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## **Minutes for the Meeting of Napton Parish Council 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014**

### **Present:**

**Chair: Linda Gooderham**  
**Councillor: Paul Bayley**  
**Councillor: Frank Allen**  
**District Cllr: Steve Kittendorf**

**Vice- Chair: John Veasey**  
**Councillor: Gordon Clarke**  
**Councillor: Alison Watson**  
**Clerk: W Robinson**

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from the Clerk, Gill Bailey as she was ill and County Cllr John Appleton, as he was on holiday.

### **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:**

- A member of the public noted that the hedge at the bottom of Grove Lane is overgrown and requires to be cut back.
- It was noted that NPC request the PCC to open the Church to the public.
- A member of the public spoke about the poor state of the surface of Chapel Lane and it was agreed that this be brought to the attention of the Highways Department at WCC. It was also noted that the state of the current grass cutting is poor. The Chair confirmed that a new contract for the grass cutting will be required from March 2015. Following a discussion regarding timescales, it was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for next month.

### **4 To approve & sign the Minutes of the Planning & Ordinary Meetings of 4<sup>th</sup> August & the Planning Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> August 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**

- District Cllr Steve Kittendorf noted that the response to the Lighthorne Heath Planning Application for the new Village was one of rejection by SDC, Planners and in their opinion this view will be upheld by a Planning Inspector.

### **6 Highways/General Issues affecting the Parish:**

1. Clerk to report on any issues which are affecting the Parish  
There was no update to report and these issues will be covered by the Clerk prior to the next NPC meeting and she will report on developments.
2. To discuss a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Napton – Update  
There was no update to report and this issue will be covered by the Clerk prior to the next NPC meeting and she will report on developments.

### **7 Sports Field:**

1. To discuss the status of the Pavilion – Update  
It was noted that the next meeting of Napton Sports Association will be on 17<sup>th</sup> September and all Cllr's are invited.

**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  
A member of the Public asked whether the old part of the Churchyard could be reused. Following a discussion, it was agreed that NPC would request further information from the PCC regarding this issue.

### **10 Councillors Items**

**Cllr Clarke** noted that the path to the Church needs to be sprayed. Cllr Clarke also mentioned that some of the drains and the potholes by the Victory Club have not been repaired properly. Cllr Clarke also noted that more signage on the buffer zone on the A425 and the Priors Marston Road is required and it was agreed that NPC request extra signs from the Highways Department.

**Cllr Veasey** noted that the County Waste skip lorries are speeding through the Village and it was agreed that NPC send a letter to the company again.

**Cllr Allen** mentioned that he had received several complaints regarding the amount of mud on the Brickyard Road and it was determined that the Clerk report this to the Highways department.

**Cllr Bayley** noted that dog fouling is still an issue and very unpleasant. It was determined that the Clerk request leaflets from the SDC Dog Warden and place an article in the parish magazine.

**Cllr Watson** advised that Western Power was taking all the cables underground in School Hill and that three lights needed to be replaced in the area. The light at the bottom of the path to the Church is in poor condition and the light at the Allotments has already been identified as needing to be replaced. The light at the 'V' at The Butts and Mill Road is in good condition and may be able to be kept. Cllr Watson confirmed that decisions needed to be made quickly to enable E.On and Western Power to organise the works together. Cllr Watson advised that she had looked into the various prices of the street lights and had circulated them to members of NPC. Concern over the loss of the street light outside Hylands was mentioned and Cllr Allen agreed to talk with residents of School Hill to ascertain their views. He will report to the next NPC meeting. It was agreed that NPC look into the cost of LED white lights to replace the existing sodium lights.

**Cllr Watson** also reported that the overgrown hedge at the top of Howcombe Lane into The Butts has been cut back but not the hedge and verge in The Butts. She went on to say that the overgrowth needs to be trimmed back by Houghtons Farm, just before The Old School. Cllr Watson also said that the street sign for The Butts is missing.

**Cllr Watson** asked if the Clerk could look into and clarify who would have responsibility for the maintenance of the balancing ponds on the new development in Priors Marston Road.

### **11 Matters Arising**

There were no matters noted.

### **12 Playing Field**

There were no matters noted.

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### **13 Business considered Urgent by the Chairman**

There were no matters noted.

### **14 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings**

6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – Parish Council Meeting

### **Financial Statement**

<b>To note and approve payments</b>		<b>Excl. VAT</b>
E.On – Street Light Repair (Hylands) -	£ 78.00	£ 65.00
E.On – Street Light Repair (Poplar Road) -	£ 51.00	£ 42.50
Symbius Ltd – WMWP – Information Panel -	£549.43	£457.86
G A Bailey – Salary and Overtime (Clerk) -	£912.47	£912.47
MFM Services – Grassmowing Verges, Open Spaces etc. -	£950.00	£950.00
E.On – Street Light Electricity -	£140.69	£117.24
Southam Office Supplies – Printing, Stationery etc. -	£ 71.05	£ 59.20
Plus.Net.Com - Broadband Internet & Telephone Services – August 2014	£ 35.02	£ 29.18

Bank Balances & Bank Reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 **Balance: £13,920.53**

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