



NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 4th June 2018 7.30pm Napton Village Hall

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Woodcock, Veasey (Chair), Heaf and Clarke. J. Warman (Clerk), Cllr Andy Crump (WCC). Also present, 18 members of the public

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Alsop and Gooderham. SDC Cllr Williams.
- 2. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.** Taken by item
- 3. Minutes of meetings of 3rd April & 1st May 2018:** These were reviewed and signed as a true record
- 4. Matters arising:**
 - Erection of best kept village sign – in hand (Cllr Woodcock)
 - Options for improving Church path – Cllr Woodcock has cut back some of the vegetation and is in discussion with Michael Mann re any spraying required
 - Cutting back of hedge on PM road – in hand (Clerk)
 - Details of spraying - in hand (Clerk)
 - Check responsibility for ditch along Fells Lane and arrange clearance - in hand (Clerk)
- 5. Comments and Questions from the Public:**
 - There was a comment re speeding on the main road and the Clerk gave an update on Community Speed Watch. She explained that “enforcement activity” (i.e. a speed camera van) is currently on going in relation to the proposed reduction in the 60 mph limit on the A425. She has been told that whilst this is in place it will not be possible for Napton to have a Community Speed Watch. Cllr Crump urged members of the community to attend the Southam Area Forum on Thursday 14th June to raise awareness of the issue and to email the Police and Crime Commissioner opcc@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk
 - Concern was raised about the state of the road at the junction of Fells Lane and Dog Lane. The surface is breaking up largely due to the amount of traffic but also because of the recent heavy rains. The Clerk was asked to speak to AC Lloyd to see if they could carry out a temporary improvement.
- 6. Broad band issues;** with the agreement of the Council this item was brought forward. The Chair welcomed Cllr Kam Kaur, Portfolio Holder for Customer and Transformation, Richard Hopkins, Project Executive for CSW broadband and Carl Sproton from Open Reach. Richard Bates and Jayne Holland summarised the position in the village on behalf of Jackie Alsop and Jim Sleight. Carl Sproton

explained that there was a live to live migration from cabinet 4 to cabinet 19 planned for 18th June for those people who are currently getting a poor service from cabinet 4. After further debate and examples of poor customer service the following 4 actions were agreed

- NPC would attempt to collect details of those properties who are still experiencing problems using a template supplied by CS and provide this in advance of 18th June.
- Richard Hopkins agreed to provide an update of which postcodes are connected to which cabinet and which contract they are on.
- RH also agreed to provide a plan for post 18.06.18
- Those present agreed to return with an update to the Council's meeting on 6th August

7. Planning Matters:

Application(s) reference: 18/01265/FUL

Proposed : Erection of a barn.

At : Land Adjacent to Field House, Daventry Road, Southam,

For : Mr James Frogley

As the matter will be referred to SDC planning committee (given objections from Cllr Williams) **it was resolved to make no comment**. However, if SDC are minded to support the Council asked for additional soft landscaping to hide the barn from the main road.

Application(s) reference: 18/00405/FUL (revision of existing application)

Proposed : Alterations to existing office and self-contained apartment to the first and second floors.

At : 18 High Street, Napton-on-the-Hill, Southam, CV47 8NB

For : Mr Ian Williams

It was **resolved** to support this application

Application(s) reference: 18/01457/AGNOT

Proposed : Steel Portal Frame Building for the secure storage of Machinery and fodder with associated 2 bay farrowing unit for outdoor reared pigs.

At : Land Rear Of Canalside Yard, Brickyard Road, Napton-on-the-Hill,

For : Mr K Jordan

It was **resolved** to make the following comments:-

- Given the current lack of agricultural activity on the site the Council is unable to say whether there is a justification for this building and whether it is appropriate in size and nature.
- There is concern that it is outside the bund which encompasses the current waste sorting plant.

The Chair reported that due to an administrative error planning application 18/00229/FUL had been missed off the agenda. This application relates to the re-siting of a proposed garage behind Napton Village Stores due to the discovery of a sewer. The previous application was supported by NPC. It was therefore proposed to

invoke the Council's Standing Orders which allows the Clerk to be given delegated authority to respond to planning applications in certain circumstances.

Planning policy: The Clerk reported that as part of the Council's membership of WALC 2 hours free planning consultancy advice is available. It was suggested that this be used to gain a clearer understanding of key policies within the Core strategy relating to housing and in particular, the policy relating to "community led schemes". It was **resolved** to approach WALC and make the necessary arrangements.

8. Reports from County Councillor Andy Crump: AC now has a number of new roles including Chair of Planning, SDC Parish Champion and Trading Standards. The Children's Centre is moving to the Grange in Southam, but they are hoping to undertake out reach work as well. They currently work with children up to the age of 8 but it is hoped that their work could include older children in the future. Stockton is currently experiencing high levels of anti-social behaviour. Safer Routes to School improvements will be implemented this year. It may be possible to apply for a grant for improvements to the Church path (minimum project cost must be £6k)

9. Finance issues:

- It was resolved to approve payments listed in appendix 1. NB the payment for B. Alsop is for work on the memorial plaques and not the trees.
- The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Council's accounts are available to view for 30 days from 4th June to 13th July

10. Highways issues:

- Cllr Clarke reported that there had been a meeting with WCC, AC Lloyd and United Living. Some footpath and highway repairs will be undertaken by WCC but most will have to wait until after the summer as AC Lloyd need to dig up a stretch of Dog Lane to lay services.
- There was a discussion about the viewing point and bench at the top of Hackwell steps which looks to be moving. Malcolm Thomas stated that the thought it was now stable. He also mentioned that there is a very large Victorian water tank located behind the well head at the bottom of the steps so any works to the bank need to take that into consideration. It was agreed to discuss the project at a future "gathering". In the short term it was agreed that Cllr Woodcock would ask Michael Mann to trim alongside the steps.
- It was reported that the drain on Hackwell Street needs jetting and that the "Welcome to Stratford" sign on at Tomlow needs re positioning. Clerk to report both defects.

11. Housing projects updates:

- Cllr Clarke reported that United Living have been asked to come back and make good the grassed areas /landscaping in St Lawrence Close and Dog Lane.
- Cllr Clarke reported that regular meeting with AC Lloyd have slipped but will be reinstated. The sales office is now open. There will be

some partial road closures over the summer when the services are installed. This work is scheduled to take place during the school holidays to minimise disruption.

12. Neighbourhood Development Plan: 50 + people attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th May meeting. The group put forward a range of options for Local Green Spaces and possible protected views and asked for comments from the public. The results of the consultation exercise and the views of landowners are being considered as the group works towards a draft plan. Nothing has yet been agreed in terms of what the draft will contain. When the first draft has been produced there will be consultation with landowners and those directly affected. Later there will be a formal 6 week consultation which everyone who works or lives in the village will have the opportunity to respond to.

13. Update on village greens: The Clerk reported that the Council has paid the fee for the application to the Land Registry and that we should know fairly quickly whether there is likely to be a problem. Residents living in properties adjacent to the village greens may get a letter asking if they have any objection to the proposal. If anyone has any questions they should contact the Clerk.

14. Dates of future meetings:

- Monday 2nd July
- Monday 6th August
- Monday 3rd September
- Monday 1st October

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