

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall Church Street on Wednesday November 22nd 2014 at 7.30p.m.

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

In Attendance: Mrs S Murphy – Clerk

3 members of the public – Mrs K Cooper, Mr and Mrs P Robinson

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs J Eliot, Mrs A Addison and Mrs J Kirkbride.

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Public Open Session

Mr and Mrs Robinson explained that they no longer wished to be responsible for the flower bed adjacent to the churchyard wall. Mr Morphy explained that with the building of the new electricity sub-station at the back of the village the road will be resurfaced right up to the side wall, which would take the flower bed away.

Mrs Robinson also asked if it would be possible to have the original name of the road, which is Fishers Lane, re-instated. Mr Boscott suggested that they make enquiries at South Northamptonshire Council over the feasibility of this.

Mr Robinson asked if the brambles overhanging the wall of the conker field could be cut back. Mr Morphy agreed to ask the hedgecutter to cut them back.

Mrs Cooper introduced herself and explained that she will be standing for District Councillor in the elections in May 2015 and is attending parish council meetings in the area to understand the issues relevant to each council.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on September 15th 2014 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Memorial Garden Re-Seeding

Mr Dickens had re-seeded the areas of the Memorial Garden where the turf had worn away and at present it is looking good.

School Playing Field

As yet there had been no feedback. It was agreed that Mr Considine would go and see Mrs Fountain to ask about the school yard.

The Chequers Public House

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

Highways – The Crossroads

Mr Considine and Mrs Murphy had met with Helen Howard from NCC Highways to discuss the issues arising from the crashes at the crossroads. There is little money available for significant improvements but Mrs Howard agreed to look into what could be done. Mr Considine agreed to produce a report on the accidents at the crossroad.

Mrs Howard also agreed to look into the problem of HGV traffic and how to prevent them coming into Rothersthorpe instead of the Pineham estate.

Neighbourhood Planning

Having reviewed the SNC website Mr Boscott explained that four sites had been put forward as possible development areas but it is far too early to give any indication if any would be a preferred area. It was agreed to discuss in detail at the next meeting to enable Mr Dickens to declare an interest as one of the sites is the conker field. Mr Considine thanked Mr Boscott, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Nolan and Ms Botterill for their work on this issue.

Cemetery Rates

This item was carried forward to the next meeting.

NCALC Rates

NCALC had responded and said that the question of the increase being made over two or more years would be raised at the AGM and member councils will be informed of the decision.

Churchyard Wall Noticeboard

Mr Barber felt that the proposed location of the noticeboard on the Village Hall Wall would be a potential hazard for pedestrians as it would stick out by approx 5 inches. He suggested that the Parish Council consider relocating the noticeboard to the Memorial Hall site.

Having discussed this proposition the parish council felt that the noticeboard would be under utilised at the memorial Hall site but considered placing it in the inset of the village hall wall so it was not jutting out. Mr Dickens to liaise with Mr Barber.

6. Clerk's Report

Laurel Hedge – Churchyard

The parish council had been asked if it would be possible to reduce the laurel hedge by the noticeboard. It was agreed to do this when the other laurels are cut back.

Trees in the Allotment

Julie Botterill expressed her concern over some of the trees in the allotment being unsafe. It was agreed to carry out remedial work on the trees.

7. Planning

Application: S/2014/1828/FUL

Ms A Pearce
26 Church Street
RothersthorpeSingle storey and first floor extensions to rear
26 Church Street

The parish council have no objection.

8. Finance

<u>Income:</u> SNC Council: Precept	£5,514.00
L P Finn: Memorials – Audrey Morphy	£30.00
Dorothy Smith	£30.00

Expenditure

Allseasons- to 11.9.2014	£336.00	Cheque No: 000891
	Vat:£56.00	
Allseasons - to 30.9.2014	£72.00	“ “ 000892
	Vat:£12.00	
E.ON Energy Solutions	£142.00	“ “ 000893
	Vat:£23.37	
E.ON	£344.71	“ “ 000894
	Vat:£57.45	
Andrew Johnson: Website Domain	£182.15	“ “ 000895

9. Highways/Footpaths**Street Name Sign – Grafton Way**

This needs repairing. The clerk to contact SNC.

Road Sign – Church Street

Mr Boscott explained that the direction sign at the junction of Banbury Lane and Church Street needed renovating. The sign belongs to the parish council so it was agreed to look into costs for renovating the sign.

10. Representative Reports**School Governors:** Discussion has focussed mainly on the closure of the sports field.**VHMC:** Friends of the School have agreed to pay for a new stage.**Neighbourhood Watch:** Stable yards are being targeted so police are offering free marking of tack.**Speedwatch:** Following the recent campaign 20 letters were sent out by the police.**11. Dates of Next Meetings**Monday December 1st 2014 at 7.30p.m / Monday January 12th 2015 at 7.30p.m

Meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

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

