



## **NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Monthly Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 20 Napton Village Hall 7.30pm Minutes**

**Present:** Councillors Veasey, Gooderham, Woodcock, Heaf and Clarke. J.Warman (Clerk). Cllrs Andy Crump and Nigel Rock. 12 members of the public were also present

- 1. Election of Chair:** In May 2019 the Council agreed that the role of Chair should be shared between Cllrs Alsop, Gooderham and Woodcock. Councillor Woodcock was elected and signed the acceptance of office form
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Jackie Alsop
- 3. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** Taken by item
- 4. Filming and recording of meetings:**
- 5. Minutes of meetings of 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020:** Agreed as a true record and signed
- 6. Matters arising:**
  - The hedge at the junction of Howcombe Lane and the Butts – this has been cut. No further action needed.
  - The sign at the junction of Holt Road and Welsh Road West – SDC have ordered a replacement sign
  - Enforcement issue the Fallows – Cllr Rock has spoken to SDC enforcement who are attempting to make contact with the Developer. Update to be provided at the next meeting
  - Damage to Memorial Green – given that the building works on Viewlands Cottage are coming to an end it was agreed to monitor the situation. No action required at present.
  - Hackwell Bank footpath – Awaiting feedback from site meeting with Community Payback.
- 7. Comments and Questions from the Public:**
  - A prepared statement was read out criticising the Parish Council's response to the recent planning application 19/03387/FUL .It was felt that there were too many issues raised for the Council to respond on the night and the Chair undertook to provide feedback at a later date.
  - It was pointed out that some of the trees in the sports field may need some attention. Clerk to confirm who is responsible and take appropriate action.
  - There was a request that the AC Lloyd signs be removed. The Clerk confirmed that the company had been written to on this matter. Clerk to chase
  - The drain at the base of the hedge outside Hackwell Cottage is blocked. The Clerk confirmed that this has been reported to Highways but will chase.

- Plans to mark VE day are well undertake. The main activities will take place on the afternoon of 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## 8. Planning Matters:

### **Application(s) reference: 19/03609/FUL**

Proposed : Agricultural building for livestock and general storage  
 At : Land Adjacent To Shuckburgh Road, Shuckburgh Road, Priors Marston, Southam CV47 7RY  
 For : Mr M Warner

It was agreed to **make no representation** to Stratford but to point out that the Parish Council has concerns about the scale and location of the building and whether this is justifiable in agricultural terms.

### **Application(s) reference: 18/03435/OUT**

To receive an update on progress and consider the implications of the new technical paper on dust

Proposed : Outline Application for the development of up to 100 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), with means of site access from A425 at the northern boundary of the site and pedestrian/cycle and emergency access from Brickyard Road at the southern boundary. All other matters (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) are reserved for subsequent approval; open space; earthworks to facilitate surface water drainage; and all other ancillary and enabling works.  
 At : Former Napton Brickworks, Brickyard Road, Napton-on-the-Hill,  
 For : St Philips Land Ltd

It was **agreed to make no comment** on the recent technical report on dust .

### **Application(s) reference: 19/03379/FUL (revised proposals)**

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 agreed to **make no further comment** on this application and for the Parish Council's original objection to stand.

## 9. Reports from District and County Councillors:

Cllr Crump

- The work associated with the 50 mph speed limit on the main road is "out for delivery"
- WCC cabinet are taking actions in response to the climate emergency. These include objectives around reducing use of paper, reducing the Council's carbon footprint and making environmental considerations part of all decision making processes.
- WCC are attempting to lever in Central Government funding for climate change initiatives
- The main financial pressures facing WCC are still adult social care, education and school transport

Cllr Rock

- SDC are encouraging people to take down old planning site notices

- SDC have had windfall funding of £950k so the budgets for 20-21 are looking reasonably healthy.

## 10. Environmental and Climate Change issues

- Cllr Rock gave an update from the SDC climate change task and finish group:-
  - SDC have established that 83% of Council emissions are generated by the provision of Leisure and Waste collection services.
  - Emissions from domestic properties in the area are higher than the national average.
- It was agreed to meet with NEAT to consider Council's response to the Climate Change SPD currently out for consultation (deadline 21<sup>st</sup> Feb) <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/climate-change-adaptation-and-mitigation.cfm> and to the Local Electricity Bill
- Jonathan Horsefield gave a short presentation about Napton Environmental Action Team (NEAT). The group has received a positive response from residents. They have started an "eco club" at St Lawrence School which has been very popular. An "eco fair" is planned for 2nd May and informal drinks take place on a monthly basis at the Victory Club with the next one on 20th Feb.

## 11. Finance issues:

- The payments listed in appendix 1 were approved
- It was agreed to appoint Andrew Scott as the Council's internal auditor for the current FY. However, in line with best practice, it was agreed to look for an alternative person for the following year.
- The Police are offering to hold local surgeries and have approached the Parish Council for ideas about suitable venues. The Victory Club have offered to open up free of charge and it was agreed to use this venue in the first instance but to explore other "non licensed" options for the future including the village hall (AB to check with VH committee).

## 12. Highways issues:

- Cllr Clarke reported that the hedge on the bend opposite South View needs cutting back as a matter of urgency. Clerk to contact WCC Highways.
- The 2 old metal posts on the path adjacent to High Over Cottage have rotted through and been removed. It was agreed to replace these with a single wooden post which the owner of said property has kindly volunteered to install.
- The Clerk gave an update from a recent meeting with WCC street lighting engineer. There is the option for WCC to undertake the maintenance of our lights. NPC currently has a contract with EON but it is hoped WCC would be able to provide better value for money. The first priority is to update the Council's street light inventory. Cllrs Gooderham and Veasey offered to work with the Clerk to get this done.
- Cllr Veasey reported that he had chased Western Power and that they are planning to connect up the lights on School Hill at the end of this month.

## 13. Allotments:

- There was a discussion about the annual tenancy fees and it was agreed to make no changes to the current costs.

- It was agreed to pay expenses, up to the value of £70 to the volunteer who has been mowing the site in recent years.

**14. Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

- The next phase of public consultation will start on Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb and run to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. A copy of the latest draft will be available on line, in the village shop and in Southam Library. All comments should be send to Stratford District Council

**15. Admin issues**

- The date for the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**16. Date of next meetings:**

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May