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**Minutes for the Meeting of Napton Parish Council
11th May 2015**

Present:

Chair: Linda Gooderham

Vice-Chair: John Veasey

Public: 7

Councillor: Gordon Clarke

Clerk: Gill Bailey

District Cllr: Chris Williams
(arrived at 8.15 pm)

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1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr Appleton.

2 Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests –

Councillors are minded that they must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person or act to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their families, a friend or close associate

To Receive any written Requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Dispensations.

3 Comments and Questions from the Public:

- Mr Malcolm Thomas, representative of the war Memorial Working Party requested NPC to look at the insurances on behalf of the WMWP to ensure that they were adequately covered.
- Mr Frank Allen reported that the Allotments had been strimmed recently and had caused some damage.
- Mr Graham Smith asked about the status of the NPC web site. The Clerk responded and said that it was now up and running. Mr Smith also asked about the stables in the fields on the road up to the Church.

4 To approve & sign the Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 30th March & Planning & Ordinary Meetings of 13th April & the Planning Meeting of 20th April 2015.

The Minutes of the above PC Meetings, having been read, were approved and it was unanimously agreed by Councillor's who attended the meetings that they were a true record and may be signed as such by the Chair.

5 Reports from District Councillor and County Councillor

Cllr Williams introduced himself as the new Conservative District Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Ward and that he had been elected for the next four years.

- Conservatives - 31 seats, Liberal Democrats - 3 seats, Labour - 1 seat and the Independent Party - 1 seat at SDC.
- The total number of Cllr's at SDC had been reduced from 53 to 36 seats.
- There was a 75.2% turnout for the Election.
- The thrust of the new administration will be finalising the new Core Strategy.
- The Government Inspector published his interim Report in March and confirmed he was content with 70% of the proposals. Consideration should be given to the Wellesbourne Airfield application for 1,500 new dwellings and an application for the Dallas Burston Polo Ground in Southam.
- Consideration should also be given to the Housing allocation which was insufficient.
- The Core Strategy should be finalised in Autumn.

Cllr Gooderham said that NPC had concerns regarding the overdevelopment of Napton, particularly in view of the potential development of the Brickyard Site. This would bring the total number of new dwellings in

Napton to over 100 if all the developments were successful. It was agreed that there should be organic growth which was phased in gradually over the 15 year period and not create all the new homes at once.

6 Highways/General Issues affecting the Parish:

1. Clerk to report on any issues which are affecting the Parish
The Clerk reported that she had met with a representative from Highways and the following had been agreed:
 - Defects raised for signs at Folly Lane
 - New Street has been jetted – roots in system and defect raised
 - Footpath to Church will be weed sprayed – trying for an overlay
 - Road to Church – defect raised for infill of potholes. May consider re-surfacing.
 - Grove Path - actioned by Highways .
 - No action on Hackwell Bank as no vehicular access or right of way.
 - The hedge on the corner of The Butts will be cut back as necessary.
 - The drain cover at The Crown STW responsibility.
2. To discuss a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Napton – Update
The Clerk reported that NPC could submit a supplementary planning document as an addendum to the Parish Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk contact parishioners who would be interested in being involved with this project.
3. To consider the erosion of the verges in New Street and Hackwell Bank – Update
It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that 10 wooden posts be purchased by Cllr Clarke and Highways notified so that they could install them.
4. To discuss the replacement of the pole bracket & lantern of the street light at the junction of Hillside and 2 Butt Hill
The Clerk reported that she had received additional information and it was not possible to have a decorative light on the above pole. It was agreed that the Clerk request if there was any alternative to the two lanterns that had been suggested by E.On, which were not acceptable.

7 Sports Field:

1. To discuss the status of the Pavilion and other matters relating to NSA
It was agreed to defer this item to the following month.

8 Correspondence: To note correspondence listed in the log
Cllr Gooderham advised that the Correspondence Log was available for inspection.

