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Minutes for the Meeting of Napton Parish Council 1st December 2014

Present:

Chair: Linda Gooderham
Councillor: Frank Allen
Councillor: Paul Bayley
Clerk: Gill Bailey

Vice- Chair: John Veasey
Councillor: Alison Watson
Councillor: Gordon Clarke
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1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Steve Kittendorf and Cllr John Appleton.

2 Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests –

There were no Declarations of interest received.

3 Comments and Questions from the Public:

- Mr Graham Smith mentioned that the dog bins in the Village had not been emptied for a considerable length of time and were overflowing. The Clerk responded by saying that she would report this to SDC. Mr Smith went on to say that the new Neighbourhood Watch Relay system was in the process of being overhauled and you needed to re-register for emails etc. Mr Smith also confirmed that a contact emergency disk would be distributed to Parishioners with the NHW Christmas Newsletter.
- Mr Malcolm Thomas advised that the War Memorial Working Party was in negotiation with an adjacent landowner to where the Visitor Information Panel had been installed at the Observer Post, regarding whether the hedge could be laid again so that the visibility towards Coventry could be improved. He went on to say that there is a small crack in the Obelisk and the WMWP had been in contact with a Stone Mason regarding affecting a repair.

4 To approve & sign the Minutes of the Planning & Ordinary Meetings of 3rd November 2014.

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 Kittendorf and County Councillor Appleton

Cllr Kittendorf and Cllr Appleton were not present and no reports had been received.

6 Highways/General Issues affecting the Parish:

1. Clerk to report on any issues which are affecting the Parish
 - The Clerk confirmed that the Community Payback Team had edged the footways and footpaths around Pillory Green and Howcombe Lane.
 - The Clerk advised that she had reported that 30 mph flashing sign was not working again on A425.
2. To discuss a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Napton – Update
 - The Clerk reported that she had met with the Clerk at Bishops Itchington/Harbury. She went on to say that it seemed to be quite an onerous task and should be led by the community not the Parish Council, although two Cllrs should be on steering group. She said that funding of £23m had been identified for all of the UK but it may run out during the 2015/2016 financial year as it has done this year. She went on to say that five Parishioners had shown interest and that was not really enough.
 - As sites had already been earmarked for development in Napton which go beyond those identified in Core Strategy, she questioned where else can developers build in the Village which would be sustainable ?
 - She said that as it takes at least two years to construct a NDP, Napton would be way over their quota if Godsons Lane/Fells Lane goes ahead with 29 new dwellings and at the back of the Police House, a further 30 and with Priors Marston Road,

which is 20, this would bring the total to at least 79 without taking the proposed development of live/work units at the Brickyard into consideration.

- The Clerk said her recommendation would be to leave the NDP until after the May 2015 Elections and a new council would then be more interested in taking the project forward and the outcome of the Godsons Lane/Fells Lane Appeal would be known. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk contact Pete Gladwin to ascertain whether he would like to Chair a Steering Group to take the project forward.
3. To discuss Child Safety Survey and take any actions forward
- The Clerk confirmed that she and members of NPC had met with Carolyn Burrows, Traffic Safety Engineer, WCC on site and that she had not received any further communication to date. She went on to say that she expected to receive an email with suggestions, although Ms Burrows had stated that the Village was informally carrying out many traffic calming measures.

7 Sports Field:

1. To discuss the status of the Pavilion and other matters relating to NSA
- The Clerk reported that she had been trying to gain as much information as possible regarding the status of the Pavilion and creating a Lease and protecting the Sports Field in perpetuity for the benefit of the Village. She questioned what would happen in the future if all sports groups/NSA disband and the land became unmanageable, would NPC's hands be tied if the land should ever be needed for an alternative purpose in future years? The Clerk said that her recommendation would be to meet with Peter Rollason, NPC's Solicitor to discuss this matter further. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk go ahead and arrange for a meeting.

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 – Update
The Clerk reported that she had requested a meeting with the Agent for the Shuckburgh land and Sir James, together with the tenant and PCC members on 4th December at 11.00 am at the Church to ascertain how much land would be needed for burial space and an approximate cost. The Clerk was also requested to contact Severn Trent again.
3. To discuss Napton First Responders
Cllr Gooderham reported that NPC had received a communication from the First Responders advising that they were not able to carry on any more with Responding in the Village. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk contact the First Responders Co-Ordinator to ascertain whether a defibrillator in a box could be purchased and sited in the Village and ask what should happen to the existing defibrillator. It was also agreed for the Clerk to contact the Garage to find out whether they would be prepared to look after the oxygen tanks.
4. To discuss removal of trees and repair to wall by the Allotments
The Clerk confirmed that she had received a quote from a Contractor and he had estimated that it would cost £400 + VAT for the removal of the Ash Trees and that the landscaping/reinstatement of the wall to make a feature would be £650 + VAT. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that NPC accept this quotation and the Clerk instruct the works.

10 Councillors Items

Cllr Watson requested the Clerk to contact the owners of the Brickyard Site to find out if there was any progress with regards to the proposed development and to ask if they could close the gate to the site.

Cllr Watson also reported that the bin by the Burger Van in the Lay-By on the Southam Road had disappeared. The Clerk agreed to report this to SDC.

Cllr Veasey reported that there was a parcel delivery scam in the area. He went on to ask about the current status of Superfast Broadband in the area.

Cllr Clarke reported that the lights on the 'No Entry' signs at the foot of Godsons Lane were out and the Clerk agreed to report the fault and request a repair.

11 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

12 Playing Field

1. To discuss the requirement for two Cllr's to sit on the Playing Field Committee
Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Gooderham approach SLISA at St Lawrence Primary School to see whether there was any interest in parents/carers becoming Playing Field committee members.

13 Business considered Urgent by the Chairman

There was no urgent business.

14 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

5th January 2015 – Parish Council Finance Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Financial Statement

To note and approve Receipts

M Thomas (WMWP) – War Memorial Donations (Remembrance Day) £181.65

To note and approve payments

Excl. VAT

G A Bailey – Salary (Clerk) -	£897.28	£897.28
Warwickshire Training Partnership – Training Course (Clerk) -	£ 30.00	£ 30.00
Edge House Solutions – New Web Site -	£405.00	£405.00
Southam Office Supplies – Printer Cartridges -	£ 55.67	£ 46.39
E.On – Street Light Electricity for October & November -	£276.84	£230.70
G A Bailey – Expenses – Postage, Storage Boxes, petrol etc.	£ 71.89	£ 71.89
Bells Florist – Wreath for Remembrance Day -	£ 35.00	£ 35.00
M Thomas (WMWP) – (Wreath, Order of Service, 10 Crosses Of Remembrance)	£ 44.00	£ 44.00
Napton Village Hall – Hire of Hall (Remembrance Day) -	£ 11.00	£ 11.00
Plus.Net.Com - Broadband Internet & Telephone Services – November 2014	£ 39.17	£ 32.64

Bank Balance & Bank Reconciliation as at 31st October 2014 **Balance: £22,829.04**

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Bank Balance & Bank Reconciliation as at 30th November 2014 Balance: **£20,229.87**