



NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 5th February 2018

Minutes

- 1. Present:** Cllrs Woodcock, Alsop, Clarke & Veasey (in the Chair). J. Warman.
County Councillor Andy Crump
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Gooderham & Cllr Williams
- 3. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** Taken by item.
Newly completed forms were collected from Cllrs Alsop & Veasey
- 4. Minutes of meetings of 4th December 2017 and 8th Jan 2018:** Were agreed as a true record and duly signed.
- 5. Comments and Questions from the Public:**
 - A resident of Hillside Croft raised concerns about the speed at which traffic is travelling through the village (see item under Highways for more details).
 - Andy Bean reported that there was a lot of litter in the Skate Park, he also raised concern about the hedge on the opposite side of the road to the sports field. It is not clear who is responsible. Andy Bean agreed to meet with Cllrs Woodcock & Veasey to discuss. He also offered to remove the lower branches from the trees on Hillside to save the Council having to pay a contractor. The Council gratefully accepted.
 - Malcolm Thomas reported that some of the plaques on the memorial trees will shortly be taken down for cleaning and repainting. He also applauded the Council for including the allotments within the Built Up Area Boundary.
 - A question was asked about progress on the appointment of a new Councillor. Cllr Veasey explained that
 - Mr Ben Heaf had been interviewed in Jan
 - The interview panel needs to report to full Council and a decision made in open session
 - In the interests of openness and transparency it has been decided to delay this process until Mr Heaf's current planning application has been dealt with by SDC.
 - John Line raised the issue of the blocked drains on High Street and New Street again. The Clerk explained that Highways stated that because of the location (i.e. on the bend) traffic control would be needed and so the job will have to tie in with other similar works to minimise cost. Cllr Crump agreed to chase Patch Byrne.
 - Graham Smith raised an objection to the recent revision of the Built Up Area Boundary. Cllr Veasey explained that the current line which

was originally proposed by SDC was recently adopted. However, it is the Parish Council's understanding that it is not set in tablets of stone and could be subject to change as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan process.

- There was a short debate on broad band. Jim Sleight as our Broad Band champion expressed frustration about the lack of response from CSW broad band. Cllr Crump agreed to follow this up on behalf of the village.

6. Reports from District and County Councillors:

- Cllr Crump reported that the Council tax is likely to increase by 5%. The element for policing will increase by 7% and the District Council by 1%. A significant portion of the spend will be directed to adult social care. There will also be support for homelessness, drug abuse and mental health issues.
- There is a plan to put digital fibre optic hubs in some schools. Cllr Crump suggested Napton should be a candidate
- The current library network will be maintained with Sunday opening in large towns.

There was a debate about speeding in the village and a number of points were made including :-

- Napton could establish a community speed watch. Cllr Crump has a small grants scheme which could potentially fund the purchase of a speed gun. The Clerk was asked to put an article in the Parish Mag to gauge support for such a scheme. Graham Smith pointed out that there is a speed gun loan scheme available via NWH.
- There is virtually no chance that we could get a speed camera fitted in the village
- Roadside "gates" to mark the entrance to the 30mph area may be an option. These could potentially be joint funded by NPC and WCC.
- The 60mph speed limit on A425 is historical as it's a trunk road. It **may** be possible to get this reduced to 50mph.
- NPC could ask for an extension to the 30 mph area.
- It was agreed to put a number of suggestions to WCC.

Cllr Chris Williams was unable to attend the meeting but sent a short report which was read out by the Chair (copy attached)

7. Planning matters: It was agreed that the applications relating to the Mockery could be dealt with first.

Application reference: 18/00275/FUL & 18/00276/LBC

Proposed : Kitchen extension, first floor extension over garage and internal layout modifications.
At : The Mockery Chapel Green Farm , Thorntons Lane, Chapel Green, Napton-On-The-Hill CV47 8PA
For : Mr & Mrs Richard Bates

Cllrs Woodcock and Alsop reported that they undertaken a site visit. The applicant explained the background to application and the changes they had undertaken in an attempt to meet SDC's concerns.

