



NAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.30pm in Napton Village Hall.

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Woodcock (chair), Heaf, Clarke, Alsop, Gooderham and Veasey. J, Warman (Clerk). 9 members of the public were also present

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** County Councillor Andy Crump, District Councillor Chris Williams
- 2. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** Taken by item
- 3. Filming and recording of meetings:** The meeting was made aware of the rules
- 4. Minutes of meetings of 4th February:** These were amended to reflect that the likely cost of repairing the street light at Chapel Green in a traditional style would be approx. £2000. It was agreed that in all other respects the minutes were correct and that the amended version could be signed by the Chair after the meeting.
- 5. Matters arising from 4th February**
 - CRT response re Holt Road – carry forward
 - Hedge at bottom of Priors Marston Road – land owner has been contacted
 - Confirmation of WMWP insurance cover – carry forward
 - Viewing platform)
 - Street lighting) see under Highways
 - Priors Marston Road and Dog Lane)
 - Storage containers opposite CabTec – reported to land owners
- 6. Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - It was suggested there is an error in the spelling of Danils Hill Farm and it should be Danells Hill Farm. However subsequent research does not support this.
 - It was confirmed that application 19/00283/FUL is being applied for under class B8
 - Concern was raised about the new “school” sign at the end of Dog Lane. Those present felt it was too large, in the wrong location and may well get hit by buses or lorries using the junction. Cllr Clarke to put together a list of concerns and send these, with a photo, to Cllr Crump who will forward them onto Jo Edwards at WCC.

7. Reports from District Councillor: It was agreed to bring this item forward to allow Councillor Williams to leave early. The meeting welcomed Chris back and wished him a speedy recovery.

Administration – The Council Leader, Cllr Tony Jefferson, has outlined his priorities for the District Council which are: -

- Keeping the District prosperous particularly in light of macroeconomic difficulties such as the UK's poor Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita.
- Running an efficient and effective Council with a 'can do' attitude.
- Guaranteeing the Council was in a strong financial position and Council Tax increases are controlled.
- Being clear not only on what the Council can do, but also on that it cannot do and encouraging personal responsibility amongst residents.
- The Council continues to 'punch above its weight' in terms of regional influence and opportunities to bring in inward investment.

Budget – On Monday 25th February 2019 the District Council set the lowest Council Tax for any authority in Warwickshire on 1.5% and expressed as an average Band D payment this amounts to £137.07.

8. Planning Matters:

Application(s) reference: 18/01509/FUL

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 Hardy

It was resolved to make no comment

Application(s) reference: 19/00283/FUL

Proposed : Erection of new storage barn attached to existing adjacent storage barn.
At : The Paddocks, Shuckburgh Road, Napton-on-the-Hill,
For : Mr Adrian Dollar

Mr Dollar explained that there is strong local demand for his storage units. He stated that the visual impact of his proposal would be minimal and that it would not generate increased traffic in the centre of the village.

It was noted that Councillors had undertaken a site visit earlier in the week at which it emerged that there were inaccuracies in the plan. Mr Dollar provided an updated plan on the night, but this was not the same as the one issued by SDC. On Councillor Crump's suggestion it was therefore agreed that the Council contact SDC and request a deferment until accurate information is made available

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,

It was reported that the above application had been considered at Area Planning Committee in Stratford on 6th February, but that Councillors had been unable to make a decision. The application will therefore be discussed afresh on 10th April in Stratford at 6.30pm and both the public and the Parish Council will have an opportunity to speak should they wish.

9. Reports from County Councillor: Cllr Crump reported that WCC had agreed a Council Tax increase of 5%, 2% of which will be ring fenced for adult social care. The County has been required to make £67m of cuts over the past 5 years and has achieved 91% of its target. Despite this it is still in a healthy financial position.

10. Finance issues:

- Payments listed in appendix 1 were approved
- It was agreed to ask Andrew Scott to undertake the Council's internal audit following the financial year end.

11. Correspondence:

- Last month the Parish Council wrote to the residents of Oakwood Cottage regarding the bank erosion outside their property. They have responded with suggestions about how the problem could be resolved. In the first instance it was agreed to contact Patch Byrne with photos and to copy Andy Crump into the correspondence.

12. Highways update:

- Update on street lighting repairs – awaiting revised quote from EON for Chapel Green repair. In the mean time Cllr Veasey agreed to take photos of lamps used in other villages which may be suitable
- Update from meeting with Patch Byrne
 - The state of the verges on Priors Marston Road was discussed. Clerk was advised to contact Andy Crump with a formal request for support
 - Patch confirmed that Hackwell steps viewing platform is not the responsibility of the County Council. Cllr Woodcock to contact Bill Line for advice.

13. Village Greens update:

- Carry forward due to Cllr Gooderham's absence

14. Granton Playing Fields Grant Applications:

- Update on progress – 3 tenders have been received and opened in accordance with standing orders.
- It was agreed that Councillor Gooderham will act as the official signatory for the grant application to WREN.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council will act as the Contributing Third Party Donor for the grant application to WREN.

- It was agreed that the Parish Council could spend up to £15,000, in total, from reserves on the project. This should include the CTPD element.

15. Any other urgent business:

- District & Parish Council elections - application packs will be available from 8th March from Cllr Richard Woodcock. These must be completed and **returned to SDC in person no later than 4.00pm on 3rd April**. The election will take place on Thursday 2nd May.

16. Dates of future meetings:

Monday 1st April, Monday 13th May, Monday 3rd June, Monday 1st July.

Signed

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Napton Parish Council Appendix 1

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/18

Tn no	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details
129	£30.00	1002	23/01/19	WALC - NALC update training 02.03.19
127	£39.00	2050/1	19/02/19	EON - Repair to Street light opposite Kings Head
128	£10.00	2100	28/02/19	Godfrey Payton - Peppercorn rent on Sports Field
132	£1,030.83	2050/2	01/03/19	EON - Energy use Dec 18, Jan & Feb 19.
130	£705.09	1001	04/03/19	Staff costs
131	£217.48	1000	04/03/19	Warwickshire County Council - Pension Contribution Feb 18
Total	£2,032.40			