



**NAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
**Napton village hall 7.30pm**

1. **Present:** Napton Parish Councillors, Linda Gooderham, John Veasey, Richard Woodcock, Jackie Alsop. Parish Clerk, Jayne Warman. Cllr Chris Williams & Cllr John Appleton
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Gordon Clarke
3. **Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** None
4. **Comments and Questions from the Public:**

There was a complaint about the quality of grass cutting and verge maintenance in particular at the top of Butt Hill outside the Vicarage from the driveway down the hill. The hedge in this location (which is very overgrown) forms the boundary of land owned by Tony Line. Clerk to contact and ask for the hedge to be cut back and to contact Mr Mann and ask him to trim alongside the footpath.

Malcolm Thomas reported that scheduled maintenance work was due on the war memorial and the benches at the observer post. Requests for payment from WMWP with therefore be coming forward in the next few months. Cllr Gooderham thanked the group for the excellent work they do in keeping the memorials in such good condition.
5. **Minutes of the meetings of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

These were approved and signed by Cllr Veasey
6. **Report from County Councillor John Appleton**

Cllr Appleton reported on the progress made towards the establishment of a West Midlands combined authority. Warwickshire has land and is a strongly performing authority in financial terms. The County has therefore been wary of joining the combined authority but as other Borough & District Councils signed up they felt they had no choice.

**Report from District Councillor Chris Williams (joined the meeting at 8.15pm)**

The government has indicated that they will be terminating the Revenue Support Grant. This will have an impact on SDC's ability to deliver the current range of services.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016, the Core Strategy will hopefully be approved. The document allows for some 15,500 new houses to be built over the next fifteen years which will include significant settlements at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath and Long Marston. As soon as this document is ratified any future development within the district will only be supported by the Planning

Department if it is already earmarked within the Core Strategy.

## **7. Planning applications and decisions**

**Applications – none**

**Decisions**

**Proposed: Ref16/01382/FUL**

**Location: 25, Hillside Croft**

**Decision: Approved**

Cllr Gooderham explained that in addition to the application by County Waste (Brickyard Road) 2 further applications have been received all 3 will be discussed at the planning meeting on 11th July

## **8. Granton Playing fields lease**

Awaiting date for meeting with school representatives.

## **9. Progress on the recruitment of a new Councillor**

Clerk reported that she had been in touch with the returning officer from SDC and had been notified that the Parish Council should now proceed with the co-option of a replacement for Bernard Alsop. Further promotion of the vacancy to be undertaken.

## **10. Monthly action log – update on key issues:** copies of the log were made available to all in attendance. Updates included the following: -

- Work on the defibrillators continues but the sticking point seems to be establishing whether the machines are still fit for purpose. A parishioner stated that 2 of the machines are relatively new and once re charged should be fine. The 3<sup>rd</sup> will function but is not suitable for a “cabinet” type situation.
- The updating of the Emergency Plan is all but complete. A letter about the vulnerable people list will be appearing in next month’s magazine. The equipment (sand bags etc.) will be checked and updated as necessary.
- The installation of posts to prevent parking on village greens should begin as soon as is feasible on the War memorable green and opposite the Post Office. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Clarke to place order for initial purchase of 30. WCC have agreed to install these FOC. NB the position of the posts on WM green need to take account of access requirements.
- Western Power still have some work to do connecting properties and new street lights to the mains along School Hill. This will require a further road closure.
- Orbit are keen to undertake the demolition works associated with the Dog Lane/ St Lawrence Close development during the school holidays. NPC is supportive of this approach and have written to WCC to reiterate the importance of this issue. Clerk confirmed that the school would be invited to any meetings with Orbit.

## **11. Sports field**

Clerk reported that the tennis club has received 3 quotes for the refurbishment of the tennis courts. All 3 contractors are members of SAPCA

(Sports and Play Contractors Association).

Company	Price exc VAT
Fosse Contractors	£21,240
Charles Lawrence	£17,225
Spade Oak	£22,653

Cllr Woodcock proposed that the contract be awarded to Charles Lawrence. Seconded by Cllr Veasey. All in favour. NSA have had sight of the quotes and also agreed that Charles Lawrence were the best option.

Cllr Gooderham read out a report from the NSA. This was duly noted.

**12. Highways issues:** Cllr Clarke continues to liaise regularly with Patch Byrne from WCC. It was pointed out that there are pot holes on Butt Hill and Howcombe Lane that need filling.

**13. Correspondence:** The Clerk has received an email about parking on Pillory Green. It was confirmed that the Parish Council does not have the power to grant permission to park on a village green and that it is very difficult to grant permission to park on an easement (should that be deemed desirable). There are a number of complex issues associated with the problem and it was agreed that Cllr Veasey and the Clerk should undertake research to clarify the current position before any further action is taken.

**14. Finance:** Cllr Gooderham reported the monthly position and listed the payments which required authorisation (as per appendix 2). It was reported that a detailed review of income and expenditure against budget would be undertaken at the Oct meeting in preparation for the precept setting process.

#### **15. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings**

5th September  
3rd October

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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