

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the North Luffenham Community Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday October 23rd 2012.

Present: Cllr. Cade, (Chairman) , Cllr Ellis, Cllr Read, Cllr Mrs Riordan & Cllr Tobin
Also in attendance: Mr. I Ferguson, Parish Clerk, County Cllr Miss Waller

PUBLIC FORUM. There was one member of the public present. There being no comments from the Public Forum the Meeting Proper was convened and the Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Riordan to the Parish Council

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>APOLOGIES</u> Received from County Cllr Bool, Cllr Overington and Cllr Sewell	
2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Cllr Mrs Riordan declared an interest in Item 15 (allotments) by virtue of having an allotment. Cllr Ellis declared an interest in item 12 (Digby Farm) by virtue of family connection. Cllr Ellis also declared an interest in item 4 (Trees on Ketton Rd) by virtue of interest in the land.	
3. <u>MINUTES OF MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13th 2012</u> The Clerk had circulated the draft minutes and had invited comments about any significant discrepancies. There had been a comment from Cllr Read which had resulted in the point about village consultation in item 14 being recorded more accurately. Cllr Sewell had pointed out to the Clerk prior to this meeting that what he said under item 4 (Pridmore's Field) was "The field edge will remain, as it must by DEFRA law, and there is no permissive right of way." This is the opposite to that which had been minuted. There was some discussion after which the Council agreed that Cllr Sewell's version is what he said. The Clerk will amend the minutes accordingly AGREED that when this change is made The Chairman may sign the minutes as being a true record and they will then be circulated	Clerk Cllr Overington Clerk
4. <u>MATTERS ARISING</u> Trees on Ketton Road. Cllr Cade reported that the landowners are agreeable to the PC filling the gaps. Cllr Cade suggests that we should buy trees to do this and also to replace T10 on the Oval. Cllr Read thought that the whole issue of trees in the village should be dealt with as a whole under an overall "Tree Policy" AGREED that "Tree Policy" should be carried forward to the next meeting. Corrected minutes of PC meeting of July 11th 2012 The Clerk had circulated these on September 29 th 2012 Trees by Geoff Sewell Close Concern had been expressed from the Public Forum at the Sept 13 th meeting that these trees needed trimming back as they were overhanging the footpath in Pinfold Lane. The Clerk had contacted Spire Homes who had cut back trees at the north side of the vehicular entrance to Geoff Sewell Close but the real area of overhang was further north by the allotments and Cllr Cade reported that he had trimmed trees back in this area.	Clerk
5. <u>MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 4/10/12</u> It was noted that these had been agreed by those present at the meeting, signed by Cllr Overington and circulated.	

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from High Sheriff of Rutland explaining that of the £50 we had donated to Rutland Sailability for the river pageant only 75% had been used and had offered to refund the residue of 25%. The PC agreed that Rutland Sailability should keep the balance as a donation and the Clerk will respond to that effect

Clerk

Police and Crime Commissioner elections The Clerk advised the PC he had received all the notices for this and they had been posted on the notice boards by the required times.

Clerk

Letter from Mrs S Lawson in which she highlights various areas around the village in need of improvement. These have been noted by the Parish Council and the Clerk will respond to that effect

All Clerk

RCC Policy Development Plan document. The Clerk had received hard copy of this lengthy document. As a PC we are invited to respond by November 22nd. There is a copy on the RCC web-site. It was agreed that each Councillor will look at the document and send his/her response to the Clerk by October 31st and he will, if possible, co-ordinate a composite response from the Parish Council by the deadline.

7. COMMITTEES

Following the resignation of Mick Coogan there are vacancies on each of the Planning and Finance committees.

AGREED Cllr Ellis will join the planning committee which now comprises Cllrs Tobin, Read, Overington and Ellis

Clerk

AGREED Cllr Mrs Riordan will join the finance committee which now comprises Cllrs Overington, Cade, Tobin and Mrs Riordan

8. FINANCE

The Finance report had been circulated and accepted. An invoice from Komodo Fireworks for £1000 + vat is anticipated very soon and the PC authorised payment of this. The Clerk pointed out that Mick Coogan had been a signatory on both the HSBC and CCLA accounts and we therefore ideally need another signatory.

