amenity cutting after March 2017 due to budget constraints. Only safety cuts will be carried out where necessary. The Parish Council will address this issue in the March 2017 meeting.

10/11/16 To approve continuing with the role of Acting Parish Clerk.

DB was asked and agreed to continue with the unpaid role of Acting Parish Clerk for the time being. (Proposed CW, seconded RD and agreed).

11/11/16 To approve purchase of Christmas Tree and lights.

Proposed DB, seconded GH and agreed.

12/11/16 To approve payment of rent to Church

This was rent due for 6 meetings during 2016. (Proposed GH, seconded CW and agreed).

13/11/16 To receive financial report and approve cheques.

The audit report for 2015/16 was received and the comments noted.

Cheque No.	Payee	Reason	Amount	Date
122	Playsafety Ltd	ROSPA inspect.	£113.40	07/09/16
123	Retford Memorials	Cleaning of War Memorial	£500.00	14/10/16
124	Scunthorpe Lawnmowers	Turf for play park	£355.00	24.10.16
125	ISS Facility Services	Resurfacing work in play park	£1518.60	03.11.16
126	Technix	Safety surfacing	£504.00	03/11/16
127	Northorpe PCC	Rent 2016	£60.00	23/11/16

(Proposed CW, seconded GH and agreed)

14/11/16 To confirm date of next meeting

The next meeting of Northorpe Parish Council will be at 6.30pm 8th March 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.