

NORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2016 in Norwell Village Hall commencing 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors:

R. Ward (Chair)
M. Porter
H. Moreno
C. Chittell
A. Ward
H. Brown

In attendance:

C. Millward (Clerk)
Councillor Laughton (from 7.15 pm)
Councillor Saddington (until 7.00 pm)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
NPC/58/16	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from councillor Saul (health). Councillor Ward had been delayed. Councillors Saddington and Laughton were unable to attend because of a Kelham Hall commitment in relation to the local minerals plan consultation	
NPC/59/16	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any item of business on the agenda.	
NPC/60/16	Dispensations – None required.	
NPC/61/16	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 24 February 2016: The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
NPC/62/16	Matters arising: <i>NPC/43/16 – Finance</i> – Councillors confirmed that the hall had been used for 2 hours for the Network Rail meeting. The clerk will inform the village hall treasurer. There were no other matters arising.	Clerk
NPC/63/16	Chair's report: Nothing to report which was not an agenda item. Councillor Ward arrived at 6.40 pm.	
NPC/54/16	Reports from the District and County Councillors: Councillors unable to attend (see NPC/58/16 (Apologies) above).	
NPC/55/16	2016 Annual parish meeting arrangements – 6.30 pm Wednesday 25 May 2016: Arrangements as 2015. Parish Council annual meeting to follow at 7.00 pm.	

<p>NPC/56/16</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Financial position as at 29 February 2016 - The clerk presented her report showing the precise financial position at 29 February 2016 and incorporating a budget, which councillors considered and noted.</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment - Having considered the budget, the council unanimously approved two payments totalling £217.10</p> <p>c. Internal auditor's interim report: Councillors welcomed Mr Knowles' report confirming that the accounts to 31 October 2015 were in order.</p> <p>d. Closure of consolidated stock account: Councillors noted Mr Knowles' recommendation that, being an historical anomaly, the 2½% consolidated stock account be closed and authorised the clerk to proceed with the closure.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>NPC/57/16</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. Applications: 16/00326/FUL Householder application for erection of two-storey extension School House Farm Woodhouse Road Norwell Nottinghamshire NG23 6JX: Councillors considered the application and unanimously decided to support the proposal.</p> <p>b. Decisions: 15/02105/FUL – Change of use of land to keeping and stabling of horses including stable block and feed store - South Field Farm Caunton Road Norwell Nottinghamshire NG23 6LB: Approval noted. Councillors thanked the applicants for their donation to the village of two bottles of champagne. Councillors decided that the donation would be of most value if passed on to the village church to be used to raise funds at the strawberry tea and help make this village event a success. The clerk will write formally to thank the applicants. Councillors also noted the approval of 16/00075/FUL Householder application for proposed conservatory to existing dwelling. 7 The Old Nurseries Norwell Nottinghamshire NG23 6NA which had been received after circulation and display of the agenda.</p> <p>c. Alterations to Hill Farm and Ivy Cottage including appeal against NSDC refusal of 15/01479/FUL (number APP/B330/W/15/3139167): No developments.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>NPC/58/16</p>	<p>Affordable housing: The chair confirmed that the call for land will be published in the next parish magazine. The call for land is also on display in the village noticeboards. The clerk will arrange for the document to appear on the website.</p> <p>They asked the clerk to seek Miles King's guidance as to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Whether, once purchased, a private owner of affordable housing is free to sell to anyone or whether any sale must be to another person with a local connection in perpetuity, and b. If so, how the local connection restriction fits with the Government's current right to buy proposals/ethos. <p>Councillors noted Nottinghamshire Community Housing Association email dated 3 March 2016 regarding the lack of clarity in relation to right to buy and properties such as Moorlands Close following a change in Government policy. They will await further clarification once it is available.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>NPC/59/16</p>	<p>Green spaces including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Play Park including- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Report on playground: The clerk passed the paper copy 2015 annual inspection report to councillor Brown, who will remove all equipment identified as unsafe as a priority. 	<p>HB ASAP</p>