AGREED Cllr Mrs Riordan will be a signatory on both these accounts and the Clerk will raise the necessary paperwork

9 PLANNING

Roses Woodyard development. Cllr Tobin reported that his committee still have concerns about there being no planned footpath along the south side of Edith Weston Road between Oval Close and Pinfold Lane. Instead pedestrians will be invited to walk through the development. Cllr Tobin has expressed these concerns to Nick Hodgett at RCC and Cty Cllr Miss Waller offered to help put forward the PC's case. Cllr Read said that he understands that mature trees will be planted to replace the leylandii and expressed concern as to who would be responsible for their maintenance. The plans are expected any day now and the planning committee will address this issue.

Tree works at the Old Rectory including pollarding of lime tree The planning committee have seen no cause to object to this but Cllr Overington (by e-mail) has expressed concern that RCC's rules on pollarding seem less onerous in this case than in that concerning the 3 trees on the Oval which the PC wanted to pollard.

AGREED The planning committee will still file "no objection"

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COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITY

Cllr Read said that this is ‘on hold’ and would like this item carried forward

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BONFIRE NIGHT

Ellis’ Transport are providing the bonfire. As this will include pallets there will be nails left the next morning and these will need clearing up in the interests of health and safety. In particular Cllr Tobin will take round the bucket, Cllr Read will help, Andy Wormald will organise the food (The Clerk will help); Judy Cade is organising hot drinks and Debbie King/Lyn Burrows will do mulled wine. Cllr Cade said he still needs to organise first aid.

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DIGBY FARM

Cty Cllr Miss Waller’s letter to Cllr Overington was noted. It was circulated only a few hours before the meeting and will be discussed at a future meeting so that people have time to study it. It was clear to the PC that there is also a problem in that the ownership of Warren Lane is not clear.

Cllrs Read,
Cade, Tobin
Clerk

All

13.

PARISH WEBSITE

Cllr Read had circulated a paper on this. Wayne Bishop has offered his services free to set up a Parish website at a nominal cost of £100 maximum in the first year.

AGREED that we allocate £100 from the budget for this purpose and that Cllr Read should approach Wayne Bishop to move this forward. It was also suggested that we could if needs be approach the Village Trust for funding in the future.

Cllr Read

14. **OVAL REPORT (for this item the Council is acting as Corporate Trustee)**

Trees T90, T91 & T92. Cllr Cade reported that it would cost a further £300 to do a safety survey.

AGREED As a PC we have done as much as we are allowed to do on these 3 trees and we should do no more

15. FIELD GARDENS (for this item the Council is acting as Corporate Trustee)

Untidy allotments The Clerk reported that he had written to 6 allotment holders asking them to improve on maintenance. He had had 3 replies one of which was to relinquish the allotment. Cllr Cade confirmed that overall there has been an improvement

Jubilee wood At an extraordinary PC meeting on October 4th 2012 it was decided NOT to serve notice on the existing tenant ahead of Oct 11th being the anniversary date of the tenancy agreement. It was also felt that if we are prepared to spend money on the village we should look at options other than tree planting and Cllr Cade proposed a working party comprising council and non-council members to do this. Cllr Cade reminded the meeting that this is the area that we can spend the trust money on and this can extend to the Oval.

AGREED that the Community Recreation Facility remit be extended to include this & 2 non-PC people will be invited to join it

Clerk

16.

MEETING DATES IN 2013 It was agreed that PC meetings in 2013 will be on Mondays Jan 21st, March 25th, May 20th (APCM) July 15th September 2nd, October

21st and December 2nd. The Annual Parish meeting will be on April 15th

17. **HEDGE ON EDITH WESTON ROAD** This is overgrown between Ancaster Way and Butt Lane and the Clerk will make the appropriate enquiries Clerk
18. **PARKING IN CHAPEL LANE.** Cllr Ellis expressed concern that vehicle(s) park on the pavement in Chapel Lane causing danger to both pedestrians and traffic. The Clerk will contact, in the first place, Di Freeman our Community Police Officer Clerk
19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Monday December 3rd 2012

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9-10 pm

Signed.....Chairman Date _____

Finance Report - Positions at October 14th 2012

Monies paid since last meeting

A	Colin Heasell – work in Sept/Oct 2012	£155-00
B	E.ON – street light repair	£115-20
C	Air Ambulance (Jubilee Donations)	£531-15
D	Neil Atkins (bins)	£75-00
E	North Luffenham Cricket Club (mowing Oval)	£800-00
F	Severn-Trent Water	£197-67
G	Cllr Overington – maps for planning application	£25-00
H	Clerk's salary due 30/09/12	£682-37
I	Clerk's expenses	£8-49

Account balances

a	HSBC Current a/c	£2,028-67
b	HSBC Money Manager a/c	£5,428-59

To be paid

A	Komodo Fireworks	£1200-00
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