

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Church Street, Rothersthorpe on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30p.m.

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs S Murphy – Clerk  
Mr Calvert – member of the public

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 SNC Councillor Mrs A Addison (meeting), SNC Councillor K Cooper (meeting) and Parish Councillor Mr S Major (meeting).

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

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

### **3. Public Open Session**

Mr Calvert addressed the meeting about speeding traffic through the village along Banbury Lane to West Hunsbury. Mrs Nolan explained that from the Speedwatch Campaign the results are used to produce a traffic survey report. The Parish Council are working with NCC to do what is possible but there are insufficient funds to provide what is needed.

Mr Calvert also asked about an out of date planning application notice at the top of Church Street and why it had not been removed. Mr Boscott explained that these notices are put up by SNC and the parish council will remove it.

### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 were agreed and signed.

### **5. Matters Arising**

#### **Churchyard Gates.**

The new churchyard gates have been put in position and look very good. It was agreed that Mr Sage would paint the gate posts in a matching colour. It was also agreed to put a notice in the newsletter.

#### **The Cemetery**

Allseasons had provided a quote for the purchase, preparation and laying of the turf in the Cemetery as follows:- Turf:

£780 + VAT

Preparation and Laying:

£550 + VAT.

It was agreed to accept the quotation and ask Allseasons to proceed.  
Proposed: Mrs J Johnson. Seconded: Mrs Nolan. All agreed.

#### The Memorial Garden

Mr Sage reported that Upton Scouts are prepared to take on a project involving the memorial garden but the parish council need to specify what is required. Mr Sage will ask his father –in –law to give an assessment of the work that is required to repair the broken slabs.

#### **6. Pre – Submission Draft Local Plan Part 2**

Mr Boscott reported on the briefing meeting held at SNC and expressed his concern that rather than the local plan having suggested housing site allocations for growth, the plan is taking a new approach based on a LOAN settlement assessment. This is a completely new method which Central Government is trialling in order to accelerate housing growth and SNC is one of the first planning authorities to try out this approach. If the Local Plan is approved in this way, the current safeguards for land outside of village confines may become a target for development pressure.

It was agreed to send out a letter, which Mr Boscott had written, to all parishes in South Northamptonshire to make them aware of the situation. It was agreed to send out the letter from the Parish Clerk.

The consultation period for the Draft Local Plan 2 ends on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2017.

#### **7. The Half Yearly Budget**

##### Balance as at 29.8.2017

Current Account:	£ 9,754.82
National Savings:	£15,299.05

The Parish Council reviewed the budget set in January 2017 and there were ongoing projects from then including the churchyard wall. The Churchyard gates had been completed. There were other projects to consider now. These include:-

The Cemetery: as agreed previously to re-turf the new area. The lime trees in the cemetery may require pollarding.

Street Lights: Following the information from E.ON that certain types of street lamps will no longer be available it was agreed to replace 4 street lamps this year and to replace the remaining 4 next year.

Tree Report: It was agreed to have an inspection of the trees which are the responsibility of the Parish Council to see if any work is required. Mr Boscott to contact an arboriculturalist.

#### **8. Issues Priority Allocation Proposal: Presentation by Nick Henry**

Mr Henry explained that this was about prioritising different issues to increase the efficiency of working as a team. This included making clear plans with actions and to agree and define the goals for each issue. Mr Boscott thanked Mr Henry for his presentation and said that the parish council work is more informal but it would be possible to review on a quarterly basis and use the proposal as a basic framework. Mr Sage said that the allocation of roles within the parish council could give a more structured format e.g tree officer, cemetery responsibility.

## **9. Clerk's Report**

### **Village Bus service**

Funding from the section 106 Agreement for Banbury Lane development in Northampton (West Hunsbury), additional journeys will be introduced at the Northampton end of the route. In addition the timetable has been revised in order to reduce the amount of time that the bus needs to wait in the Drapery in Northampton.

### **Parishes against Pollution**

An update from the chairmen of Milton Malsor and Collingtree Parish Councils on the threats posed from new developments along the A43, A45 and the M1 corridor where there are already 3 Air Quality Management Areas. Parishes against Pollution will continue to work with groups, such as Friends of the Earth, on how best to take the campaign forward.

### **Parish Council event at SNC**

A meeting will be held at SNC on November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 17.30 to 21.00 hrs and will cover topics such as Rural Crime/ Crime Prevention, Anti – Social Behaviour and Road Safety. Mrs Nolan and Mr Henry agreed to attend.

### **Anglian Water – Rising Main Replacement**

Anglian Water are planning to install a new rising sewer main to take waste away from the pumping station in North Street. Work is programmed to take place from late September to December 2017 with little if any disruption to residents and road users.

### **NCALC AGM**

The AGM takes place on Saturday October 7 2017 at Moulton Community Centre from 10.a.m till 1.00p.m. Mr Sage agreed to attend.

### **Letter from Supt Hillery of Northants Police.**

Following the recent terrorist attack at Parsons Green in London, Supt Hillery has written to reassure communities in Northamptonshire that Northants police are prepared for an attack to ask people to remain vigilant and to report anything suspicious to the police. People are also asked to report any incident of hate crime as well,

## **10. Planning**

There were no planning issues do discuss.

## **11. Finance**

### **Expenses**

Allseasons to 30.8.2017	£378.00 (VAT 63.00) Chq.No 001035
Allseasons to 30.8.2017	£234.00 (VAT 39.00) “ 001036

## **12. Highways/ Footpaths**

### **Village Sign**

Mr King is still working on the base for the sign.

**13. Representative Reports**

Neighbourhood Watch

The school and the nursery were broken into on the previous Saturday morning. Illegal immigrants, who had come from the M1, were also picked up by the police on Saturday morning.

School/VHMC

There were no reports from either the school or the VHMC

**14. Dates of the Next Meetings**

Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.25p.m.

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