

NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Napton on the Hill Parish Council held on **Monday 8th April 2024** at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Cllr J Veasey (Vice Chairman of the Council)
 Cllr B Alsop
 Cllr R Pelter
 Cllr W Watson

 Cllr A Crump
 Cllr N Rock

 Mrs C Adam (Clerk to the Council)
 Mrs J Warman (Projects Clerk)

 7 members of the public were in attendance.

	Action
<p>1 - To receive apologies for absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr R Woodcock submitted apologies. Cllr I Williams submitted apologies. 	
<p>2 - To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received. 	
<p>3 – To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th March 2024 & Monday 18th March 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved & signed by the Vice Chair. 	
<p>4 – To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only:</p> <p>Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Green Power Supply No response on the Certificate of Lawful Development. Will chase and still anticipating completion before the July bike ride. New Zealand Spinney Application and evidence have been sent to the Land Registry Office. Defibrillator: External Boxes Spoken to Crossroads Garage and they have no issues. Spoken to the Village Stores and they were receptive in principle but do not want the box located on the front of the building. Need to survey to determine if there is another location. Possible alternative is externally on the Victory Club. Will add to the May agenda. Napton Housing Needs Survey Have contacted WRCC to conduct the survey. May is the earliest the survey can be conducted, and NPC will need volunteers to help distribute the survey to each dwelling. 	

<p>5 – Update from District/County Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports circulated in advance and are available on the PC website. • <u>HS2 Road Closure</u> – A423 between Ladbroke and Southam will be closed on 20th & 21st April 2024, from 8am to 6pm. • Overnight road closure on the Fosse Way at Harbury Lane on 15th - 19th April 2024, from 7pm- 6am. • On the 15th of May 2024, the Independent Construction Commissioner is visiting WCC. • Canal bridge on Stockton Road has been reported to the Canal and Rivers Trust regarding the damage requiring attention. 	
<p>6 – Comments and questions from the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about the footpath by the War Memorial as the constant water flowing down from the top of the hill by the church path is causing algae build-up creating a slippery surface. Has sent several emails requesting the footpath be closed due to the health and safety risks. Severn Trent have yet to sort this issue which is causing great concern for several residents. • <u>WCC Level 2 Devolution</u> - Concerns about what this means and how it will affect Napton residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is an agreement between the Government and WCC working closely with district councils, to take responsibility for services that are best delivered at a strategic level. ▪ This is not creating a unitary authority. • <u>Highways</u> – New kerbing on Poplar Road is causing the water to flow down into the field which is becoming an issue. Landowner to email to Cllr Crump for further help. • Noted that it is becoming increasingly difficult for farming machinery to navigate through the village, especially at the top of The Crescent by Jacaranda, requiring the machinery to utilise the footpath. Please be conscientious when parking around the village. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Double yellow lines were suggested as a solution and a potential idea for NPC to revisit, if the problem continues. • Item 4 – Payments Approval List – funds are being paid out of the WMWP’s own funds. • App 24/00435/LDP – Concerned about the proposal and vague wording of the application. There are about 800 moorings within 2 miles of Napton. The applicants are advertising the potential for floating homes at their marina. Noted that these floating homes are not boats but static lodges on the water. They cannot move under their own power making them undoubtably permanent structures. Wanted SDC and NPC to be made aware of the applicant’s current advertisings and potential business plans for this marina. 	
<p>7 – Drainage/Run-Off Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The Butts/School Hill</u> – Confirmed this is a Severn Trent issue. NPC agreed to put a temporary footpath closure in place until a WCC Highways footpath closure can be put in place. Email to be sent to Cllr Crump to sort out footpath closure. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hillside</u> – Cllr Crump reported that Hillside is a Severn Trent issue and has been reported. • <u>Dog Lane</u> – Drains have been sorted. • <u>Hackwell Street</u> – Drains have been sorted. • <u>Godson Lane</u> – Confirmed a road closure is required to sort these drains and that they have been add to the job list but not classified as urgent. 	
<p>8 – Planning matters:</p> <p>Application(s) reference: 24/00435/LDP</p> <p>Proposed: To confirm the unrestricted nature of the use of the moorings for either residential or leisure occupation.</p> <p>At: Wigrams Turn Marina, Shuckburgh Road, Napton-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire CV47 8NL</p> <p>For: Mr John Priest Aquavista Watersides and Marinas Limited</p> <p>RESOLVED: Object <i>Representative for the application was not present.</i></p> <p>Napton Parish Council cannot confirm the unrestricted nature of the moorings for either residential or leisure occupation. Having read the Planning Inspectorate’s report, permission was given for private and rented boats in the context of the temporary nature of tourism, with no residential use being foreseen. Key to this application is the meaning of “private moorings” and NPC can see no evidence that the private moorings were intended for permanent residential use.</p> <p>Application(s) reference: 24/00004/FUL</p> <p>Proposed: Retrospective erection of building for Class B2 or Class B8 purposes and reformatting of existing access with Brickyard Road, Napton. (NB:This consultation has been generated as a result of an amended site edged red plan, the development is the same in all other respects).</p> <p>At: Hillani Yard, Brickyard Road, Napton-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire CV47 8NT</p> <p>For: Mr M Jordan</p> <p>RESOLVED: No Representation <i>Representative for the application was not present.</i></p>	
<p>9 – Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath SM37</p> <p>RESOLVED: Agreed to make no comment.</p>	
<p>10 – Street Lighting</p> <p>UPDATE: <u>Concrete Columns:</u> Replacement steel columns have all been installed and connected. Concrete columns on Cox’s Lane and church path to be dismantled ASAP. Vicarage Road Unit 1 (outside Arc School) to be replaced. Howcombe Lane Unit 3 (outside Pillory Thatch) awaiting quote. Elm Gables may have been hit again whilst it was awaiting to be turned 90 degrees to avoid this. Poplar Road Unit 7 (outside No7) on field side of road to be repaired. Poplar Road (outside No2/3) potential rotting at the base has been noted. Further updates are available on the PC website.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Southam Road – Lamp post by the bus stop opposite King Head is leaning and no longer working. Only 25m along from the leaning post is a steel post with a working lamp and 45m along is a third post with a non-working lamp. Noted that there is no legal requirement for lighting a highway or a bus stop. No quotes have been obtained yet. Agreed to not make a decision on</p>	

