

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Church Street, Rothersthorpe on Wednesday August 16th 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Mr R Boscott – Chairman, Mrs C Nolan, Mrs J Johnson, Mr S Major, Mrs J Botterill, Mr P Sage and Mr N Henry.

In Attendance: Mrs S Murphy – Clerk
Cllr A Brown (NCC) and Cllr A Addison (SNC)
Mr A Johnson

Prior to the start of the meeting Mr Sage and Mr Henry signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Co – opted Councillors and their Registers of Interest and formally joined the meeting.

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 disrupted.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr K Cooper (Meeting).

2. Declaration of Interest

Mrs Johnson declared an interest in Item 5 on the Agenda.

3. Public Open Session

Mr Johnson addressed the meeting and updated the Parish Council about the Community Play Area. Following a consultation with Highways, it had been agreed that an island will be situated at the top of Church Street / Banbury Lane. The footpath to the entrance will be a wheelchair suitable chicane gate. The vehicle emergency exit will be further up Banbury lane where there is a gateway. This will also be the route into the site for maintenance and there will be no car parking on the field.

A noise survey is also being completed. Various ways to protect the neighbouring properties were being investigated. The site will be only a children’s play area. The committee are planning to submit an application as soon as possible.

Mr Henry asked about the need for barriers. Mr Johnson said that they were not required.

Mrs Botterill queried about the amount of funding required. Mr Johnson explained that they will look into potential funding if and when the application is approved. Mr Major said that there was no financial input from the parish council.

Mr Boscott thanked Mr Johnson for the update.

Mr Brown addressed the meeting and introduced himself as the new County Councillor. He said that he will be pleased to help and support the parish council.

Mrs Addison addressed the meeting and reported that Sarah Burns had been appointed as the new grants officer at SNC and that Rob Fallon had left SNC Planning to join the Planning Inspectorate.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting on July 3rd 2017 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Community Space Project

This had been discussed in the Public Open Session.

The Cemetery

The extension had been mowed and the fence taken down. Allseasons can continue to mow each week to keep the weeds down or can spray sooner if required. It will be better to turf at the end of September/early October to allow the turf to get as much moisture as possible. Allseasons can get day old turf which will be cheaper than fresh turf. Turf will be more expensive than grass seeding. It was agreed to get quotes for each method.

Mr Sage agreed to speak to the PCC about re-opening the churchyard.

The Crossroads

NCC plan to carry out the following improvements:-

Kislingbury Road: Further Advance Warning Signs for the crossroads on approach. Refresh Give Way markings.

North Street: refresh Give Way markings and to place an additional Slow road marking in the vicinity of the advance warning sign.

When sufficient funds are available an extra Give Way sign on Kislingbury Road and North Street opposite the existing poles will be fitted and the Anti Skid surface will be refreshed.

Community Enhancement Gang

The Community Enhancement gang have recently visited the village and carried out the work required very satisfactorily.

The Churchyard Wall

The foundation stones have been exposed following the recent work by Western Power. Mrs Johnson agreed to speak to Daryl Faulkner about the work. The PCC are happy for the soil which is on the road to be taken away as it narrows the road.

Rail Central

Mr Boscott had attended the recent Rail Central meeting. Rail Central have rescheduled the next consultations from September to a later date..

6. To discuss the Parish Council response to Consultations.

It was proposed that any response submitted on behalf of the Parish Council will be referred to all parish councillors for comment before submitting. If a response is required in a short time period a extra meeting will be called or it will be scrutinised at a normal meeting where possible.

Proposed: Mr R Boscott. Seconded: Mrs C Nolan. All agreed

7. The Memorial Garden

Mr Major had reported a problem with loose slab at the rear of the Memorial garden. These and the wall adjoining them need to be fixed. Mr Sage agreed to ask his father in law for a detailed report of what repairs are required.

8. Best Village Competition

Rothersthorpe had been highly recommended in the small village section of the recent competition. Mr Boscott thanked Mrs Nolan and Mr Major for their work and effort in preparing the village entry.

9. Clerk's Report**Bugbrooke Surgery Patient Participation Group.**

Mrs Botterill agreed to represent the parish council on the above group.

Social Media Training.

Northamptonshire Acre are running a workshop on how social media can be made to work for village halls, parish councils and other local groups. Mr Major was interested in attending.

Street Lights

E.ON had informed the parish council that 80W MBFU lamps are unable to be replaced and that the only option is to replace the lantern rather than the bulb. Quotations have been provided for replacing lanterns only, lantern and overhead connection and lantern and concrete column replacements.

10. Planning**Pre – Submission Draft Local Plan Part 2 Invitation**

A meeting had been arranged at SNC for Parish Councillors for a briefing session on the above plan. Mr Boscott and Mr Major agreed to attend.

11. Finance**Income**

Mrs J Botterill – Allotment Fee	£8.00
A J Mills – Stonemason (Griffin)	£60.00
B.Hollowell and Son (Burbage)	£220.00

Expenditure

Allseasons – 30.6.17	£924.00(VAT 154.00)	Chq.No 001030
Allseasons – 30.6.17	£246.00(VAT 41.00)	“ “ 001031
E.ON – 1.4.17.- 30.6.17	£633.65(VAT 105.61)	“ “ 001032
Allseasons – 30.7.17	£402.00(VAT 67.00)	“ “ 001033
Mrs S Murphy – Petty Cash	£100.00	“ “ 001034

Balance as at 16.8.2017

Current Account: £11,792.47

NSB: £15,299.05

12. Highways/Footpaths

Footpath Report

Mr Major reported that the stiles on the footpath across the conker field needed repairing. He agreed to speak to Mr Morphy.

Mr Major also spoke about the problems caused by the dogs at The Manor. Mr Sage agreed to speak to the owner.

Mr Sage left the meeting.

13. Representative Reports

Neighbourhood Watch: Suspicious vehicles have been seen driving about.

VHMC: A possible replacement for Mike Barber, the secretary, has been found.

Web Site: The website is not being used a great deal. It was suggested to add information to the village face book page.

14. Dates of the Next Meetings

Monday September 25th 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Monday October 30th 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.10p.m.

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