

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall Church Street Rothersthorpe on Monday January 9th 2017 at 7.30p.m

Present:- Mr R Boscott – Chairman, Mrs C Nolan, Mrs J Johnson, Mrs J Botterill, Miss H Griffith and Mr S Major

In Attendance:- Mrs S Murphy – Clerk
County Councillor Mrs J Kirkbride
Mr J Morphy

Mr Boscott opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and informing all present that Parish Council meetings can now be recorded as long as this did not disrupt the smooth running of the meeting taking place.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from District Cllr Mrs A Addison (meeting), District Cllr Mrs K Cooper (Meeting) and Mrs J Eliot (hospital).

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Public Open Session

Mrs Kirkbride addressed the meeting and spoke about the new offices for NCC in Angel Lane. NCC aim to be in the offices by March. Mrs Kirkbride said that she would not be standing for re-election in May and thanked the parish council for their support.

Mr Boscott thanked Mrs Kirkbride for her ongoing support and help over the last twenty years.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on November 28th 2016 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Gardening Contract

It was agreed to change the height of grass cutting to 25mm in all areas. Mrs Murphy will put the contract out to tender.

It was agreed to look at the maintenance of the Memorial Garden as a separate issue. The trees need thinning and pollarding.

Planning Application: S/2016/2722/FUL – Accessible 4/5 bedroom house, Studleigh Cottage

Councillor Addison has asked for this application to be ‘called in’ to be heard by the planning committee as a controversial item. This has been agreed by Robert Fallon at SNC. A date for a site visit will be made at the committee meeting on Feb 9th and the application will be considered at the subsequent committee meeting on March 9th.

Village Sign

Mr Steve King has agreed to manufacture a metal basket for the village signpost and a metal pole for the cemetery fence.

Gravel in the Cemetery

The replacement of the gravel in the cemetery has been completed. The Parish Council thanked Mr Morphy, Mr Appleton and Mr Kettell for their work.

6. Play Area Project Team Update

Mrs Kirkbride expressed her disappointment that NCC had not been able to find a way for the village to use the school playing field out of hours.

Mr Major reported that having spoken to the landowner the St John's Close field was not available. The two areas owned by Heygates were a tentative possibility. Mr Boscott said that if the Community Space team overcome the safety aspects of the original application he would be happy to support it.

Details of how to apply for funding had been received from Katie Arnold at SNC. Mrs Kirkbride said that the Empowering Councillors fund would still remain. The project group need to look at what funding is available and to decide what the majority of funding is to be used for.

7. To set the budget for 2017/2018

To help set the budget for 2017/2018 the parish council compared the expenditure for the years 2015/2016 and the forecast expenditure for the current financial year 2016/2017.

As of January 9th 2017, the parish council's financial statement is as follows:-

National Savings Account:- £15,299.05

Current Account:- £11,100.32

The main areas of expenditure for the parish council are the gardening contract, street lighting and the clerk's salary. It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary by 1% from April 1st 2017. The parish council have ongoing projects such as the repair of the churchyard wall and the churchyard gates.

The general principle of the budget was agreed and it was agreed to precept for £12,000.

Proposed:-Mrs J Johnson. Seconded:- Mrs C Nolan. All agreed.

8. Accidents at the Crossroads

Over the Christmas period there had been two accidents at the crossroads. Ways to make the crossroads more visible were discussed. Mrs Kirkbride suggested that the parish council meet with NCC Highways and the Road Safety Officer to discuss what can be done.

9. Clerk's Report

Village of the Year

Mrs Nolan and Mr Major agreed to put together the entry for the Village of the Year competition.

Community Governance Review

SNC were asking parishes if they wished to be included in the Community Governance Review which will be carried out in 2017. The parish council felt there were no issues they wished to be

considered and therefore will not take part in the review.

9. Planning

Update on Rail Central and Northampton Gateway

A meeting will be held at SNC on 13.1.2017 at 2.30p.m to discuss both projects.

10. Finance

Income

Mrs J Botterill - Allotment subs	£8.00
MrM Goodson – Allotment subs	£8.00

Expenditure

Allseasons – 30.11	£198.00 VAT £33.00	Chq.No.001003
Allseasons – 30.11	£108.00 VAT £18.00	“ “ 001004
Allseasons – Cemetery	£810.00 VAT £135.00	“ “ 001005
E.ON – Street lighting	£145.00 VAT £24.28	“ “ 001006
Mrs S Murphy – Salary	£472.50	“ “ 001007
Mrs B Osborne – Payroll	£49.50	“ “ 001008
E.ON – Electricity	£587.26 VAT £97.88	“ “ 001009
Rothersthorpe Village Hall – Room Hire	£50.00	“ “ 001010

11. Highways/ Footpaths

Community Enhancement Gang

Requests for the Community Enhancement Gang need to be returned by Feb 24th..

12. Representative Reports

VHMC: Meeting on 10.1.2017.

Speed Watch: Mrs Nolan is looking for someone else to run the campaign.

Neighbourhood Watch: Van break- ins have occurred in several surrounding villages.

13. Dates of the next Meetings.

Monday February 13th 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Monday March 20th 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.25p.m.

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