replacing until Cllrs have had the time to go inspect. To be put on the May agenda.	
<p>11 – Sports Field Floodlights</p> <p>UPDATE: NSA have talked to all the sports clubs and 2 clubs are willing to potentially donate £5000 each. Grant application is currently in process with the help of Jackie Lawrence and Graham Line, to be completed and submitted by April 19th, 2024.</p>	
<p>12 – School Field</p> <p>UPDATE: Have met with Carlton Contracting and provided a new quote. Still awaiting a quote from the other firm. Both companies considered using very similar methods and not able to give a guarantee as outcome is weather dependent. Once the work is done, will need time for the grass seed to establish, taking the field out of use for 6-8 weeks. Key times to complete the work are either late spring or late summer/early autumn. Carlton Contracting are currently able to do the work in May or September. School may be more accepting of the works occurring in September. Projects clerk was asked to obtain a second detailed quote so that a decision can be made at next meeting.</p>	
<p>13 – Annual Community Meeting</p> <p>RESOLVED: Agreed to hold the Annual Community Meeting on May 12th, 2024, from 2pm – 4:30pm at Napton Village Hall.</p>	
<p>14 – Climate and Environment</p> <p>UPDATE: Repair Café was a success and looking at having another one soon. Everyone who brought items stated they were satisfied with the service provided, even if the item was unfixable. Next Repair Café to potentially be held on May 19th at Napton Village Hall.</p>	
<p>15 – Finance Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: All payments approved, and payment list can be found under supporting documents.</p>	*
<p>16 – Councillor Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None received. 	
<p>17 – Close</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:16.</p> <p>[Note: The next Ordinary Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Council will take place on <u>Monday 13th May 2024</u> Napton Village Hall (main hall)]</p>	

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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