



NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meeting Monday 13th January 2020 Minutes

Present: Councillors Veasey, Alsop (Chair), Gooderham, Woodcock and Clarke. J.Warman (Clerk). Cllrs Andy Crump and Nigel Rock. 25 members of the public were also present

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Ben Heaf
- 2. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** Take by item
- 3. Filming and recording of meetings:** The Chair made the meeting aware of the rules
- 4. Minutes of meetings of 2nd Dec 19:** These were agreed as a true record and signed
- 5. Matters arising:**
 - The hedge at the junction of Howcombe Lane and the Butts – landowner has been contacted but only recently
 - The sign at the junction of Holt Road and Welsh Road West – reported to SDC. Awaiting a response
 - Enforcement issue the Fallows – The Chair allowed a debate as residents from the Fallows were in the audience. It was emphasised that the developer is responsible for complying with planning conditions. Cllr Rock informed the meeting that SDC enforcement team are in discussion with the developer. He was asked to try and bring an update on the next meeting in Feb. Once the outcome of that meeting is known the Parish Council will decide what further action is needed.
 - 2 Posts on the Green – along the easement leading to Leeson House. NPC to consider a programme of replacing all posts on greens (except Memorial) during the next 12 months.
 - Damage to Memorial Green: It was reported that this has been caused partly by the vehicles associated with the building works taking place at Viewlands but also delivery vehicles. It was agreed to install a post and sign. Action Clerk
 - Damage to verge and road surface outside High Meadow on Hillside - Owners contacted re parking on the verge. Site visit with Highways undertaken and defect noted.
 - Sign and footpath on Hackwell Bank- SDC have will only install signs where there is an official road name. Therefore, will not put a sign on Hackwell Bank. At the last meeting a volunteer offered to reset the blocks on footpath. It has since been suggested that this is too big a job for volunteers. Clerk to contact Community Payback to see if they will undertake the work.

6. Comments and Questions from the Public: All comments raised were related to planning applications and therefore have been recorded under the relevant applications

7. Planning Matters:

Application(s) reference: 19/03387/FUL

Proposed : Construction of 4 detached dwellings, access and associated works.
At : Land Off, Godsons Lane, Napton-on-the-Hill,
For : Mr Daniel Hatcher Rosconn Strategic Land

Comments from the public

- This application does not address the concerns raised by the inspector when the last application was rejected.
- All previous concerns are therefore still relevant
- The inspector for the AC Lloyd development, which was allowed on appeal, referenced the importance to retaining the open aspect of the rest of the site
- Any works on the site will inevitably involve large amounts of earth moving. Concern was expressed about the impact on the stability of the hill and on surrounding properties
- It was also stated that some neighbouring properties had not received notification of the application from SDC.

Comments from Councillors

- There are no substantial changes from the previous application and therefore the concerns raised then by NPC still apply
- The stability of the hill and potential impact on surrounding properties is a serious concern
- Changes since last application
 - Footpath has been fenced off
 - Number of properties has been reduced from 5 to 4
 - Position of plots has changed
 - The land in question is now a proposed Local Green Space within the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. It was previously proposed as an "important view".

Councillors voted unanimously object to the application. Full details of the response will be available on the Stratford District Council website

Application(s) reference: 19/03498/FUL

Proposed : Proposed barn conversion into dwelling.
At : Westcott House , Southam Road, Napton-On-The-Hill, CV47 8NG
For : Mrs Dee

It was resolved to make no representation regarding this application

Application(s) reference: 19/03379/FUL (to review response sent under delegated authority)

Proposed : Erection of two storey rear extension, two new side windows on gable wall
At : 2 Poplar Gardens , Poplar Road, Napton-On-The-Hill, CV47 8PG
For : Mr And Mrs J. Evans

It was explained that because of the timing of this application (over the Christmas period) it had not been possible to call a meeting to discuss the application and so a holding objection

had been submitted using delegated authority. This meeting provided the first opportunity for the Council to discuss it in open session. 4 Councillors had however undertaken a site visit and reported back. It was felt that whilst the application appears to comply with technical planning regulations the proposed extension would be overbearing and have a significant negative impact on the adjacent properties resulting in loss of amenity.

