

NORTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting

Held on: Wednesday, 7th March 2012, 7pm

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

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

Minutes: A Harrison (Parish Clerk)

1/3/12 Apologises:

L W has sent her apologies, however these could not be accepted. N Montgomery will discuss her none attendance with her

2/3/12 Declaration of interest

None

3/3/12 Minutes of last meeting held on 11th Jan 2012

Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.

B Dunk and A Harrison will approach local people to see if they would like to have a jubilee celebration as there is concern that it may not be well attended. It was hoped that an item could be purchased for each persons home.

Action: AH and BD

As local parishioners were in attendance it was asked if there was any interest, which there was.

A beacon is hoped to be lit, along with a street celebration

4/3/12 Clerks report on items in the minutes

- Highways issues – Steve Wiles had replied to the email sent and given approval for the verge around the playing field to be improved
- Rospa had been contacted as requested to undertake the annual inspection

N Montgomery informed the meeting that a grit bin is to be purchased, and to be placed on the “sharp bend” in the centre of the village near to the park.

D. Challinor has contacted the road partnership and various surveys have been undertaken.

A local resident expressed concerns on the speed of the traffic that goes through the village

The vast majority of vehicles are speeding and there are some people going over 10 miles above the speed limit. A speed indicator device had been put down. Speed bump can not be introduced. A suggestion was made to move the 30 mile per hour speed sign. This should be discussed further highways would pay for half of the costs and this was a possibility.

5/3/12 Village Champions Report – L Marasco

L Marasco will chase up the village sign. An approach to place a plaque on one of the benches had been requested and this was agreed.

6/3/12 Playing Field Report – N Montgomery

This had been covered in the annual parish assembly

N Montgomery has applied for some grants and we will find out soon if these are successful. Councillor B Dunk raised the fencing around the playing field and netting, there was a concern about football.

The entrance to the playing field will be tarmaced and the earth removed before this occurs

Councillor B Dunk suggested a neighbour adjacent to the playing field be sent a letter requesting the boundary fence to the playing field not be removed, although there had been an additional fence also erected

Action: AH to word up a letter to the parishioner. For approval before sending

7/3/12 Planning Matters

These are now emailed to the Parish Clerk on a weekly basis for checking and distribution should an application refer to Northorpe. There had been none. Councillors were happy for the Parish Clerk to continue to vet these as they were distributed.

8/3/12 Risk Assessment

AH shared the up to date risk assessment and went thorough this. B Dunk raised that the equipment for the playing field is under guarantee. She also reported that someone had tried to make a small fire.

The issue of locking the field was again raised and the value of this, and how it could possibly work.

Additional mitigating actions were agreed. Councillors are happy with the risk assessment and the actions for 2012/2013. There are several actions as a result of the new risk assessment that are required.

Action: For councillors to note and action as necessary

9/3/12 Asset Register

The asset register requires updating and AH requested the assistance of Councillor N Montgomery to ensure the new register accurately reflected the new playing field equipment.

10/3/12 Speed Indicator device

Councillor D Challinor explained that a device had been in place in the village for six days. 141 out of the 162 vehicles had been exceeding the speed limit. Parts of the report were read out. As there had been no accidents, nothing would happen. Councillors discussed the report and the letters content in greater depth.

Action: Information from the report and letter would be placed in the Parish News to inform parishioners. DC

A speed indicator device could be considered permanently, but this would need to be funded and have an initial installation cost and some further maintenance. Some devices can be solar powered. Councillors Challinor is also pursuing having additional slow signs and moving the 30 mph signs. Potential costs could be £2100, however there are whole ranges with varying prices which can be purchased.

Action: DC and NM to obtain further information for the next Parish Council meeting.

The money had not been identified in the precept for 2012/2013, although it could be purchased by accessing further grants.

11/3/12 Review of cemetery charges

These are agreed annually and councillors agreed they should remain the same for the following year.

12/3/12 Correspondence

Blind Society – a letter had been received asking for a contribution. The council are not able to assist on this occasion.

Best Kept Village – the forms have now been sent out to local councils. It was agreed to enter at a cost of £12.

Action: JM and AH to complete the entry form and send off the entry

Councillor NM had been contacted by a local parishioner relating to the new benches that were to be placed in the village. NM met with the person and clarified where the bench would be placed. The parishioner also expressed their concern on the speed of the traffic which passed her property. Rumble strips were suggested and BD thought these may be useful in other areas of the road in the village

Action: DC will write a letter asking for rumble strips.

13/3/12 Payments made and outstanding

Payments made:

Parish Council

Grant spend £103.04

Playing Field

Room hire £500 – no VAT

Playing field work £400 – no VAT

Playdale equipment £29,449 – VAT £5,889.80

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Payments Outstanding:

Clerks wage £493.31 – no VAT

LALC subscription £69.90 - VAT £1.40

Stationery N Montgomery £85.31 - VAT

13b/3/12 Parish Magazine entries and Website

Jubilee Celebrations and other parish business - AH

Speed Device – DC

Best Kept Village – JM

Playing field - NM

14/3/12 AOB – for discussion

- Stationery for the Parish Council - NM suggested that some was purchased. There was money available due to a grant.

Action: JM will approach a local company in Scunthorpe regarding stationery purchases.

- BD had requested AH complete a grant application to repair the church wall. AH confirmed this had been completed and sent off. The decision will be made after April 1st 2012.
- BD requested assign in the village be repaired. This had occurred, however it had not been cleaned.

Action: BD will contact them again and request it is cleaned

- AH reported that a drain in the village had been blocked for some time. Although it had previously been cleaned it was still blocked

Action: LM will report this.

15/3/12 Date, time and venue of next meeting

Date: Wednesday 2nd May 2012

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Old School Room

