

## North Newington Parish Council – MN06/16

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at Bishop Carpenter School at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Jennings, M Davison, S Holford, P Espinasse

Clerk E Boswell

Apologies: G Doidge

Guests: None

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### 1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

These were agreed and signed.

### 2. Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Matters Arising

1. Request playground inspection – The PC resolved to instruct ROSPA to carry out the annual playground inspection, proposed DJ seconded PE all agreed
2. Review Clerk – The PC agreed that the Clerk had satisfactorily completed the six months probation period with no issues reported. The Clerk will be reviewed annually.
3. Community Enterprise Scheme – Current details of the scheme were discussed at length with the PC resolving to send a representative to the meeting, which is being held by Wroxton & Balscote PC on 13<sup>th</sup> June, to discuss with other parishes the practical issues with implementing such a scheme and whether there is sufficient interest from other parishes to proceed further. Proposed PE seconded SH all agreed

4. Open meeting – review of matters arising. The PC is pleased to report that there was a good attendance to this years meeting. Following presentations from the Chairman, the RFO and the VIG representative, there was some lively debate and discussions mainly surrounding the issues of vehicle activities in the village, in particular: -

- Speeding through the village and parking inconsiderately,
- Mounting pavements when trying to pass other road users
- Driving along The Pound past the point of vehicular access.

With regards to vehicles speeding and parking inconsiderately, particularly at school times, the PC has resolved to liaise with the Rural Neighbourhood Police Team, firstly to arrange and organise a speed survey and secondly to ask them to visit the village at school pick up time giving them the opportunity to speak to and advise any individuals who are found to be parking inconsiderately or hazardously, proposed DJ seconded SH all agreed.

Following reports of vehicles mounting the pavement outside Green Garden and Plumb cottages when passing other vehicles, the PC has sought advice from Highways. A representative from Highways met with the Clerk and inspected the area concerned. Highways noted that the vehicles parked opposite Green Garden and Plumb Cottages were in fact making the road narrower and suggested residents parked elsewhere as this would alleviate the problem of the narrowing of the road which in turn would reduce the likelihood of vehicles needing to drive on the pavement to pass. The Clerk asked if it were possible for Highways to erect a post on the pavement to prevent vehicles being able to mount it, the response was that Highways would not erect a post into the pavement or allow the PC to do so. The PC would urge all residents and visitors to park sensibly and safely and to be considerate of other residents and road users. 'Parking Notices' are available from the Clerk and these can be placed on the windscreen of repeat offenders.

It was reported at the meeting that a vehicle has been seen driving over the Pound footpath past the point of vehicular access. The PC has previously sought advice from CDC regarding this issue, unfortunately the PC has no powers regarding this other than to erect the 'No Vehicular Access' signs, which the PC has done and note are still in situ, CDC suggest concerned individuals should contact the relevant authorities.

- Also, the PC was asked to consider installing a Defibrillator in the village. The PC resolved to explore this further. Proposed DJ seconded PE all agreed
- The PC was asked if the Village Table Tennis Club came under it's insurance, the Clerk will check and report back.

#### **4. Planning Permission**

- 16/00685/F – Erection of three storey detached dwelling in part of the garden land adjacent to Pear Tree Cottage Main Street North Newington – Application withdrawn
- 16/00879/F – Alterations and erection of two storey side extension to – Chapel Cottage, Main Street North Newington - The PC would like to make the following comment: - that the materials used for the alterations and erection of side extension should match and be in keeping with those of the existing dwelling.

#### **5. Finance**

1. Review of Income and Expenditure - The monthly accounts were reviewed by the Financial Officer at this meeting. They were found to be a correct and accurate account. Proposed PE seconded DJ.
2. Bill payments
  - Chq: 300063 £120.00 Grass cutting April
  - Chq: 300064 £765.59 Insurance renewal
  - Chq: 300065 £78.00 June Course Fee
  - Chq: 300066 £446.69 Clerk salary and expenses
  - Chq: 300067 £120.00 Grass cutting May
  - Chq: 100700 £3110.59 Inter-company transfer from Barclays

**6. Children's Playground** - There were no problems to report, DJ to continue with the diary and to continue to check salt levels when necessary.

#### **7. Clerks Business**

1. Internal Audit – The internal audit has been completed and the Exercise of public rights has been published.
2. Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration fund – The PC has received a £250.00 grant from CDC to use for the hire of equipment at the Queens Tea Party on 12<sup>th</sup> June.
3. Park lane post – Letter has now been sent to Park Lane resident detailing cost of replacement post.
4. Salt Bin – The Clerk has now made contact with the landowner who is happy for CDC to collect the salt. The Clerk has instructed CDC to liaise with the landowner to arrange this. CDC will collect the salt and re-distribute to us in 25kg bags.
5. Park Lane pothole – Highways have been to inspect and have raised a request for it to be filled, the Clerk to check if the works have been carried out.
6. The Jitty blocked drain – Highways have been to inspect and have raised a request for it to be cleared, The Clerk to check the works have been carried out.

#### **8. Village Improvement Group**

- SH reported to the Council that the village tubs have now all been planted with summer bedding plants. The plans for the 'Tea Party' for the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations are due to be finalised at their meeting this evening. Also Plans for the summer fete, to be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>, are well under way.

#### **9. Any other matters for discussion**

1. The PC has received an email from a Governor of Bishop Carpenter School. The School are proposing to increase their storage capacity and are requesting support to fund the project, The PC will invite the Governor to the next meeting to put forward details of the project, this should include what types of storage they are looking at, total costs, timings, and what other forms of fundraising they have in place. Once they have detailed information the PC will be able to consider the request.
2. The PC has received an email from a resident asking if the PC or VIG could look at compiling a list of villagers who would be prepared to take on small maintenance/repair jobs around the village, such as drain clearing & hedge trimming. The Clerk has responded informing them that the PC is currently looking into the possibility of such a community scheme.
3. Village 'Spring Clean' – The Chairman noted that this year more villagers helped with the clean up and would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to help out.

