



NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 4th November 2019

Napton Village Hall 7.30pm

Minutes

Present: Councillors Heaf, Woodcock, Alsop (Chair), Gooderham and Clarke. J.Warman (Clerk). Cllr Andy Crump and Nigel Rock. 16 members of the public were also present

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr John Veasey
- 2. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** Taken by item
- 3. Filming and recording of meetings:** The rules were pointed out to the meeting
- 4. Minutes of meetings of 7th October:** Agreed as a true record and signed
- 5. Matters arising:**
 - Enforcement issue the Fallows- on going Clerk to chase
 - White bollards outside Wigrams – Cllr Heaf reported that he had contacted Highways and that no action will be taken unless complaints are received.
 - Update on Neighbourhood Development Plan- draft has been sent to SDC. Awaiting confirmation that it is compliant. It is hoped that the 6 week consultation will start mid/end Nov.
 - Unity bank now set up – waiting transfer of funds from HSBC
 - New phone number – new mobile number is now in operation 07526 144576 Landline contract will cease on 1st Dec.
- 6. Comments and Questions from the Public:**
 - The hedge at the junction of Howcombe Lane and the Butts needs cutting back.
 - M. Thomas explained that the WMWP have purchased wreaths in preparation for VE day next year hence the cost of £170.
 - It was pointed out that the repairs to the trench outside the Malting on Brickyard Road have failed yet again. The Clerk reported that Severn Trent have confirmed the water is not mains. It was agreed that a more permanent solution was needed. Clerk to write to WCC and copy in Andy Crump.
 - The sign at the junction of Holt Road and Welsh Road West is damaged and needs reporting.
 - There was a report that the blocked drain outside The Trees is causing problems further down Butt Hill. Clerk /GC to investigate further.
 - Rotary have planted Crocus bulbs on Crown Green and will erect a small sign in due course
 - A question was asked about when the NDP will be available for public scrutiny. The Clerk explained that as soon as SDC have confirmed that it complies with all of the relevant planning legislation then it will be published on Stratford's website. The Clerk will also ensure it is on the Parish Council's website.

- Concern was raised about the posts which have been installed around Pillory Green. It was explained that they are a temporary measure to protect the newly seeded area. See item 11.

7. Planning Matters:

Application 19/02416/FUL – Councillor Alsop declared an interest in this item and left the room at this point.

A neither the Chair nor Vice chair were present Councillors voted to elect Cllr Woodcock to act as Chair for this particular item.

Proposed : Conversion of stone barn (agricultural building) to dwelling (Class C3) with associated parking and amenity space. Partial demolition of existing corrugated steel barn.
 At : Land opposite Chapel Green Cottage, Thorntons Lane
 For : Mr & Mrs Frogley.

Councillors debated whether their original interpretation of the planning policies relating to this application had been correct. As policy AS 10 within the Core Strategy is open to interpretation there was a proposal to rescind the original decision to support the application. **This was carried.** There was then a further proposal to submit a revised response to SDC of “no comment”. **This was also carried.**

Update on **application ref 18/03239/FUL** Field between Dog Lane and Fells Lane . Councillor Alsop returned to the meeting.

The Chair reported that the Council had tried to make a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman but had been told that this option is not available to a public body such as a Parish Council. The Clerk had then taken legal advice and was advised that if the Council wished to take the matter further, significant costs would be involved, and that in the first instance they would need to engage the services of a Barrister. The matter was debated and it was **agreed that no further action should be taken.**

Napton Brickworks application:

Councillor Woodcock gave a summary of progress to date and explained that, as yet, the final application has yet to be submitted to SDC. However, in response to initial requests from NPC the developers have offered the land previously used as the Cab Tech car park, to the Council free of charge. It was **resolved to accept the offer** subject to satisfactory resolution of any legal issues associated with the site.

Reports from District and County Councillors:

Cllr Nigel Rock (SDC) .

There have been investigations into the conduct of some Councillors towards the former Chief Exec.

An independent review of Councillors allowances will result in an increase in payments SDC remain opposed to HS2. Until the outcome of the current Oakeby review there should be a moratorium on forestry works. Major engineering works will be starting in Jan and are likely to result in significant traffic disruption.

Cllr Andy Crump (WCC)

Cllr Crump remains opposed to HS2 and has concerns about the impact of traffic NB Welsh Road West will reopen 6th Dec .

Fire and Rescue service now have new equipment which will allow better access to high rise building and quarries.

Inconsiderate parking recently prevented emergency vehicles from attending a sick child.
Communities are asked to ensure access is maintained at all times
Consultation on the County's priorities for the next 5 years continues

8. Finance issues:

- The payments listed in appendix 1 were approved
- The Council's current grant aid policy was introduced in Aug 17 and there was a discussion about whether the criteria should be reviewed. **It was agreed to increase the percentage of the project costs which could be awarded to 50% but to keep the maximum award to £500 and to add that only one application per financial year would be allowed from a single organisation.**
- The Chair explained that discussion with Wickstead had resulted in a proposed change to the type of pathway to be installed. This is to ensure that the park becomes more accessible and that key pieces of the equipment can be reached by wheelchair users and those with buggies. This change would cost an additional £1000. **It was agreed to allocate** the necessary funds from the Council's playground reserves.

9. Highways issues:

- Blocked drains – the Clerk reported WCC have raised jobs for Crown Green, Butt Hill, Howcombe Lane, School Hill and Godsons Lane.
- Trench outside the Malting - Owners have confirmed its not mains water. Clerk to contact WCC and copy in Cllr Crump
- Church Road (surface water issues) – Clerk to report to WCC highways

10. Correspondence:

- The meeting debated whether to support the Local Electricity Bill. It was agreed no action should be taken
- Councillors debated the SDC consultation on proposed charges for Green Waste collection. It was agreed to reject the proposal.
- The meeting debated whether to respond to DCMS support Consultation on 5G. It was agreed no action should be taken

11. Pillory Green: It was explained that the posts installed around Pillory Green are a temporary measure to prevent parking on the newly seeded area. Cllr Woodcock will order new posts to match those on New Street. Clerk to speak to WCC/Community pay back about installation. Clerk to set up a meeting with WCC Highways and Cllr Crump about kerbing and to request paperwork from local residents to confirm the width of the easement so it can be accurately reinstated.

12. Councillor's urgent items:

13. Date of next meeting:

- Mon 2nd Dec
- Mon 6th Jan 2020
- Mon 3rd Feb

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Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/19

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details
88		£589.20	2090	31/10/19	Frank Mann Farmers - Mowing costs Oct
90		£401.30	2050/2	03/11/19	EON - Energy charges Oct 19
85		£42.24	1025/1	08/11/19	BT - Phone bill MO43 (last payment)
89		£708.00	2070	19/11/19	Frank Mann Farmers - Maintenance work (Church path etc)
91		£731.46	1001	28/11/19	Staff costs
92		£230.70	1000	28/11/19	Warwickshire County Council – pension contribution
93		£3,586.40	1010/5	29/11/19	Robert Keith - NDP final invoice
94		£225.41	2070	02/12/19	Main Line Timber - Posts for Pillory Green
Sub Total		£6,514.71			
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