It was **resolved** to retain the Council's objection to this application.

8. Annual licence agreement with NSA: This was signed by the secretary of NSA and the Clerk

9. Reports from District and County Councillors:

Cllr Crump

- The jetting of the drain at the base of Crown green had finally been done but it is recognised that a longer term solution will be needed due to root ingress.
- Brickyard Road carriageway improvements have been carried out
- WCC will be prioritising road safety over the coming months with a new scheme planned for Harbury Lane. Also, average speed cameras are being installed at 3 locations across the County
- Fire and Rescue are working with dementia groups.
- A resident pointed out that WCC are responsible for maintaining the footpath off Fells Lane which leads away from Quincy Meadow

Cllr Rock

- Work is on going to try and improve mobile coverage in the area
- The debate re charging for green waste bins has resulted in a decision to charge residents. HOWEVER, there are some question marks about the validity of the data used in the background research and this decision may be subject to further review.
- SDC have received more funding than anticipated from central government. It is unclear yet what impact, if any this will have on Parish Council precepts
- The draft SPD on climate change is out for consultation. Responses are due by 21st Feb <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/climate-change-adaptation-and-mitigation.cfm>

10. Finance issues:

- The payments listed in appendix 1 were approved.
- The Clerk presented the background to the Council's precept request for 20-21 and explained that the Council was proposing to ask for an additional £4.5k towards the cost of upgrading our streetlights. It was **resolved** to request a precept of £ **44,784** for the FY ending 31st March 2021.
- It was resolved to make a grant offer of £250 to Napton Parish Magazine

11. Highways issues:

- The Clerk and Councillor Clarke met with WCC highways on 10th Dec. The following key points were noted.
 - i. Carriageway repairs in St Lawrence Close have been completed. Footway repairs still to be done including section outside No 15
 - ii. Priors Marston Road
 - "Single track road/passing place" sign to be moved from triangle at top of Butt Hill to give way sign opposite Walnut Tree House.

- Consider additional “single track road” sign at the bottom at the junction with Dog Lane
- i. Puddle on Hillside outside High Meadow. Highways have noted defect.

12. Pillory Green:

- A site meeting was undertaken 5th Jan and a representative of the Christadelphian was contacted. It was agreed that the following key actions will be undertaken in the short term.
 - i. kerbing,
 - ii. redefining easement
 - iii. Laying of path from roadside to back door of chapel
 Other “improvements” may be considered in the future.

13. Neighbourhood Development Plan:

- The next phase of consultation had been delayed by the impact of the elections and the Christmas and New Year break. The group has supplied yet more detailed information to SDC and has been told that the next phase of consultation should start at the end of January.

14. Date of next meetings: 3rd February, 2nd March, 6th April

Napton Parish Council APPENDIX 1

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

Tn no	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details
101	£2,137.41	2120	30/11/19	Wickstead Leisure Ltd - Granton Playing Field new path
102 equipment	£28,942.94	2120	30/11/19	Wickstead Leisure Ltd - Granton Playing Field new
104	£731.46	1001	28/12/19	Staff costs - Dec
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100	£1,920.00	2120	02/12/19	Tranter Training Solutions - New defib for sports field
99	£267.14	2050/1	09/12/19	EON - Quarterly maintenance to end Dec 19
95	£66.00	1050/1	12/12/19	Bernard Alsop - WMWP cups and storage containers
96	£8.00	1050/1	12/12/19	Malcolm Thomas - 8 no crosses WMWP
98	£465.00	2080	23/12/19	The Play Inspection Company - Annual Inspection and post installation inspection
105	£230.70	1000	28/12/19	Warwickshire County Council - Dec pension
103	£789.66	2050/2	01/01/20	EON - Energy charges Nov & Dec
106	£936.00	2070	10/01/20	Frogley Fencing - Works to playing field fence
107	£34.30	1025/2	10/01/20	Admin expenses
108	£52.00	1025/1	10/01/20	Phone and internet
Sub Total	£36,580.61			
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