

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Church Street, Rothersthorpe on Monday August 4th 2014 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Mr J Considine – Chairman, Mrs C Nolan, Mr P Dickens, Ms J Botterill, Mr R Boscott and Mrs J Johnson.

In Attendance: Mrs J Kirkbride – County Councillor

Mrs J Eliot - District Councillor

Mrs S Murphy – Clerk

4 members of the public – Mr M Barber, Mr C Appleton, Mr D Kettell and Mr John Morphy.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Ann Addison and Mr Jeff Morphy.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in items set out on the agenda.

3. Public Open Session

Mrs Kirkbride addressed the meeting and said that NCC are desperately trying to get all the necessary road repairs completed and emphasised the importance of continue to report any potholes etc on Street Doctor. Mrs Kirkbride also spoke about the plans to relocate NCC staff back into Northampton from the offices at Lakeside. The Lakeside offices are expensive to run and the move to the Angel Street development will help to bring much needed trade into Northampton. Ncc are also trying to push ahead with high speed broadband. Mrs Kirkbride left the meeting to attend a vigil at All Saints church to commemorate the outbreak of World War 1 .

John Morphy addressed the meeting on behalf of the playing field committee and said that a bank account has been set up for the money raised towards the costs of the proposed playing field. The committee had carried out a survey of other playing fields and facilities for information.

Mr Appleton asked Mr Morphy if there are any minutes available from the playing field committee meetings and if it was possible to see them? Mr Morphy explained that the committee are still trying to find out what can be achieved and that they are still waiting to hear from SNC and when there is a definitive response the village will be consulted.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on June 25th 2014 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Neighbourhood Planning

Following the discussion at the previous meeting with Andy D’Arcy, the parish council have to consider which would be the most suitable way to proceed. Mr Considine asked how many of the parish council would be in favour of drawing up a formal Neighbourhood Plan. All parish councillors present were against drawing up a formal plan. The neighbourhood planning framework could be

used as a format to look at how the village wishes to evolve over the next 5 – 10 years. It was agreed to review the village survey and to look at Kislingbury's neighbourhood planning questionnaire to see how to make it relevant to Rothersthorpe. Mr Boscott, Mrs Nolan, Mrs Johnson and Ms Botterill will review these and circulate their response prior to the next meeting.

Mr Considine agreed to put together an article for the newsletter under the title of " What does the Parish Council do?"

Community Enhancement Gang

Mr Morphy sent a report which detailed how much work the gang carried out and how well this was done. The parish council would be pleased to have the gang return in 2015.

Village of the Year

Rothersthorpe were runners up in the Small Villages section in the 2014 Village of the Year competition. Mr Considine thanked all the villagers who worked hard to make this possible.

Churchyard Trees

Mrs Nolan asked when the conifers in the churchyard would be cut back. Mrs Murphy to check with the contractor.

Prologis Park Exhibition

The exhibition illustrated that the expansion of the Prologis Park will affect Kislingbury more than Rothersthorpe.

Proposed Windfarm Exhibition

The proposed site for the windfarm will have more impact on Bugbrooke with possible implications for Campion School. Although Rothersthorpe is trying to protect green spaces and not necessarily opposed to windfarms there are better locations for such a site.

6. Clerk's Report

Housing Needs Survey

SNC is changing the way it carries out its Housing Needs Survey. Rather than parish by parish, the entire district will be surveyed in one go every few years. Further publicity with a FAQ leaflet and web link to the survey will be sent out in September.

Voter Registration

The Government has launched the Individual Electoral Registration system, which makes every eligible voter responsible for registering themselves to vote. Every household will have received a letter from SNC detailing this change.

7. Planning

Applications

S/2014/0958/FUL

Mr D Ashforth

Demolition of existing gable wall/ part of games

35 Church Street
Rothersthorpe

room with a single storey infill extension
at 35 Church Street

The Parish Council have no objection.

S/2014/1159/FUL

Mr G Ford
75 Saxonberry Cottage
Church Street
Rothersthorpe

Rear Extension
75 Saxonberry Cottage
Church Street
Rothersthorpe

The parish council have no objection.

8. Finance

Expenditure

E.On Energy: Street Lighting

£140.24 Chq . No 000881
VAT: £23.37

Allseasons: Gardening – 30.6.2014

£390.00 “ “ 000882
VAT:£65.00

Signatories

Following Mr Boscott being added to the signatory list, Lloyds Bank asked for a copy of a resolution to confirm that Mr Considine, Mrs Nolan and Mr Boscott were signatories on the parish council account. Mr Considine signed the resolution on behalf of the Parish Council.

9. Highways/ Footpaths

Bus Shelter Bench.

Mr Peter Osborne of Kisingbury Road has contacted the parish council and expressed his wish to provide a bench for people to sit on at the bus shelter. Ms Botterill to speak to Mr Osborne and to Mr Barber to see if the location is suitable.

Church Street Noticeboard

It was agreed to look into moving the noticeboard on the churchyard wall to the opposite wall by the school entrance to make it more accessible.

10. Representative Reports

There were no representative reports.

11. Dates of the next Meetings.

Monday September 15th 2014 at 7.30p.m
Wednesday October 22nd 2014 at 7.30p.m
Meeting Closed at 8.47p.m.

Signed.....Dated.....