Cllr Alsop proposed that the application be supported. This was seconded by Cllr Clarke. The motion **was supported** but Cllr Woodcock abstained. The reasons for supporting were as follows: support for a local business & no negative impact on the surrounding area.

Application(s) reference: 17/03628/FUL

Proposed : Change of use of and extension of disused garage in order to form 1no. holiday let
At : Wigrams, Tomlow Road, Top Tomlow, Napton-On-The-Hill CV47 8HX
For : Mr Ben Heaf

It was **resolved** to support the application

Application reference: 18/00095/ & 18/00093 COUNTY

Proposed : Warwickshire County Council Notification for Variation of condition 9 & 10 (Hours of operation) of planning permission S867/07CM008 (Change of use to allow tipping, sorting and storage of waste and recycled materials) to allow vehicle movements to take place at the site from 0700 hours Monday to Saturday.
At : Canalside Yard, Brickyard Road, Napton-on-the-Hill, Southam CV47 8NF
For : Warwickshire County Council

The Clerk explained that she had sought clarification from WCC planners and that these applications relate purely to vehicle movements between 7.00am & 8.00am. It was **resolved** to support the applications but to request information on how the new hours would be monitored and enforced.

Application reference: 18/00097/COUNTY

Proposed : Warwickshire County Council Notification for Proposed site improvements to existing waste transfer station.
At : Canalside Yard, Brickyard Road, Napton-on-the-Hill, Southam CV47 8NF
For : Warwickshire County Council

It was **resolved** to support this application

Application reference: 18/00179/VARY

Proposed : Variation of condition no. 2 of planning permission reference 15/00779/FUL dated 02 October 2015 to retrospectively alter the design of the approved windows on the front elevation indicated on approved drawing 2442-04.
At : Crown House , High Street, Napton-On-The-Hill, CV47 8LZ
For : Mr Horsefield And Dr Lawrence

The Chair reported that there had been much debate when this application was originally considered and there was a strong desire to see the original façade retained. The current first floor windows do not have Georgian bars and do not comply with the current design specification. It was therefore **resolved** to object to this application

8. Finance issues:

- The payments listed in appendix 1 were approved for payment

9. Highways issues:

- Street lighting. The Clerk reported that she is still trying to find a suitable style of lamp and bracket for the light on Dog Lane. She also reported that the current proposal for the AC Lloyd site is 11 lanterns. She has spoken to WCC Highways and understands that there is an opportunity to influence both the number and design of lamps. A meeting has been arranged for early March to discuss options.
- Dog Lane/Fells Lane junction. The Clerk reported that ACL have carried out works to try and mitigate the impact. They are trying hard to work with us and are keeping us informed of key dates. There will be disruption when the services are laid but they will give plenty of notice
- United Living development and plans for reparations. NPC is aware of the damage which has been caused and will be working with WCC Highways and UL to ensure repairs are undertaken

10. Correspondence

- Sycamore Tree outside The Laskett. It has been flagged up that the owners of the Laskett have contacted their neighbours re the Sycamore tree outside their property. Whilst the Parish Council has already established that it has no liability in respect to this tree it is keen to work with the residents to ensure an outcome that everyone is comfortable with. The Clerk was asked to continue to liaise re a possible joint approach.
- NSA monthly report (attached for information)

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan:

- Update on progress. The housing needs survey results should be out in mid March. The NDP group has undertaken a landscape character assessment of the village. There is consultation planned in late spring.

12. Councillor's items:

- Review of Emergency Plan. Cllr Woodcock reported that he and Malcolm Thomas have undertaken a review of the plan and decided that it is fit for purpose despite concerns raised at the last meeting. We do, however, need to publicise it more widely. It was suggested that the relevant sections should be on the website and possibly in the Parish Mag (under the "contacts" section)
- Recent criminal activity in the village. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to PC Catherine Morgan from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team

and that she had agreed to attend the next Council meeting on 12th March.

13. Dates of future meetings:

- Because of holidays and other commitments, it is likely that the Council will not be quorate on 5th March. It was therefore resolved to hold the next meeting on 12th March instead. The meetings in April and May are affected by bank holidays and so will take place on **Tuesday 3rd April** and **Tuesday 1st May**.