

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th April
2023 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr P Smith (Chair), Mr B McClymont, Mr A Leary, Mr B Wright, Mr M Kneen,
and Mr P Farmer

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

Apologies: Mr L Cammack, Mr B Allen, Miss A George and Mrs L Dales

District Councillors:

Visitors: Mr M Brown and Mrs D Day

34/23 Declarations of Interest – None

**35/23 To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th March
2023**

The Minutes having been previously circulated, and no issues raised prior to the meeting.

Proposer Mr Farmer and Seconded by Mr Leary

36/23 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mr Smith confirmed that the broadband and TV had been installed in the Village Hall. Mr Smith has circulated the Wi-Fi password. Mr Kneen asked if we could organise a guest password and Mr Farmer will look into this.

A new clock has also been put up in the Village Hall although the battery has now died. Mr Smith will organise a new battery.

Steven Jackson's Plaque – Miss George was not in attendance, but Mr Smith will check whether the plaque has been put in place.

Cricket Club – still no sign of a planning application

Warm Spaces – the last meeting was not well attended. Mr Kneen suggested a change of name might be in order. We very much support the concept; however the name suggests a winter event. It might be an idea to have a banner outside the Village Hall offering "Coffee and Chat". This gets away from the idea that the sessions are only for winter use.

Mr McClymont told the meeting that there is a lot being done to try and get people in the village involved. A Games Day was organised, however nobody attended. This may well start up again in the winter as it was suggested people might prefer to do outside activities at this time of year.

Nat West update – Clerk to contact Mr Allen to see if he has been in touch with Nat West in relation to transferring the Parish Council’s banking.

Mr Smith responded to Councillor Darby’s Agent, Mr David Hennigan but has not received a response.

Mr Smith to organise a meeting with Councillor Darby with a small number of Parish Councillors in attendance. Funding via Councillor Darby will be available after the elections.

The Green on Pocklington Crescent – no decision in relation to this area. The residents in the surrounding area will be contacted if the work is progressed and asked for their opinions on any future plans before any work is undertaken.

Esso Garage – The Clerk wrote to the garage in relation to the litter situation coming from the garage and affecting the surrounding area. No response has been received.

37/23 A46 Update

A meeting is to be held on the 21st of April 2023 at 11 o’clock with National Highways to discuss the recent targeted consultation. This will enable them to go through specific points that the Parish Council have raised.

Mr Leary asked if we need another meeting of collective bodies, i.e., Parish Council, Thomas Brewer, the school etc. There are some strong views out there and it is felt that the village needs a collective view to discuss issues with National Highways. Mr Leary felt that Highways are listening to groups so now might be a good time for a collective meeting. Mr Farmer felt that we needed to corral everyone together. The Think Again campaign is independent and would give the views of the village although the lack of a Chair is making them less effective at the moment. Mr Smith felt that the Parish Council working with Think Again should be the facilitators to get everyone’s views across to Highways.

38/23 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Mr Smith has received the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan including photos and he will circulate this to Parish Councillors. He needs to write a small introduction and then it is done and ready to go. The consultation will run for 6 weeks from the 1st June and access to the completed plan will be circulated to all Parish residents towards the end of May.

39/23 Invoices for Approval and any other financial matters

Balances

Year End 2022/23

Current Year 2023/24

Current Account - £330.31

£393.56

Property Trust - £7275.88

£7275.88

Holding Account - £12,514.19	£13008.19
Tennis Club - £5256.37	£5256.37
Focal Point – 2048.03	£1792.03

The Holding Account looks healthy, however when you minus the Tennis Club funds, the Focal Point funds and that of the Festival funds of £1523.46 and Events £235.97, this leaves us with an actual figure of £4200.36.

We also hold the funds from the Groundwork grant which was originally £10k and we have spent £6k of that so if no further costs are involved, the £4k left will be returned. This does leave the holding account looking somewhat thin. The precept will be due shortly, but this gives a more realistic idea of where we stand financially.

The VAT has been claimed from October 22 to March 23 in the sum of £1756.45

Expenditure for April

Doug Lyne £597.60

Defib Pads £57.60

Village Hall for Meetings 22/23 £102

Village Hall for Meetings 23/24 £187

Hire of Community Centre £15.00

Willsons April Focal Point printing £256

The Clerk has completed the Annual Governance Review and it has balanced. The year end accounts need to be adopted although they are currently un-audited as Mr Kena is going to do this and complete his part of the AGAR as the Internal Auditor. The accounts were formally approved subject to any changes that may occur from the internal audit. Once the internal audit is completed, the Clerk will send all the necessary paperwork to PKF. The Parish Council agreed to formally adopt the year end accounts.

New bank account – ongoing

40/23 District/County Councillor Updates

Mrs Dales has apparently had a meeting in relation to the signage of The Spinney. She was not present at the meeting to elaborate on this.

41/23 Planning

23/00540/HOUSE – 1 Speight Close – Single Storey extension to front and rear elevations. New boundary fencing and gates. The Parish Council felt that this application was contrary

to planning guidelines within a conservation area. There was also concern that such a fence would inhibit visibility and therefore represent a danger. Clerk to respond to Planning.

23/00649/HOUSE – The Grove, 73 Gainsborough Road – Extension and Upgrade of existing pool outbuilding and new Jacuzzi within existing pool area (re-submission). The Parish Council felt that the application is a significant extension to the existing to the existing pool outbuilding to provide the jacuzzi, however it cannot be seen from the roadway and doesn't detract from the character of The Grove and therefore have no objections. The only proviso is that it must be only for domestic use and not commercial. Clerk to respond to planning.

23/00622/FUL Starbucks Drive Thru, Godfrey Drive, Winthorpe – Installation of three rapid electric vehicle charging stations with car park with associated equipment – No objections. Clerk to respond to Planning.

42/23 Parish Maintenance and General Works

The Clerk gave an update on the Lengthman Scheme. Have spoken to Emma Satchell at Via, we are not able to claim for the new dog/litter bins. On Emma's recommendation, the Clerk has applied for the verge cutting that the Parish carries out for the village and not for Notts CC. The application has gone in and hopefully we will get the full allowance for the last financial year.

Jubilee Field – Mr Smith confirmed he had given feedback to Lynn Preece which she was happy with. She has contacted the Internal Drainage Board about planting alongside The Fleet. Dependant on their response, we will then need to contact homeowners who back on to this area to discuss whether this project should go ahead.

The planting when it happens could be a community event. Miles Harriman is making an application for funding to Severn Trent Water. Whatever happens, the Village will need to be consulted fully on the proposals.

Mr Smith and Mr Farmer planted the oak tree from Mr Smith's Garden on the Village Green and so far it is looking okay.

Safety Checks are due to be carried out. Mr Smith went through the list to ensure everyone knew their areas of responsibility.

43/23 Correspondence

None

44/23 King's Coronation Celebrations

Mrs Denise Day confirmed that everything is organised. She has a good team working with her. It had been suggested that bunting should be put out in the village. Clerk to contact Mr Cammack in this regard. It would be nice to have it on Gainsborough Road as well as the Village Hall and the Community Centre.

The Clerk confirmed that NSDC had asked for our bank details so the funding should be received any day now.

The Union Jack flag is damaged beyond repair. It was agreed to purchase another one at a cost of £200. It was agreed to use any monies left over from the Coronation Celebrations towards this cost.

45/23 AOB

Elections –

- As of now all PC members are elected as councillors and we have a quorum.
- After the 9th May we then need to advertise and seek to co-opt a new PC member
- We then have 35 days to appoint a new councillor.
- If we haven't appointed anybody by the 26th June then N&SDC will force an election.

Mr Leary and Mr Kneen are due to attend a Quarry Liaison Meeting next week.

Mr Wright felt that there were branches on Holme Lane sticking out on to the road which need trimming. Mr Wright volunteered to do this.

Mr Kneen confirmed that he is hosting a Safer Neighbourhood meeting on the 26th of April 2023 at 7.30 at the Community Centre. The Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch will be speaking and bringing 800 stickers to hand out to residents.

Mr Kneen said that there had been an upsurge in crime recently with a car being broken and an assault. We are unsure to date whether the Police have taken any action in relation to the assault. Residents need to be vigilant.

The Clerk confirmed that she will be happy to remain in the role for another year after which time she would want to step down. She wanted to give the Parish Council plenty of time to recruit a new Clerk. If a suitable appointment can be made earlier, she would be happy to stand down then, whatever is in the best interest of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.