

NORDELPH PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meeting

Held on Monday 21st May 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. M Slow
Cllr. R Stannard

Those Attending

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

Apologies

PCSO Tracy Millburn
County Cllr. H Humphrey
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. Gott declared an interested in Item 10. Culvert for FP/7 and Cllr. Harwood & Cllr. Slow both declared an interest in Item 11 Parking along High Street.

4. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

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

The Minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a true record by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Slow & seconded by Cllr. Balls.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

There were none.

7. Police Matters

PCSO Milburn is holding her next Surgery in the village on Sunday 17th June.

An email from the BCKLWN publicising SNAP meetings (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) which are jointly run by the Police & BCKLWN has been circulated. They are held every 2 months at the Assembly Rooms in Downham Market Town Hall and are open to the public to listen to & work towards addressing local problems. Dates = 4th July 2012, 5th September 2012, 7th November 2012. This information will be made available for publication on the Nordelph PC website.

8. Joint Meeting of Local Councils

The next meeting will be hosted by Nordelph PC at Nordelph Village Hall on Monday 11th June @ 7.00pm, chaired by County Cllr. Humphrey. Cllr Gott kindly agreed to help with the teas & coffees. Clerk to email County Cllr. Humphrey & Kate Cobley (Clerk to Upwell PC) to arrange proposed agenda items to include, 1) Poor condition of the roads in the West of the borough, 2) Proposed cycleway/ cyclepath from Nordelph to Downham Market, 3) Shared services such as Street Lighting and 4) Speeding through the villages.

9. Assets Register

The war memorial stone cross has now been added to the assets register at an estimated replacement value of £20,000 and a quote received from Came & Co. for insurance purposes for 2012-13 of £91.16 which formed part of the quote from Came & Co. (Aviva) for our 2012-13 Local Council's Insurance of £371.61, fixed for 3 years - Council agreed to proceed with this. (Council will therefore no longer be using A.on (Allianz) for their Local Council Insurance. Their quote for 2012-13 was £402 + £171.72 for the war memorial stone cross).

10. Footpath 7

The Isle College have met with the MLC engineer who has agreed to help them with the design of the culvert. Cllr. Harwood to arrange a meeting with the college to progress the filling out of the consent application to the UIDB. It is still hoped that Kier Construction will sponsor the project & that any other costs will be paid for by NCC. Slow progress but on going.

11. Parking along High Street

The x2 plastic signs have now been collected from Mr. Signs in King's Lynn & are with Cllr. Slow for installation.

12. Cemetery

It was reported that some new trellis has been erected along the cemetery side of the garden of Chestnut Cottage, Birchfield Road and that the old fencing from this

property has been left in the cemetery grounds. Clerk to contact Mr. Harlock to see if it would be possible for him to arrange to have this removed.

Cllr. Bushnell reported that x3 headstones in the cemetery are now very unsafe. Cllr. Bushnell to advise the Clerk of the names on these graves & the dates so she can try & notify any relatives. If no-one can be contacted, Clerk to contact Mintlyn to see if it would be appropriate for Council to insert a metal spike behind each grave & bind with a metal band to make safe. On going.

13. Planning

Planning App 12/00599/RM, Construction of x2 dwellings following the demolition of existing bungalow @ The Bungalow, Silt Rod, Nordelph – approved.

Progress with the development of the church land is still not known. Reverend Burnett-Hall is expected to contact the Agents this week to try & glean further information about this. Cllr. Bushnell will report back accordingly.

The erection of a wind turbine along Birchfield Road, between The Mill & Creek View, to be investigated by the Clerk to determine planning permission particulars. Cllr. Jones to notify the Clerk of the name of the property concerned.

14. Finance

Accounts for the Year 2011-12 were distributed & approved.

The Annual Return for the audit commission was read through, agreed & signed by the Chairman, now ready for submission to the external auditors by 30th June 2012.

Clerk reported that she had been unofficially notified that MHB Street Lighting Contractors had gone into liquidation. Clerk to contact NALC to determine Council's way forward with this situation.

To Pass Accounts Due,

NALC annual subscription, £108.17

Came & Co. Local Council Insurance for 2012-13, £371.61 (based on 3 years fixed agreement with Aviva)

Pat Copeman, Internal Audit, £20.00

The bank statements were available for viewing.

15. Correspondence

An email received from Mr. Harlock of Chestnut Cottage, Birchfield Road was noted.

An email from NCC regarding local farmers snow clearing minor roads in the parish during winter months was noted & suggested farmers' names to be sent back for consideration.

16. Village Hall Report

Cllr. Gott reported that Jenny Wells is now the Secretary for the VH Committee. The bingo and the car boot are continuing to be very successful. The Jubilee Event, 25th June has received a £200 grant and raffle prizes are needed. This will be a free event with plenty of things going on during the day and into the evening – just bring a plate of food along and refreshments and ice creams will be available. The AGM is scheduled for 18th June 2012 & the accounts are currently with the auditor.

17. Allotments

Awaiting information from Reverend Burnett-Hall's conversation with the Agents, as Item 12.

18. Equal Opportunities and Health & Safety Policy

The model equal opportunities and health & safety policies requested from NALC were accepted in principle, proposed by Cllr. Bushnell & seconded by Cllr. Balls. Clerk to personalise them to Nordelph Parish Council and these to be formally adopted at the next meeting.

The Chairman advised Council that all members should try to receive some Health & Safety training this year.

19. A.O.B.

Cllr. Slow reported that the Dairy Crest milk delivery van & the postman appear to be driving at excessive speeds along Birchfield Road.

Cllr. Bushnell confirmed that he will put agendas/minutes up on the noticeboard at the Staithe & the village hall when Cllr. Harwood is unable to.

20. Agenda items for the next meeting

- Speeding & Signs for discussion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.46pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday 25th June 2012 @ 7.00 pm.

Signed..... Date