

North Newington Parish Council – MN06/17

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 6th June 2017 at Bishop Carpenter School at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair D Jennings, Cllrs M Davison, P Espinasse, G Doidge and S Holford
Clerk E Boswell

Apologies: None

Guests: None

1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

These were agreed and signed

2. Declaration of Interest – There were no declarations of interest

3. Matters Arising

1. Request playground inspection – ROSPA to carry out the annual inspection, which will be completed in July. Proposed DJ seconded SH all agreed

4. Planning Permission

- 17/00144/TCA - T1 X Judas – Crown reduce by 25%, remove main branch overlying public footpath, apply brace to side branch. – Gable End, Park Lane North Newington – The PC has no comments or observations regarding this application
- 17/01050/F – Extension to existing property, including lifting of eaves line and ridge (increased pitch). Replace existing concrete plain tile with natural slate – Barnstones, Park Lane, North Newington – The PC wish to make the following observations: - The PC believes that the increased pitch proposed in the application may have a detrimental visual affect on Park Farm Land, which lies behind the property. Park Farm Land is in the conservation area of the village and has recently been added to the ‘Heritage Assets’ list and therefore merits consideration in planning matters with Cherwell District Council. The North–East and North–West elevations are visible from Grafton House, which is a grade 2 listed building and should therefore also be taken into account. The PC would like to see adequate off road vehicular parking provided for in the plans for this proposed five-bedroom property.
- 17/01043/CLUE – Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use for residential curtilage relating to site marked in red (Parcel A) – Saddles Cottage, Main Street, North Newington - The PC has no comments or observations regarding this application

5. Finance

1. Review of Income and Expenditure - The monthly accounts were reviewed by the Responsible Finance Officer at this meeting, they were found to be a correct and accurate account. Proposed PE seconded DJ.
 2. Audit – The internal audit has been completed and the annual return will now be sent to the external auditor.
- **Bill payments**
 - Chq: 300089 – £486.40 Mrs E Boswell – Clerks salary & expenses
 - Chq: 300090 – £258.00 Mr N R Prickett – April/May grass cutting

6. Children’s Playground – No problems to report. Cllr Holford reported that she had been approached by a resident asking if the PC would supply nets for the goal posts on the field, the resident to obtain costings and once received the PC will consider the request.

7. Clerks Business

- Review of open meeting – There was a reasonable attendance from residents. The Chairman presented an overview of the Councils roles & responsibilities whilst the RFO presented the financial statement for the year ending 2016. There followed a demonstration from Community Heartbeat for a community defibrillator, which received very positive feedback from residents. The PC will write to Bishop Carpenter School to confirm their interest in a ‘joint venture’ with the PC in order to provide a defibrillator for the community and the school. A resident has requested permission from the PC to plant a memorial tree where the telephone kiosk is currently situated on Shutford Road. In principle the PC has no objection, once the telephone kiosk has been removed by BT following its de-commission and subject to appropriate governance. There were some refreshments leftover from the open meeting which the PC resolved to donate to the VIG for use at the fete. Proposed SH seconded MD all agreed.
- Cover for Clerk for upcoming meetings – They Clerk may be unable to physically attend some upcoming meetings. After some discussion the PC resolved that this would be covered by either using a telephone conference method or by arrangement of appointing a deputy, it was suggested that Mrs Jess Brown would be a suitable deputy as she has Parish Council clerk experience. Proposed DJ seconded MD all agreed. Should a deputy be required they would be reimbursed at the current Clerks rate. Proposed PE seconded SH all agreed.
- Village bench – DJ reported that the bench on the Shutford Rd is ‘sound’ however, it needs a good clean/rub down with a wire brush and re-oiling, the concrete it stands on is also needs cleaning. After a discussion the PC resolved to supply the materials to restore the bench and to organise a working party to do so. Proposed SH seconded GD all agreed.
- Speed watch syndicate – The PC has been approached by Hornton PC asking if it would be interested in being part of a Speed Watch Syndicate it is proposing to set up along with other local villages. The PC requested further information such as cost of purchasing the equipment and effectiveness once received it would then consider the proposal.

8. **Village Improvement Group** - The VIG met on 23rd May. The flowers for the village tubs have been bought and all tubs now replanted. The Village ‘Get Together’ will be held on 11th June from 3-5pm at the school, marquees will be erected, vintage crockery will be hired and tea, scones and other savoury nibbles will be provided. The Fete will be on 15th July from 2-4pm followed by a ‘Hog Roast’ for all villagers, preparations are well under way. The theme this year will be Wimbledon & the Grand Prix, it has been advertised in the June edition of the Village Gossip and it was agreed that additional flyers would be printed and delivered at end of June beginning of July. Harfest will be on 10th September this year, it has been advertised in the June edition of the Gossip and will appear again in the August edition.

9. Any other matters for discussion

- There were no other matters for discussion
- The next meeting will be on 4th July

The meeting closed at 8.40pm