9 Monthly Financial Report – See Appendix

1. To approve the accounts
Councillors unanimously approved receipts and payments as stated in Appendix 1.
2. To discuss purchase of extra burial space from Severn Trent Water – Update
Cllr Gooderham reported that NPC had met with members of the PCC and it had been agreed that the PCC would request the Diocese to contribute to the funding for the extra burial space which would be required in the future.
3. To discuss Napton First Responders – update
It was agreed that further information to clarify the need for training was required and the Clerk would report back to Council when this was available.

10 Councillors Items

Cllr Gooderham reported :

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- The entrance to County Waste was full of rubbish – it was agreed that the Clerk contact SDC and request that this is removed.
- The surface of the tarmac path from Chapel Lane to School Hill needs attention – the Clerk to contact Highways and request that they kerb the corner to protect the verge.
- Cllr Gooderham reported that as there were now only 3 Members of NPC, NPC would need to Co-Opt a further three. Several Parishioners had expressed an interest in becoming Cllr, however, NPC had to follow a legal process and Notice of the Vacancies would be advertised.

Cllr Veasey reported :

- Grove Path – requirement for the overgrown hedges on the right hand side to be cut back – NPC discussed and Clerk to contact owner of property on the right hand side of Grove Path with overgrown hedge -suggest that NPC cut it back for them.

11 Matters Arising

1. To discuss progress at the Allotments & the provision of fencing alongside Mill Road
Cllr Clarke reported that NPC had received a letter from a Parishioner complaining that some netting had been damaged as the grass mowing contractors had been strimming the allotments. It was agreed that Cllr Clarke look at the damage and the Clerk would report the incident to the Contractors. It was agreed that no further action be taken regarding the fencing along Mill Road.

12 Playing Field

1. To discuss the requirement for two Cllr's to sit on the Playing Field Committee
 - Cllr Gooderham reported that there were two existing members of the Playing Field Committee and as a result they were having difficulty in covering the Safety Checks.
 - It had been agreed that SLSA organise a weekly rota to cover the safety checks.
 - Parents of older children would be asked if they would carry out the safety checks in the Skateboard Park.
 - It was reported that access to the football field at the rear of the Playing Field had been denied as it might incur damage. It was agreed that the Clerk request a copy of the lease from the NPC Solicitor to clarify the position.

13 Status of the NPC Web Site

The Clerk reported that the NPC web site was now live and up and running. The Clerk was requested to send a hyperlink for the new web site to Parishioners on the NPC Contact List.

14 Business considered Urgent by the Chairman

There was no urgent business.

15 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

30th May 2015 - Annual Parish Assembly Meeting
1st June 2015 – Parish Council Ordinary Meeting

Financial Statement

To note and approve Receipts:

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SDC – Half Yearly Precept Payment

£16,889.00

To note and approve payments

Excl. VAT

E.On – Street Light Electricity – March -	£273.77	£217.37
WALC – Annual Subscription -	£320.00	£320.00
The Good Book-Keeping Service – Payroll (Jan-March)	£ 30.00	£ 30.00
E.On – Street Light Electricity – April -	£142.26	£118.55
Southam Office Supplies – Printing & Stationery -	£ 75.66	£ 63.05
G A Bailey – Clerks Salary -	£971.04	£971.04
Napton Village Hall – Hire of Committee Rooms -	£ 70.00	£ 70.00
WALC – Annual Subscription – Add Fee Request -	£ 42.00	£ 42.00
Southam Office Supplies – Printer Cartridge -	£ 25.79	£ 21.49
Napton P.C.C. – Annual Donation towards Maint. Of C/Yard -	£650.00	£650.00
Plus.Net.Com - Broadband Internet & Telephone Services – May 2015	£ 40.04	£ 33.37

Bank Balance & Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2015 **Balance: £4,856.48**

Bank Balance & Bank Reconciliation as at 30th April 2015 **Balance: 17,184.92**