



NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly Meeting Monday 2nd December 2019 Napton Village Hall 7.30pm Minutes

Present: Councillors Heaf, Veasey, 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 Woodcock
- 2. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** Taken by item
- 3. Filming and recording of meetings:** The Chair made the meeting aware of the rules
- 4. Minutes of meetings of 4th November :** These were agreed as a true record and signed
- 5. Matters arising:**
 - The hedge at the junction of Howcombe Lane and the Butts – Clerk to approach the landowner Mr Warner
 - The sign at the junction of Holt Road and Welsh Road West – Clerk to report to SDC
 - Enforcement issue the Fallows – the Clerk reported that SDC enforcement had confirmed that all the landscaping conditions had now been complied with and that the close boarded fence would be taken down once the hedge behind it was established. The Council was unhappy with this response and the Clerk was asked to pursue the matter in an attempt to get the fence taken down.
- 6. Comments and Questions from the Public:**
 - A comment was made linked to the above item and it was pointed out that the location of the hedge/ fence could result in boundary issues and mean the Council could be responsible for maintenance in the future.
 - 2 posts on the main village green have rotted and need replacing
 - Concern was raised about the blocked drain at the base of Crown Green. This was discussed under item 8
 - The Council was asked whether it would consider asking for hedge planting instead of fencing on all future planning applications. It was also suggested that this requirement could be included within the NDP.
 - Last month the Council briefly discussed the Local Electricity Bill and the consultation on 5G masts but agreed to make no comment on either. It was suggested that in future the Council could seek advice from other groups/ members of the community who may have expertise in such areas and who would be prepared to help formulate responses on such technical/environmental issues.
 - N.E.A.T Napton Environmental Action Team are holding an open meeting on Sunday 8th Dec at the village hall starting at 2.30pm
 - A representative from the War Memorial working Party pointed out that parts of Memorial Green are being damaged, presumably by lorries turning into the

newly created drive below the Old Chapel. GC and MT to discuss what can be done.

7. Planning Matters:

Application(s) reference: 19/01550/FUL (Councillors Alsop and Gooderham declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the debate). The Chair was taken by Councillor Veasey).

Proposed : Change of use of Land from agricultural land to garden land associated with the dwelling known as The Old Chapel the demolition of the existing garage and the erection of a new timber garage and the erection of a close boarded fence.
At : The Old Chapel And Land To The South Of The Old Chapel, Chapel Lane, Napton-on-the-Hill,
For : Mr & Mrs Postles

It was **resolved** to make no further comment on this application.

Application(s) reference: 19/02861/FUL (Councillors Alsop and Gooderham rejoined the meeting)

Proposed : Construction of new industrial unit and associated yard and parking
At : Clearwater Business Park , Welsh Road East, Napton Holt, Napton-On-The-Hill CV47 1NA
For : Mr Chris Shield Shield Group Engineering

It was **resolved** to make no objection to this application but to ask SDC officers to consider the potential noise impact both now and as the manufacturing operation grows in size

8. Reports from District and County Councillors:

- **Cllr Rock**
- New Supplementary Planning Documents are being drafted in response to the climate change emergency.
- 2% of electors responded to the consultation on green waste. SDC cabinet will be considering the matter this month.
- **Cllr Crump**
- The new 50 mph limit on the main A 425 should be in force in the near future
- Repairs to Poplar Road have been scheduled for early Jan
- There is a serious back log of jetting works (250 across the County) made worse by the recent heavy rain. AC has requested that Napton is considered a priority and confirmed that the problem starting at Crown Green, going down High Street and ending at Dog Lane will be investigated before Christmas.
- AC has received complaints about water run off from a newly resurfaced drive in Chapel Lane.
- Crime – thefts from vans have increased recently but it should be remembered that the Southam area is still one of the safest places in the County.
- Trading standards are urging people to be cautious about cheap toys as some are being found to contain harmful chemicals.

9. Finance issues:

- The payments listed in appendix 1 were approved

10. Highways issues:

- All major issues were dealt with under other items however one additional item was flagged up on Hillside opposite The Cobblers. Clerk to investigate

11. Granton Playing Field:

- The works to improve the playground are now complete, with the exception of the painting of the tarmac path which will take place when the weather improves.
- In response to a request from the School, the Parish Council obtained a quote for £650 for repairs to the fence around the football field. It was agreed to place the order for this work plus an additional small repair to the gate to the skate park (£130).
- A representative of the School Governors asked that, if possible, the works should be undertaken outside of term time

12. Pillory Green:

- New posts have been delivered.
- Concerns have been raised about access, for those with mobility issues, who wish to use the Christadelphian Chapel. It was agreed that a site visit was needed early next year to discuss long term plans for the area and that, in the meantime, the Clerk should contact Mr Clarke and discuss the matter and potentially look for a temporary solution.

13. Rights of Way Agreement:

- The agreement for future maintenance arrangements was signed by the Parish Council and a representative from the local Footpath Volunteer Group.
- The Council was asked if it would consider covering any expenses the volunteers might incur until these can be claimed back from the County Council. It was agreed to look into the matter.

14. Correspondence:

- A resident of Hackwell Bank has requested that a road sign be installed to mark its location and that the Council consider re-laying a section of the brick footpath outside the 2 cottages. The Clerk was asked to contact SDC re the possibility of a road sign. It was agreed to monitor the state of the footpath although Andy Bean volunteered himself and Councillor Woodcock to reset the odd bricks which have come loose.

15. Neighbourhood Development Plan:

- The Clerk reported that the plan and all associated paperwork was sent to SDC in Oct. Officers have raised several questions which have now been resolved but this did slow the process down. SDC officers have stated that they are unable to start the next phase of consultation due to the restrictions of purdah in the lead up to the general election. It is hoped, therefore, that the consultation will start as early as possible in the New Year.

16. Councillor's urgent items:

- It was reported that on Hillside builders are parking on the verges and causing damage. Clerk to investigate.

17. Date of next meeting:

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

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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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