



NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 1st Oct 2018 at 7.30pm in Napton Village Hall.

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Veasey, Heaf and Alsop (chair). J. Warman (Clerk). Cllr Andy Crump joined the meeting at 8.00pm. 10 parishioners were also present.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Received from Cllrs Clarke, Gooderham and Woodcock and District Councillor Williams.
- 2. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.** Taken by item
- 3. Minutes of meetings of 3rd & 13th Sept.** These were agreed as a true record and signed
- 4. Matters arising from 3rd Sept**
 - S106 money for footpaths – the Clerk reported that she had not been able to engage with WCC Rights of Way regarding how the funding from the AC Lloyd should be spent. Clerk to liaise with A.Crump.
 - Access onto main road from industrial estate – this has now been blocked. No further action required at this time
 - Street light opposite Kings Head – fault has been reported and followed up. Clerk to chase again
 - Overgrown hedge on Church Road – a contact for the land owner, Mr Cowper was provided
- 5. Comments and Questions from the Public:** The following issues were raised: -
 - The Chair of Governors at St Lawrence School informed the meeting that there will shortly be a community wide consultation about the school's admissions policy for 2020 – 2021. This will run between Oct and Jan and the Parish Council will be asked to comment. The school currently has 193 pupils and has a capacity of 210. All classes except one are full.
 - Jim Sleight in his capacity as Broad Band Champion reported that as far as he is aware only 2 households are still having problems and he is working to support them. The next stage will be an information campaign to ensure people know what services are available now that the technical issues have been sorted.
 - Concern was raised about the scale of the footpath repair work being undertaken on Hillside. However, it was pointed out that the path had been in need of repair for several years and that the fact that the Council were doing a "proper job" should be applauded. This then led to a debate about the principle of how highway repairs are prioritised. It was agreed to produce a "local list" which can then be discussed with WCC Highways dept and Andy Crump. Clerk to put an article in Parish mag and on FB asking for comments.

- It was reported that the trenches for the cables laid by Western Power on School Hill need attention as does the footpath outside the cottages on Hackwell Bank. The Clerk was asked to chase Western Power for an update.
- Malcolm Thomas reported that he had attended the Community Forum and that there had been a presentation on Hs2. Cllr Heaf reported that he had attended a meeting for Parish Councils and undertook to feedback at the next meeting.
- 2 issues were raised which may involve Planning Enforcement. The first is the storage container in the field adjoining Pillory Barn and the second is the increasing amount of material being stored close to the fishing ponds on the Brickyard Road. Clerk to check with SDC

6. Planning Matters:

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Proposed : Change of use from Agricultural Unit to B2 General Industrial - Occupied by Boat Building Company

At : Danils Hill Farm, Priors Marston Road, Napton-On-The-Hill, CV47 8PE

For : Mr Richard Sidaway Bromwich Hard

It was **resolved** to make no comment

7. Report from County Councillor Andy Crump:

- Southam Fire Station will stay in its current location
- The road works associated with Safer Routes to School will be undertaken in the current FY
- Speed reduction to 50 mph on main road is planned for the current FY
- Electric blanket testing is taking place this month. Trading standards will collect blankets FOC if people are unable to attend the sessions.

8. Finance issues:

- The payments listed in appendix 1 were approved
- Councillors considered a request for funding Napton Badminton Club (c/o Napton Village Hall). The club needs new lines and the floor requires varnishing. It was resolved to offer a grant of £228 i.e. 20% of

the total project cost including VAT subject to the club undertaking a recruitment drive to attract new members.

9. Granton playing field update:

- Maintenance work completed last week included a refresh of the seating areas, re-laying of mats, painting of swings, repairs to fence and gate. Main fence to be painted next week. Possible sources of funding are being explored for a refresh of the equipment. Consultation with children from St Lawrence school will take place to help inform priorities.

10. Highways issues:

- There were no specific items to report however there was a debate about establishing priorities going forward. NPC to produce a list for discussion with WCC

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan:

- It was reported that the NDP group are aiming to bring a draft to NPC on 22.10.18 with a view to starting formal consultation 12th Nov. People will have 10 weeks to respond. The group will be running drop in sessions, talking to groups such as Nosh & Natter & WI, leafleting all homes and businesses to seek views on the proposals.

12. Correspondence:

- To note the latest report from NSA – copy attached

13. Village Greens:

- The Clerk reported that the Council has been advised that it will be very difficult to secure title to the village greens via “adverse possession”. We have therefore been encouraged to accept “qualified title” to the land which would allow the Council to use and protect the land as if it had absolute title but would be an issue if the Council wished to dispose of the land. As there is no intention to dispose of the land it was **resolved** to accept qualified title.

14. Social Media Policy:

- It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when all Councillors are present.

15. Dates of future meetings:

- Tuesday 6th November
- Monday 3rd December
- Monday 7th January 2019

Signed

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Napton Parish Council Appendix 1

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details
68		£323.23	2050/2	01/08/18	EON - Energy use Aug 18
75	DD180921	£38.40	1025/1	07/08/18	BT - Phone bill MO 30
67		£1,104.00	2090	31/08/18	Frank Mann Farmers - Mowing Aug 18
66		£30.00	1003	06/09/18	WALC - Ben Heaf Planning Training
69		£289.54	2050/1	14/09/18	EON - Quarterly maintenance to end Sept 18
70		£1,816.81	1020	20/09/18	Came & Co - Annual insurance premium 18-19
72		£656.33	2080	26/09/18	Caddy The Handyman - Works to Granton Playground
71		£1,413.30	1010/5	27/09/18	Robert Keith - Support with NDP
73		£1,177.24	1001	30/09/18	Staff costs Sept 18 (includes tax refund)
74		£171.32	1000	30/09/18	Warwickshire County Council - Pension Contribution Sept 18
76		£30.00	1010/4	30/09/18	Jean Goode - Book keeping July, Aug & Sept 18
Total		£7,050.17			

NSA REPORT TO NPC – SEPTEMBER 2018

The last full meeting of the NSA Committee took place on the evening of Tuesday, September 11th 2018 in the Victory Club. A copy of the Minutes has been forwarded to the NPC Clerk.

Generally activities have progressed well throughout the summer although the very hot weather has caused some major cracks to appear across the playing field area. Hopefully these will disappear once the wet weather returns.

Investment has been made in three substantial picnic benches as well as a new solid door to the pavilion which has yet to be fitted. Other costs have arisen in association with the sewage treatment plant and air conditioning unit although funds remain in a healthy position. The website is in need of a general update which may have to be outsourced at some stage.

The Clubs all submitted very positive reports. The Cricket Club reported a very successful end of season tour to Chester with the annual dinner and dance to be held on October 20th at the Village Hall. Some redundant equipment has been sold off and end of season pitch work is planned for early October. The Tennis Club reported a promotion for the Ladies' team and a series of friendly matches being arranged for new members wishing to play competitive tennis. LTA Registration is currently in hand. The Soccer Club continues to make regular use of the AWS and the Junior section continues to attract large numbers weekly.

Routine maintenance tasks continue to be managed generally in-house and a number of suggestions have been brought forward to improve the overall facility as well as perhaps increase the range of sports currently on offer. Whilst some investment will inevitably be required, of equal importance is having the in-house capability to properly manage and run any such new ventures. For the moment these proposals are under early evaluation.

The next full meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday October 17th 2018 at 8.15p.m. in the Victory Club.