

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall Church Street Rothersthorpe on Monday May 16th 2016 following the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting

Present: Mr R Boscott – Chairman, Mrs C Nolan, Mrs J Johnson, Mrs J Eliot, Mrs J Botterill and Miss H Griffith.

In Attendance: Mrs S Murphy – Clerk

Mrs A Addison – District Councillor

Mrs K Cooper – District Councillor

4 members of the public:- Mrs H Hiams, Mr C Hiams, Mr C Appleton and Mr D Kettell

Mr Boscott addressed the meeting and advised Councillors and members of the public that under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, members of the public are permitted to photograph, film, broadcast and report on the meeting subject to the efficient running of the meeting not being disturbed.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest on any item on the agenda.

3. Public Open Session

There were no contributions from any of the members of the public present.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on April 4th 2016 were amended and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Councillor Resignation

Mrs Murphy addressed the meeting and said that Mr Morphy had resigned as a parish councillor due to increasing work commitments. Mrs Murphy will inform SNC and the Vacancy will be advertised accordingly.

Mr Boscott recorded his thanks to Mr Morphy for all his contributions as a parish councillor over the past four years and said that he will be missed considerably.

Cemetery Fence

Harriet Griffith had provided quotes for hazel woven fence panels and was going to get further quote for higher panels. Paving Slabs will also be needed for the new seat for the cemetery to be fixed on.

Dog Fouling

This has improved considerably.

Cemetery Rates

The Parish Council reviewed the Cemetery Rates. Following comparisons with Roade Parish Council Cemetery Fees, Northampton Borough Council Cemetery Fees and Daventry Town Council Cemetery fees, it was agreed to retain the fees as they are for one year.

Proposed:- Mr R Boscott. Seconded:- Mrs J Johnson. All agreed.

Conker Field Development

There had been no further update on the proposals for the Conker Field.

SNC Local Plan Options – housing

It was decided to have an extra meeting on June 6th at 7p.m. to prepare a response to the above Plan.

6. Proposed Rail Interchange between Blisworth and Milton Malsor.

Rail Central have organised a Local Liaison Group meeting at the Walnut Tree Blisworth on Monday May 31st from 6.30p.m to 8p.m. Mr Boscott and Mrs Nolan agreed to attend.

Therefore the next working group meeting at SNC will take place on Friday 3rd June at 10a.m. at the Council Offices in Towcester. Mrs Nolan offered to attend.

7. The Annual Return for the year ending March 31st 2016

The Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement.

The Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending March 31st 2016 were approved by the Parish Council and signed on their behalf by Mr Boscott as Chairman and Mrs Murphy as Clerk.

8. The Queen's 90th Birthday

An afternoon tea for the village is to be held in the Village Hall on June 11th to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. It is to be co-ordinated by the WI. It was proposed that the Parish Council donate £50 towards the cost of the celebration.

Proposed:- Mr R Boscott. Seconded:- Mrs J Botterill. All agreed.

9. Clerk's Report

Parish Council Insurance

The parish Council's insurance is due for renewal. Came & Company had sent three quotes from different companies. Mrs Murphy had asked Mr Considine to review each quote and to advise on the suitability for the Parish Council.

Defibrillators

A suggestion had been made about the village having a defibrillator available for emergencies. A community trust programme is available. Mrs Hlams addressed the meeting and explained how the defibrillator worked. It was agreed to get more information.

10. Planning

There were no planning matters to discuss.

11. Finance**Internal Audit – Review of Account Books**

Mr Morphy had reviewed the account books and supporting documentation of the Parish Council and found them in appropriate order.

New Model Financial Regulations

New model Financial regulations have been published. The 2016 model replaces 2014 version. It is a legal requirement that these regulations need to be adopted. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

Income

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| VAT Refund | £1,099.80 |
| Mrs H Cordner:- Allotment Sub | 8.00 |

Expenditure

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| Mrs C Nolan: Dog Fouling Posters | £20.00 (VAT:3.32) Chq.No. 000969 |
| Northants CALC – Subs: £269.61 | £431.61 “ “ 000970 |
| Audit:£162.00 | |
| Allseasons:- gardening -30.4.2016 | £276.00 (VAT 43.00) “ “ 000971 |
| Mrs S Murphy- Petty Cash | £100.00 “ “ 000972 |

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| Bank Balances: Current Account: | £10,510.78 |
| Deposit Account: | £15,207.68 |

12. Highways/Footpaths

Overhanging Trees – North Street: Overhanging trees and vegetation on the verge outside Danesfield are forcing traffic into the middle of the road.

Mrs Johnson agreed to ring Street doctor and report the problem.

13. Representative Reports

VHMC: Reviewing available grants for the disabled toilet. Miss Griffith and Mrs Johnson agreed to become representatives on the VHMC.

Mr Boscott asked if he could scan the allotments with his metal detector before the regrassing takes place. The Parish Council agreed.

14. Dates of Next Meetings

Monday June 20th 2016 at 7.30p.m

Monday July 25th 2016 at 7.30p.m

Meeting closed at 9.20p.m

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

