

NORDELPH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Nordelph Parish Council on Monday 29th October @ 7.00 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, Cllr. G Cosson

Those Attending: Cllr. M Harwood, Cllr. R Bailey, Cllr. B Bushnell, Cllr. M Slow, Cllr. Stannard, Cllr. Jones.

Apologies: Cllr. G Cosson, Cllr. Balls,, Cllr. Gott, Borough Cllr. Spikings, Borough Cllr. Pope, County Cllr. Humphrey.

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting including Jane Scarrott, Parish Liaison Officer from NorfolkALC.

2. **Apologies**

There were apologies as listed above.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Harwood & Cllr. Slow declared an interest in Item 9. Cemetery – quotes for pollarding trees along High Street and the hedge at the cemetery. Cllr. Stannard declared an interest in Item 11. Planning – Planning app 12/01523/F construction of mooring at Woodstan House, Birchfield Road, Nordelph.

4. **Public Forum**

Jane Scarrott was present to introduce herself in her new position at NorfolkALC and to advise council of various events that NorfolkALC were hosting over the next few months and to try and encourage councillors/clerk to attend should they have an interest. Clerk was furnished with all the literature. Councillors & Clerk should be aware of the NorfolkALC website and be encouraged to use it as much as possible as there is a lot of useful information on it.

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

The Minutes of the last meeting, were confirmed and signed as a true record by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Stannard & seconded by Cllr. Slow. Cllr. Bailey reiterated his disappointment with the work Highways had done to the A1122, particularly the section between the bridge and the car wash.

6. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting**

There were no matters arising.

7. **Police Matters**

Following last month's meeting, PCSO Millburn had emailed Council regarding her disappointment at the actions of one of our councillors at the September meeting whilst discussing drug dealing in the village. PCSO Millburn felt a personal attack had been launched against her regarding this issue. Cllr. Harwood had subsequently replied assuring PCSO Millburn that this was in no way a personal attack, merely frustration bought on by the continuing suspected illegal drug related activities which continue to occur regularly outside the Councillor's house.

8. **BCKLWN Issues**

- **Register of Members' Pecuniary Interests**

All forms have now been returned to the Clerk who will arrange to get them copied and sent to the BCKLWN.

9. Cemetery

It was agreed to replace the 130ft thorn hedge at the cemetery, in the Spring, which runs from north to south, either side of the gates, & replace it with a privet hedge as it is full of ivy (fill in the 2 small gaps either side of the double black gates also). This to be an agenda item for February 2013.

Quotes had been received from both CGM & Denver Tree & Garden Services to trim back the hedge at the back of the cemetery and the 2 willow trees and purple plum by the Staithe. CGM was by far the most competitive. The quote from Holly Landscapes is still awaited. It was agreed to ask CGM to do the work assuming the quote from Holly Landscapes is not more keenly priced.

It was unanimously agreed that a contribution to the cost of this should not be expected from Mr & Mrs Jaworski but if they felt they wanted to make a donation to the Village Hall or something similar this would be gratefully received.

10. Norfolk County Council issues

- **Highways Rangers visit 26/11/12**

The drains need unblocking o/s Providence Place, Silt Road – opposite the chapel. The drains along High Street from the bridge to the old church need clearing out.

- **Signage for school bus stop along Silt Road**

Highways have confirmed that they will erect signage for the school bus drop off/pick up point along Silt Road. Clerk to pursue the feasibility of moving the bus stop to the top of Coronation Avenue. Highways need to assess.

- **Progress report on the provision of a culvert for FP/7**

Nothing to report this month.

- **Proposed cycle path, Nordelph to Downham Market**

Nothing to report this month.

11. Planning

Planning app 12/01340/F installation of a single small scale wind turbine skystream 3.7 @ Seamh Cottage, Birchfield Road, Nordelph. NPC refused. Application has now been withdrawn.

Planning app 12/01319/F installation of one small (15m) wind turbine at Fenfield, Silt Road, Nordelph. NPC approved with the stipulation that neighbouring properties would not be affected by noise, flickering, vibration etc. BCKLWN refused. Cllr. Harwood had received a letter of complaint from a local resident regarding NPC's decision to approve this application. Cllr. Harwood phoned the resident concerned and advised him to attend the Planning Committee meeting to state his case and they then had a general conversation about the application. NPC had approved the application, as there were no valid planning reasons not to. A caveat had been added to the planning application reply stating that approval was only given on the understanding that there would be no adverse noise, flickering or vibration issues for neighbouring properties. The BC subsequently refused the application on these grounds.

Planning app 12/01523/F construction of 6m long mooring with bankside steps at Woodstan House, Birchfield Road, Nordelph. NPC approved.

Clerk to make initial attempts to draft a list of planning guidelines for the installation of domestic wind turbines.

Dates for Planning training were provided by the BCKLWN for February 2013. Cllr. Harwood, Cllr. Slow & Clerk to attend. Either Thursday 7th February or Friday 8th February, 0900-1200 hrs.

12. Finance

Payments for the month,

Kate Bennett	Expenses	£20.00
Westcotec	Street Lighting	£28.96
Village Hall	Village Hall Hire	£260.00

Clerk to arrange with Barclays for Cllr. Harwood to be a 3rd signatory and to close the Business Saver Account No. 30043966 with £3758.29 in it and transfer it to the Community Account.

The Operational risk assessment requested by Mazars was discussed. Potential risks within the Parish were identified and an assessment on their likelihood of being a risk and the impact of this risk were made for each identified. Clerk to draft a copy of the report for agreement at the next meeting.

The bank statements were made available for viewing and were viewed by Cllr. Bailey, Cllr. Stannard & Cllr. Jones.

13. Correspondence

This month's correspondence was discussed per the Agenda. The rebuilt converted chapel at Salters Lode to be nominated for the Mayor's Annual Design Awards. The issue of mud being left on Birchfield Road between The Mill and the cemetery and the state of the verges following the farmer removing his pumpkins has caused concern for many residents. Historically this is a bad time of year for this kind of issue but this year seems worse than usual with no apparent attempts made by the farmer concerned to tidy up. This has been addressed by Highways & the Police. The Clerk will forward on to the Police a suggested name for the farmer responsible.

14. Village Hall Report

Congratulations to be conveyed from the PC to the VH committee for progress made with the development of the Youth Club. It is believed that the wiring for the electrics has now been done.

15. Allotments

Nothing further to report this month.

16. Agenda items for the next meeting

- 2013 Meeting Dates.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th December 2012 @ 7.00 pm.

Signed..... Date