



## **NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Meeting of Napton Parish Council Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 7.30 pm Minutes**

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Gooderham & Cllr Chris Williams
- 2. Minutes of meetings of 5<sup>th</sup> December:** These were agreed as a true record and duly signed.
- 3. Comments and Questions from the Public:**
  - A parishioner reported that the bridge between the Folly and Southam had still not been repaired despite frequent calls to Rights of Way. Also the land owner has ploughed up the footpath and not reinstated it. Cllr Clarke to speak to WCC ROW.
  - It was reported that there have been several sightings of a white van driving at dangerously high speed along the Brickyard Road early in the mornings. Clerk to write to Southam Local Police Team alerting them to the fact.
  - Malcolm Thomas reported that the WMWP had received information from the Clerk regarding plans for the commemoration of the end of WWI in Nov 2018. The group will investigate and report back to the Council in due course.
  - He also explained that there is no template for the contents of the Emergency Plan box and that each box should be bespoke. It would be possible to organise a public training session on “disaster management” should there be enough interest.
  - The Council was asked for an update on the School Hill road closures planned by EON. The Clerk reported that she was in touch with the manager and that 4 separate closures were needed which was proving difficult to co-ordinate.
- 4. Reports from District and County Councillors:** Cllr Appleton reported that WCC are planning to object to the proposed admissions policy for the emerging Stowe Valley Academy in Southam. It was agreed that NPC would do the same.

Cllr Appleton also reported that WCC have started legal proceedings in relation to County Waste operating outside of their designated hours and for sorting waste outside. It was noted that some progress had been made as the problem of mud on the road has improved and a tall mesh fence has been erected which is catching some of the rubbish. It was emphasised that both WCC and EA are still monitoring the situation and collecting evidence. The public are encouraged to

report any concerns to the hotline **0800 80 70 60** or to email:  
[Incident\\_Communication\\_Service@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Incident_Communication_Service@environment-agency.gov.uk)

Cllr Veasey read out a report from Cllr Williams (copy attached as appendix 1)

## **5. Planning applications**

Ref 16/02318/FUL – **notice of appeal**

**Appeal by:** Mr Ron O'Reilly

**Site at:** Napton Bridge Inn , Southam Road, Napton-On-The-Hill, CV47 8NQ

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing public house and erection of 5 dwellings and a garage block with all associated works together with the creation of a footpath link along A425 (re-submission of 15/03245/FUL).

**NPC response:** It was agreed that the original detailed response sent by NPC covered all of the necessary issues and that other than reiterating these no further action was needed.

**Ref:16/03840/FUL**

**Proposed:** Change of use of land to west of cottage from agricultural to domestic (retrospective element of proposal). Erection of two storey side extension and porch.

**At:** Viewlands, High Street, Napton-On-The-Hill, CV47 8LZ

**For:** Mr & Mrs Day.

**NPC comments:** There was concern over the size of the development in relation to the original property. The comments raised on the SDC web site in relation to access and drainage were also considered important.

**NPC decision:** Cllr Clarke proposed that the application be supported. This was seconded by Cllr Alsop. The vote was 3:2 in favour.

**Ref: 16/04021/TEL56** (Cllrs Alsop and Veasey declared an interest. As this was **non-pecuniary** they were still able to take part in the discussion and vote)

**Proposed:** Installation of 17.5m monopole to support 3no. antennas and 3no. cabinets at ground level and ancillary development thereto.

**At:** Land At Manor Farm, Napton-on-the-Hill, ,

**For:** Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd

**NPC comments:** The Clerk reported that she had asked the applicant whether a different design (lattice) might be more suitable than a mono pole but had been told that the height was critical to ensure maximum coverage and any other design would not be as effective. The pole will be painted olive/brown with the very top white in an attempt to blend in with the sky line.

**NPC decision:** Cllr Woodcock proposed that the application be supported. Seconded by Cllr Alsop. All in favour

**Reference: 16/04061/AGNOT**

**Proposed:** Steel portal frame agricultural storage building

**At:** Hillanhi Farm , Brickyard Road, Napton-On-The-Hill, CV47 8NT

**For:** S & H Steel Frames.

**NPC comments:** Concern was expressed that there was insufficient evidence of need in relation to agricultural activities. Anecdotal evidence suggests that current agricultural activity is limited to the keeping of a small number of pigs. In 2013 the agricultural tie on the property was removed to allow for the extension of the

existing farm house. This required a signed affidavit stating that there had been no agricultural activity on the site for some time.

The plans state that the building is a “machinery and fodder store” which does not seem consistent with the application.

**6. Finance issues:**

- a. The Clerk reported that she had received a note setting out the likely level of Council Tax Reduction Grant from SDC. In December Council agreed a precept figure of £34,840. It was agreed to reduce this by the amount of the anticipated grant from Stratford i.e. £680. Giving a revised figure of £34168.
- b. Representatives of St Lawrence Church attended the meeting and explained that several structural issues had been highlighted at the last Quinquennial Inspection. The PCC are seeking funding for works to the fabric of the building but are requesting support for repairs to the boundary wall in the Church yard. Councillors agreed in principle to provide some funding towards the project but the exact amount is to be determined at the next meeting when alternative quotes will have been considered.
- c. Payments listed in the schedule were approved.
- d. The Clerk reported that a request for funding had been received from Citizens Advice Bureau. There was a debate about funding requests in general and it was agreed that a policy needs to be formulated. Any decision on this request will therefore be deferred until a policy has been ratified.
- e. The Clerk reported that she had received advice about we should be dealing with the funds held on behalf of Nosh & Natter and Neighbourhood Watch. Whilst these funds are held within NPC’s bank account they must be recorded as “ear marked reserves “in the Council’s annual audit return. The Clerk reiterated that NPC may not reclaim VAT be on any expenditure relating to these groups. These rules do not apply to WMWP as it is a sub group pf the Parish Council.

**7. Southam College admissions policy:** it as agreed to hold a joint meeting with Governors on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan at 2.30pm to alert people (particularly those who do not currently have a direct connection with the School) of the implications and potential long term impact on the village.

**8. Action log:** to report on progress on key items: -

- a. Pillory Green Parking and Garages: Cllr Veasey reported that he and the Clerk had a very useful meeting with the owners of Jasmine Cottage just before Christmas and were meeting the Council’s solicitors on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan to prepare the documentation to allow the removal of the garages and the reinstatement of the area to open space. Cllr Woodcock expressed disappointment that people who previously parked on Pillory Green now seem to be parking on the verge opposite which is churning up the grass. The Clerk was asked to draft a letter to the Christadelphians expressing the Council’s concern.

- b. Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Veasey reminded those present about the taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7.20pm in the village hall.

**9. Councillor's items:**

Cllr Alsop confirmed that the Council is complying with the new regulations on work place pensions which go live on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2017.

Cllr Alsop also reminded the meeting that the annual playground inspection is due next month and suggested that the same company as last year be commissioned to undertake the work. This was agreed.

**10. Dates of future meetings**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> February

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April