	<p>ii. New play equipment project: The chair confirmed that a petition was on display in the shop and at the school to establish the extent of support in the village for new equipment. Councillors emphasised that the council is not party to nor does it have any connection with any third party efforts to raise funds for new equipment.</p> <p>iii. New lease by council of land at School Lane: Councillors noted the contents of Larken & Co's letter dated 9 March 2016 and, in particular, the advice that the draft lease contains a break clause. The clerk will ask Larken & Co to seek the removal of this clause in line with the existing lease. Councillors authorised the chair to sign the letter of engagement on the council's behalf. Councillors also authorised the chair and councillor Moreno to sign the new lease when advised to do so by Larken & Co. The chair passed his ID details to the clerk to be passed to Larken & Co with the letter of engagement. Councillor Moreno will contact Larken & Co direct in this regard.</p> <p>b. Parish Gardens including future arrangements for clearing of dyke: Councillor Brown reported that he had inspected the dyke and had cut and removed the hedge at the base. Further attention to the dyke is needed once the ground is dryer. The clerk will include the matter for review on the July agenda. Councillors noted that rotavation by volunteers had not been possible. The chair will let the clerk have details of the vacant plots to be rotavated. She will then seek a quote from Shipleys. The chair and councillor Chittell will inspect other areas which the committee had identified as needing attention.</p> <p>c. Open gardens' day insurance: Councillors discussed Came & Co's advice that, whilst the council's insurance covers any public liability it may have in relation to the allotments and open day, the insurance does not extend to the committee or individual allotment holders/landowners. Councillors discussed the position, recognising the contribution the open day makes to the sense of community, celebration and cohesion in the village and agreed that, if the event is not covered under existing insurance held by the committee, the council would be prepared to contribute up to £100 in respect of the premium for one off event insurance for the committee. The chair will enquire of the committee regarding insurance.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk HM</p> <p>Clerk/ July</p> <p>Chair Clerk Chair/CC</p> <p>Chair</p>
<p>NPC/60/16</p>	<p>Village amenities including:</p> <p>a. Defibrillator at Norwell Woodhouse phone box: Councillor Brown confirmed that he had initiated the installation of the defibrillator by an electrician on a goodwill basis but that, as yet, the installation had not been completed. Councillors authorised him to by instruct a commercial contractor if the delay continued.</p> <p>b. Health and safety inspection report: Councillor Brown reported that he had inspected the bench and phone box and that here were no issues of concern.</p>	<p>HB</p>
<p>NPC/61/16</p>	<p>Transport including:</p> <p>a. Highways issues: The clerk will report the poor and deteriorating road surface in Norwell Woodhouse between Jack's Barn and the old noticeboard. Councillors expressed the belief that this was a factor in the recent accident which the police had attended.</p> <p>b. East Coast Main Line: No developments.</p> <p>c. NCC bus services review: NCC's response noted. The clerk will email a copy to the chair</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>NPC/62/16</p>	<p>PAGE including Minerals Local Plan consultation: The clerk will object on the basis of the traffic implications of an extraction site at</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	Flash Farm, Averham.	
NPC/63/16	Service faults: None.	
NPC/64/16	<p>Correspondence: Item f – Tower Mint Ltd – Queen’s 90th birthday medal – Councillors noted that the Village hall Committee is ordering souvenirs. Councillor A Ward will pass the medal to the Committee.</p> <p>All other items of correspondence on the agenda were noted.</p>	AW
NPC/65/16	<p>Parishioners’ Business: Noted a recent issue regarding dog waste being left on the pavement. The chair will remind villagers of the importance of clearing up and of the new dog bin facility.</p>	Chair
NPC/66/16	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>a. Date: Wednesday 27 April 2016 at 6.30 pm</p> <p>b. Agenda items: See above</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm