

NORDELPH PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meeting

Held on Monday 16th April 2012 @ 7.30 pm @ Nordelph Village Hall

Committee Members

Cllr. M Harwood
Cllr. J Jones
Cllr. D Gott
Cllr. R Balls
Cllr. R Bailey
Cllr. B Bushnell
Cllr. G Cosson
Cllr. M Slow

Those Attending

Cllr. M Harwood
Cllr. J Jones
Cllr. R Balls
Cllr. R Bailey
Cllr. B Bushnell
Cllr. M Slow

Member of the public – Mr. R Stannard

Apologies

PCSO Tracy Millburn
County Cllr. H Humphrey
Borough Cllr. Pope
Cllr. D Gott
Cllr. G Cosson

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Apologies

There were apologies as listed above.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Harwood & Cllr. Slow both declared an interest in Item 12 Progress report on the organisation of Parking along High Street.

4. Public Forum

Mr. Stannard was present for Item 8 on the agenda, Casual Vacancy.

5. To confirm & sign the minutes from the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Bushnell & seconded by Cllr. Slow.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

Item 20. Allotments, Cllr. Bushnell to contact Jane Logan upon her return to work. Noted JL's long term absence from work, BB to follow up with her office.

Item 21, AOB, Clerk's appraisal has been completed & her contract of employment will be signed in due course. A successful first year.

7. Police Matters

PCSO Law arrived at the meeting at this stage.

Cllr. Slow reported on rejuvenated suspected drugs activity along High Street. He reported that he had been in regular contact with PCSO Millburn who had all the necessary details.

Cllr. Slow reported the on going speeding issues along High Street/Birchfield Road. PCSO Law reiterated that if registration numbers can be taken, the dates and times of the illegal activity then this can be forwarded onto their Traffic Dept. for a potential follow-up visit.

PCSO Law reported that she had only x2 reported crimes from Nordelph since the beginning of the year, both being of a domestic nature.

She did however want to alert everyone to a growing number of number plate thefts from the Downham area, particularly the Southery, Feltwell, Stoke Ferry & Hockwold areas and a few outbuilding/shed burglaries.

PCSO Law left the meeting.

8. Casual Vacancy to be filled

After 58 years of service as Clerk to Nordelph PC, Mr. Stannard was invited to join the Council to fill a vacancy. He accepted & joined Council in their meeting.

9. Joint Meeting of Local Councils

Cllr. Harwood attended the last joint meeting of local councils on 19th March 2012, chaired by County Cllr. Humphrey. Andy Wallace, NCC Highways gave a presentation on the option of Parish Councils taking on some of the Streetscene & Rights of Way services currently supplied by NCC via contractors. Nordelph Parish Council discussed this option but did not feel it suitable at present with our already stretched resources. A discussion on the purchase of x4 grit bins for the parish ensued but Council resolved not to pursue this idea.

The next meeting will be hosted at Nordelph Village Hall on Monday 11th June @ 7.00pm. Cllr. Harwood suggested that some Councillors might wish to attend.

10. Assets Register

The Assets Register is really for insurance purposes. The insurers are only concerned with knowing the purchase date and price of equipment so that they can assess the level of cover needed for replacements.

Items that need adding to the Assets Register are,

War memorial stone cross £20,000. The cross is currently insured for £1,215.00 which is not enough. The premium quoted by A-on for insurance of £20,000 is £171.72 for 2012/13. Clerk to obtain another quote from a different insurer & report back at 21 May meeting.

It was noted that this extra insurance expense for the stone cross needs to be taken into account when considering next year's precept. Action Clerk.

11. Footpath 7

Nothing further to report this month. On going.

12. Parking along High Street

The x2 plastic signs are now ready for collection. Action Clerk.

13. War Memorial Custodianship

Nordelph PC are now the formal custodians of the war memorial and have been registered as such. The memorial has now been registered on the Imperial War Museum's database. This item will now be removed from the agenda.

14. Cemetery

Following the last meeting it was determined that the PC are in fact responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery including the cutting back of the overhanging trees recently reported. This has now been done by Holly Landscapes at a cost of £120.00 + VAT.

For the record, Holly Landscapes cut the grass in both parts of the cemetery as part of their maintenance contract with us. When the churchyard (cemetery) became 'full', the Church handed it over to the PC for maintenance purposes only (the Church still own the land but the PC maintain it). Either the PC could take over the maintenance for it or the BCKLWN. At the time, the BCKLWN's maintenance schedule was not attractive to the PC, nor were their prices, so the PC decided to take on the maintenance themselves – including the cutting back of the trees which is also the PC's responsibility.

15. Planning

Planning App 12/00378/F – installation of x3 15m wind turbines at Land North of World's End Farm, Silt Road, Nordelph (MerryMac Farms Ltd.) – NPC recommend approval but reservations to be given regarding the impact on the landscape & on wildlife taking into account the close proximity of WWT.

Planning App 12/00473/F – installation of x2 15m wind turbines at Hill Farm, Silt Road, Nordelph (Howgego Ltd.) – NPC recommend refusal based on the close proximity of neighbouring properties & concerns over noise & flickering etc.

16. To pass Accounts due

Holly Landscapes	£144.00 trees in cemetery
Crowson & Ward	£37.68 x2 black ink cartrdiges
Mr. Signs	£108.60 x2 plastic signs

The bank statements were available for viewing.

It was agreed to approach Pat Copeman once more, Clerk @ Welney, to appoint her as internal auditor again this year.

The £6,500.00 precept from BCKLWN has arrived. To be banked asap.

17. Correspondence

A-on Local Council Insurance, annual renewal – deferred to 21 May meeting.
NALC annual subscription renewal – cheque to be raised at 21 May meeting.

18. Village Hall Report

No village hall report available. Clerk to arrange for a set of village hall keys to be made available to Cllr. Harwood via Cllr. Gott if possible.

19. Allotments

Cllr. Bushnell to contact Jane Logan again to enquire about the reopening of the allotments (see above).

20. A.O.B.

'Meet the PC' coffee/tea & biscuits before the AGM on 21st May 2012.
To start at 6.45pm for just 15 mins.
Cllr. Jones kindly agreed to assist with this.
Clerk to arrange for the advertising of such on noticeboards.

Clerk to obtain an Equal Opportunities & a Health & Safety Policy from NALC and distribute to all councillors accordingly prior to the next meeting so it can be agreed on 21st May 2012.

Cllr. Harwood noted that he would like to be advised of any future planning training offered by BCKLWN. Clerk noted.

Cllr. Slow would like to remove the small black litter bin currently tied to the post at the staithe and replace it with a wheelie bin, padlocked to the post which he will unlock each week to be emptied. He will paint 'Nordelph Staithe' on the bin.

21. Agenda items for the next meeting

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 21st May 2012, the AGM @ 7.00pm followed by a Council Meeting at 7.30pm.

Signed..... Date