



NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 3rd December 2018 at 7.30pm in Napton Village Hall.

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Heaf, Clarke, Woodcock Veasey, and Alsop (chair). J. Warman (Clerk).
Approx. 25 parishioners were also present.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Received from Cllr Gooderham and District Councillor Williams.
- 2. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** Taken by item
- 3. Minutes of meetings of 6th November:** These were agreed as a true record and signed
- 4. Matters arising**
 - Western Power on School Hill - carry forward.
 - Hillside footpath and potential damage to cables – resolved. No further action required
 - Fingers posts – RW to come forward with proposals at a later date
 - Overgrown hedge on Vicarage Rd – reported to Highways. Job raised
 - Insurance issues for sports clubs – cost of repair has been split 3 ways. Further discussions planned later this month
 - Highways issues – meeting has taken place with Patch Byrne and a list of jobs raised. NPC to monitor progress.
 - Alternative solicitors – carry forward
 - Administrator rights on FB page – carry forward
- 5. Comments and Questions from the Public:**
 - The work which has been taken to clear the gullies on the Church path was welcomed. It was suggested this should be continued to include the path alongside Memorial Green.
 - The following stretches of footpath need spraying/clearing/cutting back
 - Top of Hackwell Bank
 - From bottom of Grove footpath towards Southam
 - Top of Butt Hill by the Vicarage .NPC to action both of the above either via Community Pay Back or using Michael Mann.
 - A detailed proposal for the Safer Routes to School project has been produced. This will be shared with NPC in due course
 - The issue of parking on the footpath on Hackwell Bank was raised. This was discussed under item 8
 - The following comments were received in relation to planning application 18/03239/FUL

- Fells Lane is an important safe walking route used by many families
- An additional properties/surface improvements to Fells Lane will encourage increased use by vehicles and will detract from its rural character
- Widening Fells Lane to create a turning head for refuse vehicles will have a negative impact
- As the Parish Council has only just voted to support the BUAB in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan it would be inappropriate to support development which lies outside this line.
- The design of the proposed property is well thought out and has much to commend it.

6. Planning Matters:

Application(s) reference: 18/03239/FUL

Proposed : Self-build 3 bedroom house, workshop and garaging with access and parking plus improvements to Fells Lane including improved re-surfacing, a turning head and a passing place

At : Field Between Dog Lane And, Fells Lane, Napton-on-the-Hill,

For : Mr & Mrs Sanchez

Councillor's made the following comments in relation to this application:-

- Fells Lane currently forms a natural village boundary
- Fells Lane is a class E road which vehicles have a right to use
- The proposal seems large for a small family who wish to downsize
- The site is outside the BUAB and outside the "village envelop"
- The plot is large and the area as a whole would, if permission were granted, become brownfield
- Para 13 of the Planning Statement refers to a separate, extant, application off Howcombe Lane and states that it was supported as a local needs scheme. It was clarified that this was not in fact the case and that the application was approved as it was on a brownfield site.
- The design of the house is to be commended

It was **resolved** to object to this application by a unanimous vote of those who took part. Councillor Woodcock abstained. A full copy of the Council's response can be found on line at

<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=PHI8X1PMHL500>

Application(s) reference: 18/03272/FUL

Proposed : First floor side extension and replacement single storey rear extension

At : The Stocks , Pillory Green, Napton-On-The-Hill, CV47 8LN

For : Mr & Mrs Speller

It was **resolved** to support this application as it provides an improvement to an existing family home with no detrimental impact on surrounding properties

Application(s) reference: 18/03264/LBC

- Proposed : Proposed installation of electric vehicle charging point- Cable to run from fuse board in house, out under eaves of roof, down back of waste pipe (out of sight) on front of house, under ground to point on retaining wall in front of house.
- Charging point to be : eoMini charging point (photo attached) which is smallest on market (175mm by 125 mm by 95mm). Charging point to be sited below post box on wall.
- At : Hill Farmhouse, Vicarage Road, Napton-On-The-Hill, CV47 8NA
- For : Piers Neville

It was **resolved** to support this application as it supports the use of low carbon technology with no detrimental impact on the listed building or surrounding properties.

7. Reports from County Councillor:

- WCC is facing budget pressures and is currently spending between 63%- 67% of its budget on social care and SEN transport
- It is hoped that a pedestrian crossing may be installed close to Southam College on Welsh Road West
- AC has been confirmed as portfolio holder for Fire, Rescue and Community Safety.

8. Parking issues

- The issue of parking on footpaths and verges is becoming an issue at several locations. The following actions were agreed: -
 - i. NPC to write to occupants of 2 Dog Lane stating that as previous requests have been ignored the Parish Council will block access to the grassed area if parking does not stop. Letter to be copied to Orbit.
 - ii. NPC to write to owners of Lyngrove pointing out that it is an offence to block a footpath to the extent that a person with a buggy or wheelchair cannot pass and asking them not to park on the footpath
 - iii. NPC to write to occupants of Hackwell Bank Cottages asking them not to park on the footpath

9. Finance issues:

- Payments listed in appendix 1 were approved
- The Clerk presented an early version of the budget for next year. Pension costs and the need to budget for an election in May mean that costs are likely to be higher than last year. Councillors will need to review the draft and make suggestions about where savings can be made. Clerk to confirm final deadline for submission of precept request to SDC

10. Any other urgent business:

- Councillors considered the draft admissions policy for St Lawrence Primary School and were broadly supportive. NPC to write a letter to that effect
- It has been reported that there is a lot of mud on Church Road, probably associated with the works to Mr Eadon's farm buildings. Councillors reported they had not seen any evidence of this so it was agreed to monitor the situation.

11. Dates of future meetings:

- The Parish Council has 2 applications for The Woods both of which were received too late to be included on the agenda for 3rd Dec. It is also likely that an application for the Brickyard site will shortly be submitted so there will probably be a special planning meeting on Sunday 16th December at 2pm. The first full meeting in the New Year will be on 7th Jan