



NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Napton Parish Council Monday 5th December 2016 7.30 pm Minutes

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Jackie Alsop
- 2. Minutes of meetings of 7th November:** Proposed as a true record by Cllr Veasey.
Seconded by Cllr Clarke
- 3. Comments and Questions from the Public:** Jim Sleight spoke on behalf of St Lawrence School governors and expressed concern about the admissions policy of the emerging academy in Southam (formerly Southam College). The NPC was asked to support St Lawrence in its efforts bring about a change to the current proposals. It was agreed that a joint meeting be held in the near future to determine the best way forward. Cllrs Veasey & Gooderham volunteered to attend
- 4. Reports from District and County Councillors:** Cllr Appleton explained that the County Council is undergoing a reorganisation and as part of that process is aiming to meet the budget reductions being imposed upon it by central government. He warned that there will be reductions in some services although what these will be remains to be determined.
Cllr Williams explained that SDC are awaiting confirmation of the level of grant from central government but that the District Council has some reserves and are therefore hoping that cuts to services can be kept to a minimum.
SDC are concerned that Orbit are not meeting their maintenance obligations across the District and have asked that any issues of this nature be reported to them.
The adoption of the Core Strategy has had an impact on the number of planning applications and there has been a significant reduction in the number coming forward.
In answer to a question about the potential impact of HS2 on local traffic it was explained that construction in this area will be in 3 phases each dealt with under a separate contract. As yet, the 3 companies have not produced any clear plans for traffic management. In some areas work is due to start next year.
- 5. Planning applications (Stratford District Council)**
A. Ref: 16/03383/FUL
Proposed: Erection of new 4-bay detached storage barn (for self-storage purposes) together with extension to existing storage barn to provide 1no. additional storage unit and associated administration office.
At: The Paddocks, Shuckburgh Road, Napton.
For: Mr Adrian Dollar

NPC comments: The proposed development sits within the boundary of an existing development. The visual impact of the existing buildings is low. The core strategy policy AS10 paras m & n support this type of development.

NPC decision: Cllr Clarke proposed that the application be supported. This was seconded by Cllr Gooderham. All in favour BUT with the condition that additional screening be provided.

B. Ref: 16/03522/FUL

Proposed: Conversion and extension of agricultural building to one dwelling with associated new vehicular access and associated works.

At: Holroyd House Farm, Napton, CV47 8NY

For: Mr M Warner

NPC comments: There were concerns that the dwelling would too small to be viable but the following policies in the Core Strategy, AS10 c & d, provide support for such a proposal

NPC decision: Cllr Woodcock proposed that the application be supported. This was seconded by Cllr Veasey. All in favour with the exception of Cllr Gooderham who abstained.

C. Ref: 16/03536/COUQ

Proposed: Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building including building operations to form one dwelling under class Q(b) of Part 3 of the GPDO 2015.

At: Agricultural Building Shuckburgh Rd

For: Mrs T Bostock.

NPC comments:

- Currently no building exists. There is only a frame and some posts
- There is no existing vehicle access only a track consisting of rubble & bricks
- The design is inappropriate for the location
- The site is part of a “protected view” identified within the Parish Plan
- The location is too far from village amenities to be sustainable

NPC decision: Cllr Gooderham proposed that the application be rejected. This was seconded by Cllr Veasey. All in favour

6. Finance issues:

- To approve draft budget for 17-18.** Cllr Gooderham explained the rationale for the proposed budget for 17-18 highlighting key differences between the current financial year and the next. It was explained that there is uncertainty over whether the Council Tax support grant will be available again from SDC. If this is not forthcoming there is a small contingency built into the budget to cover this.
- To agree level of precept for 17-18.** Based on the figures supplied a precept of £34,840 was suggested. This would represent an increase over last year of 3.1%. This was proposed by Cllr Woodcock and seconded by Cllr Featherstone. All in favour. Cllr Williams explained that there may be a cap placed on precept requests by central government and it was suggested that NPC wait for a decision on this before submitting its request.
- To approve payments including purchase of an on-line finance package:** Cllr Gooderham explained that the Clerk had trialled an on-line finance package which would hopefully save time and improve accuracy. It was

agreed that the Clerk could place the order and if necessary set up a direct debit for the payments. The other payments listed in the schedule were approved.

7. Action log: to report on progress on key items: -

- a. County Waste: Warwickshire County Council have begun legal proceedings against County Waste for breeches of condition relating to operating hours and the sorting of waste outside. They are monitoring the situation regarding mud on the road. The Clerk reiterated the importance of reporting **any** incidents to the authorities. This can be done by calling **0800 80 70 60** or emailing Incident.Communication.Service@environment-agency.gov.uk
- b. Pillory Green Parking and Garages: Cllr Veasey reported that a meeting will be arranged with Mr & Mrs Avery of Jasmine Cottage to confirm that they are happy with the proposed approach. This will then be followed by a meeting with the solicitors to formalise arrangements. There were several suggestions made about how Pillory Green might be improved after the garages have been removed. These will be discussed when the legal aspects have been dealt with.
- c. Napton Sports Association: representatives from NSA and NPC have met and made some good progress although it is quickly becoming clear that the process will be complicated and it is highly unlikely that it will be resolved by Christmas as originally hoped.
- d. Emergency Plan: Cllr Woodcock, with help from Malcolm Thomas, has made good progress with the Council's emergency plan. There are now several items which need to be purchased. It was agreed that Malcolm Thomas should be authorised to make the necessary purchases up to the value of £250 and then claim the money back. This was proposed by Cllr Gooderham and seconded by Cllr Veasey. All in favour. Cllr Gooderham thanked both parties for their efforts in this area.
- e. Allotments: The Clerk reported that she had organised an initial meeting of allotment holders to discuss possible improvements to the site. The meeting was well attended with several positive ideas for improvements being put forward. The group is meeting again in Jan and will be looking to put together a package of improvement measures and potentially seek grants to help with the costs.

8. Correspondence:

- a. NPC has received a letter from VASA explaining that they are no longer able to administer the volunteer driver scheme. There was concern that if NPC were to take on responsibility for administration they may be subject to risks/liabilities. It is also not clear whether NPC has the power to

deliver such a scheme. It was therefore proposed that NPC withdraw financial support from the scheme at the end of the calendar year. Proposed Cllr Gooderham, seconded Cllr Featherstone. All in favour.

- b. The Clerk has received an email from Long Itchington Footpaths Group offering Napton residents the opportunity to take part in New Year's Day walks. Details can found at www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk
- c. Cllr Gooderham read out the regular report from NSA.
- d. The Clerk stated that she has received notification of an extension to the consultation period on Rugby Borough Council local plan. NPC has already responded to the consultation and has raised concerns about the proposed Lodge Farm Village development. Should anyone wish to respond separately they can do so in writing by emailing localplan@rugby.gov.uk or by going to the website www.rugby.gov.uk/lpconsultation
- e. The Clerk reported that she had received early notification of a proposal to erect a mobile phone mast at Manor Farm. Whilst this is not a formal planning application NPC was asked to give initial responses. There was concern about the design of the mast and the company is to be asked to consider a design more sympathetic to a rural location.

9. Councillor's items: none

10. Dates of future meetings

Mon 9th January 2017

Mon 6th February 2017

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