



NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Tuesday 1st May 2018 At Napton Village Hall

- 1. Present:** Cllrs Alsop, Woodcock, Gooderham & Veasey. J. Warman. County Councillor Andy Crump and District Cllr Chris Williams. Also present, 13 members of the public.
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Clarke
- 3. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.** Taken by item
- 4. Minutes of meetings of 3rd April 2018:** Andy Bean stated that these were incorrect and that the damaged man hole cover is outside Alpine Rise on Hackwell St and not at the top of Godsons Lane. The minutes will be amended and signed in June
- 5. Appointment of new Parish Councillor:** It was resolved to co-opt Ben Heaf as a Councillor. The acceptance of office form was duly signed.
- 6. Comments and Questions from the Public:**
 - Andy Bean reminded the Council that the “best kept village” sign needs erecting. **Action Cllr Woodcock**
 - It has been established that the hedge on the Priors Marston Road opposite the sports field is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Highways. **Action JW**
 - It was reported that spraying has been undertaken this week by WCC. The Clerk was asked to find out which areas are sprayed and what chemicals are used. **Action JW**
- 7. Planning Matters:** A representative from Rosconn Group gave a short presentation re a potential development on land above AC Lloyd site. The current proposal is for 5, 2/3 bed bungalows. Access would be via the AC Lloyd development. There is an intention to come forward with an application in approx. 6-8 weeks. It was pointed out that the site is currently being proposed as a Local Green Space in the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Application(s) reference: 18/00993/FUL

Proposed Construction of replacement dormer bungalow for the existing dwelling house known as The Timber Cabin (amended application following refusal of application 17/03387/FUL)

At New Zealand Farm , Napton Road, Stockton, CV47 8HU

For Dr F Dean

It was **resolved** to support the application but with a condition that any future permitted development rights are removed

8. Reports from District and County Councillors:

- Cllr Williams reported that Warwickshire is being asked to take additional housing from B'ham and Coventry. It is therefore likely that the Core Strategy will have to be reviewed in 2 or 3 years time. SDC has good levels of reserves which has enabled it to keep Council Tax increases to a minimum (1%) and support new projects such as a homeless hostel in Stratford.
- Cllr Crump reported that the Safer Routes to School work will be carried out in the current FY. The Community Pay Back scheme is looking for projects in the Southam area. Projects must be on public land.

9. Finance issues:

- The year end accounts for 17-18 were reviewed and signed. Balances as at 31.03.18 were as follows HSBC £26,951.92, HSBC £5,000, Skipton BS £75,000. Total holdings £106,951.92
- The payments listed in appendix 1 were approved
- It was resolved to offer a grant of £500 towards the cost of the maintenance of the Churchyard.

10. Audit requirements:

- The report from the Council's internal auditor was noted. There were no major concerns but it was suggested that a formal review of the accounts take place on a quarterly basis and that action points are noted in the minutes.
- Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 17-18 statement was reviewed and signed.
- The Statement of Accounts in Section 2 of the AGAR, was considered, approved and signed
- The period of the Exercise of Public Right was confirmed as 4th June – 13th July 2018. During this time the Council's accounts will available for viewing by the public

11. Highways issues:

- It was agreed that Councillor Woodcock would come forward with a costed business plan for a range of options to improve the pedestrian access on Church Lane. **Action RW**
- There was a discussion about the number of outstanding Highways issues in the village. The Clerk was asked to send a reminder email to Highways and copy Andy Crump in. **Action JW**
- It was agreed that the above email should also address the issue of the passing bays on the PM road and the possibility of having signage installed to improve safety.

12. Correspondence:

- The Clerk has received 2 complaints relating to United Living and also has concerns about the state in which the grassed areas have been left. The Clerk was asked to write to United Living with a list of concerns. **Action JW**
- The Clerk has received an email requesting that the Parish Council consider asking for ornate street lighting in the new AC Lloyd development. It was agreed to discuss the detail of design in the regular site meetings with the developer.

13. Neighbourhood Development Plan update:

- The group has identified a number of possible sites within the village which could be designated as Local Green Spaces. These along with several potential “protected views” will be consulted on at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th May. There will also be a formal 6 week consultation period later in the year, anyone who lives or works in the Parish will be contacted and will be able to give their views. The first tranche of grant funding has been used but a second application will be made shortly

14. Councillor’s items:

- Cllr Gooderham reported that there will be a public consultation regarding plans for the Brickworks site on Monday 21st May from 2.30pm – 8.00pm in the village hall.
- Cllr Woodcock stated that the ditch alongside Fells Lane needs clearing to reduce the amount of water collecting at the bottom end. The Clerk was asked to chase whoever is responsible. **Action JW**
- It has not yet been possible to arrange a meeting with portfolio holder and senior staff at BTOR although it was agreed this should still be pursued. **Action Andy Crump**. It was reported that there may be funding for wireless broadband and that this option should be explored in tandem with the above approach. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Dave Riches at SDC to find out more about the scheme. **Action JW**

15. Dates of future meetings:

- Sunday 13th May Annual Parish Meeting
- Monday 4th June
- Monday 2nd July
- Monday 6th August