



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

### **Meeting Minutes Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors Veasey, Gooderham, Woodcock (Chair), Alsop, Heaf and Clarke.  
J.Warman (Clerk). Cllrs Nigel Rock and Andy Crump. 7 members of the public were also present

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** None received
- 2. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** Taken by item
- 3. Filming and recording of meetings:** The Clerk explained that the meeting would be recorded to allow the Clerk to write the minutes and that the video would not be shared. After the minutes are written the recording will be destroyed.

The Clerk also explained the following process for discussing planning applications:- the Chair will introduce each application and summarise any associated history. Members of the public will then be able to comment on the application after which Councillors will discuss and reach a decision.

- 4. Minutes of meetings of 11<sup>th</sup> May.** These were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.
- 5. Comments and Questions from the Public:**
  - Concerns were raised about speeding. Cllr Crump confirmed that the 50mph speed limit will be implemented on the main road in July. There seem to be speeding issues in many villages at this time.
  - A member of the public raised concerns about the proposal to keep chickens on the allotments. This was discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

#### **6. Planning Matters:**

**Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: APP/J3720/W/20/3247909**

**Appeal by** : Mr Daniel Hatcher  
**Site at** : Land Off, Godsons Lane, Napton-on-the-Hill,  
**Proposal** : Construction of 4 detached dwellings, access and associated works.

Cllr Woodcock summarised the history of the site:- there was a previous application for 5 dwellings on the site which was refused. This was then the subject of an appeal which was not supported. A new application for 4 dwellings was submitted in 2019 and again this was refused by SDC. There is currently an appeal against the latest application and the Council needs to decide how it wishes to respond.

A member of the public read out a prepared statement questioning the Council's approach to this application and asking for several points of clarification. She also requested a response to an earlier statement which she had submitted on the same subject.

Having listened to the points made the Chair undertook to discuss them further with Councillors and to decide if a formal written response was appropriate.

The Council's response to the latest application on this site was set out in some detail and Councillor's felt that this had adequately covered their reasons for objection. **It was therefore resolved** to maintain the original objection to the application with minor textual amendments to reflect the current position on Quincy Meadow and one or two factual points.

***Application(s) reference: 20/01393/FUL***

**Proposed** : Construction of a new agricultural barn for livestock and storage.  
**At** : The Breaches, Tomlow Road, Stockton,  
**For** : Mr T Heason

Mr Heason explained that the proposed location was chosen to minimize the impact on the Marina. A large number of trees have been planted on the site as part of a community project and this will partly mask it from the public view. The materials chosen should ensure it blends well with the landscape. The height of the building is required to accommodate the farm machinery needed.

**It was resolved** to support the application as it meets policy and provides local employment

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

Napton Brickworks – update. NPC continues to liaise with SDC. Several technical reports have been commissioned and it is likely that the application will be finalized in the near future. The main sticking point now appears to be the measures proposed for noise mitigation. The application will be discussed at the Area Planning Committee and members of the public will be allowed to speak as long as they register in advance.

**7. Audit requirements:**

- Councillor's reviewed the report from the Council's internal auditor. There were 2 key recommendations a. there should be a more rigorous review of the Council's quarterly finances and b. that the website should be updated and refreshed.
- Councillors reviewed the Annual Governance Statement and confirmed all of the assertions with the exception of 4 which relates to the exercise of public right (it was noted that last year not all of the necessary documents were published on the Council's website). This was then signed by the Chair and the Clerk
- Councillors then reviewed the Accounting Statement which had been previously circulated and signed by the Clerk. The figures were agreed by the meeting and then signed by the Chair.
- The period of the Exercise of Public Right was agreed as 6<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> Aug inclusive. During this time members of the community can ask to see any documentation pertaining to the financial operation of the Council.

**8. Allotment Tenancy Agreements:** The Chair explained that the Council had received a request to keep chickens on the allotments. An existing allotment tenant expressed concerns about the keeping of chickens on the site. The Clerk reported that several emails from other tenants and neighbours had been received also expressing concerns. With this in mind the Council voted to decline the request and also agreed to amend the current tenancy agreement to prohibit the keeping of any livestock on the site.

**9. Financial issues**

- Report on WMWP finances - the Clerk reported that the figures had been agreed with Malcolm Thomas. A copy is attached to these minutes
- Confirmation of payments for approval . The payments for approval were agreed. Copy attached.

**10. Update from Councillors**

SDC Nigel Rock – very few cases of Covid 19 have been reported in Stratford Dostrict over the past 2/3 weeks. SDC is supposed to be a “becon” for the track and trace system. Changes have been made to the layout in Stratford Town Centre to improve social distancing and there are proposals to role out cycle and footway improvements in towns across the District.

Greater co-operation between Warwick District and Stratford District Councils is being explored.

WCC Andy Crump – speeding seems to be a problem across the area. The Police have been issued with 12 new speed guns which they are planning to use in this area. If anyone sees evidence of speeding and can get a registration number please forward this to Andy [andycrump@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:andycrump@warwickshire.gov.uk) . WCC highways staff are now back at work. Great work is being done by volunteers locally. More people are exercising, this may result in increased focus on sustainable transport and travel. The County’s focus is now on economic recovery. Military planners have been invaluable during the Covid 19 crisis.

**11. No date has been set for the next meeting but this is likely to take place in Sept.**

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Expenditure	Amount	Cheque no	Date	Paying in slip no
<b>Balance as at 31.03.19</b>	<b>£1,094.10</b>			
Expenditure	£80.00	102790	13.05.19	Malcolm Thomas - Reimbursement for works to benches and observer post
	£14.00			Parish Magazine - Printing - order of service leaflets
	£170.00			Royal British Legion - Remembrance and VE day wreaths for WMWP
	£66.00			Bernard Alsop - WMWP cups and storage containers
	£8.00			Malcolm Thomas - 8 no crosses WMWP
<b>Total expenditure to 31.03.20</b>	<b>£338.00</b>			
Income	£30.00	001393	03.07.19	Donation from Daventry Walking Club
	£194.83		27.01.20	000026 Donations (Victory Club) plus payment for wreath
	£20.00	102256	29.01.20	000027 Donation from Martin and Helen Foster
	£50.00	000682	04.03.20	000029 Donation from Watson storage
<b>Total income to 31.03.20</b>	<b>£294.83</b>			

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## Expenditure transactions - payments approval list June 20

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details
7		£400.67	2050/2	02/05/20	EON - Energy charges May
16		£42.39		29/05/20	Clerk's admin expenses
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15		£1,250.40	2090	31/05/20	Frank Mann Farmers - Mowing May
14		£202.55	1025/5	26/06/20	MEZTEC - Office 365 and malware annual subs
17		£30.00	1004	26/06/20	WALC - BH training 23.06.20
18		£754.14	1001	29/06/20	Staff costs
19		£208.02	1000	29/06/20	Warwickshire County Council - June pension payment
Sub Total		£2,888.17			
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