

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Church Street, Rothersthorpe on Monday December 11th 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Present:- Mrs C Nolan – Deputy Chairman, Mrs J Johnson, Mrs J Botterill, Mr S Major and Mr N Henry

In Attendance: Mrs S Murphy – Clerk and 16 members of the public.

Mrs Nolan 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 Councillor Ann Addison (meeting), Councillor K Cooper (meeting), Mr R Boscott (illness) and Paul Sage (meeting) .

2. Declarations of Interest

Mrs Johnson declared an interest in Item 10 on the agenda – Planning Application S/2017/2769/MAF.

3. Public Open Session

Gerard Harte addressed the meeting and spoke about his concern about the playing field being on the edge of the field and that it should be in the centre of the village.

Mrs Nolan referred the point to Andy Johnson, the Chairman of the Community Space committee, who explained about the location of the site. Mr Major addressed the meeting and explained that the Parish Council had explored every possible site in the village and that this was the only viable site. Mrs Harte addressed the meeting about the concerns of the land flooding badly. Mr Morphy explained that the land had never flooded in 35 years. Mr Harte expressed his concern about the proposed security fence. Mr Johnson explained that the fence had been included in the plan after responses from previous householders on Church Street and the Crime Prevention Officer's recommendation. Mr Johnson said that he would be happy to take any concerns about the fence and type of fencing back to SNC Planning.

Mary Oldham addressed the meeting and expressed her concerns about people gaining access to properties from the playing field and lack of police support in responding to this.

Clive Appleton addressed the meeting and spoke about the recent planning application for 66 houses on land at Kislingbury Road which included a playing field in the estate. Mr Major pointed out that it could take another 10 years for the development to come to fruition.

Mrs Murphy said that Mrs Sylvia Webb had been unable to attend the meeting this evening but gives her full support to the playing field.

Mr Kissane addressed the meeting and spoke about the result of the appeal for planning application S/2016/2722/FUL: Studleigh Cottage The original refusal decision had been overturned by the Planning Inspector and permission for development had been granted.

4. Planning Application:- S/2017/2769/MAF

Change of use of agricultural land to community space. Emergency vehicle access and gate.

Pedestrian footpath with gated entrance to children's play area. 1.8 metre weldmesh fence.

Footpath leading to crossing island at the junction with Banbury Lane.

Location:- Banbury Lane Rothersthorpe NN7 3HY.

It was agreed to move this item further up the agenda.

In his absence Mrs Nolan read out a report from Mr Boscott on the Community Space Project and the points raised were included in the discussion.

After an extensive discussion it was agreed to support the above application in principle and to ask that the following points be taken into consideration:-

1. The play area is designated as an informal outdoor space and only used as a play area.
2. The 1.8 metre high weld mesh fence is intrusive in a rural environment and for the nearby residents and ways to modify this should be looked at.
3. The distance of the space separation zone from the open space area to the boundary of the neighbouring rear gardens needs reviewing,
4. The applicants stated that the Highways department had been out and confirmed that they supported/approved the modifications to put a traffic calming island at the top of Church Street.
5. The emergency vehicle and grounds maintenance vehicle gates should be set back from the highway so that the vehicles are off the Banbury lane when opening and shutting the gates.

The Parish Council also acknowledged that the applicants have conducted noise surveys, clarified highway proposals and have consulted on security considerations which were requested at the time of the original application.

The following parish councillors supported the application in principle and with the above points taken into consideration:- Mrs C Nolan, Mr S Major and Mr N Henry. Mr P Sage also supported the application.

The following parish councillors were against the application:- Mrs J Botterill. Mr R Boscott was also against the application.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meetings held on October 30th 2017 and November 13th 2017 were agreed and signed.

7. Matters Arising

Community Safety Event

Mrs Nolan gave a brief review of the recent Community Safety Event held at SNC.

8. Rothersthorpe Conservation Area – Response form SNC

In Mr Boscott's absence it was decided to defer this item to a future meeting.

9. Rail Central and Roxhill developments

It was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting.

10. General Data and Protection Regulations

It was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting.

11. Clerk’s Report

New External Auditors for 2018

The new external auditors for 2018 onwards will be PKF Littlejohn LLP.

NHS Communication with the local Community.

The NHS Nene Clinical commissioning group are trying to identify a number of ways to extend their communication with local communities.

Mike Barber

Mike Barber thanked the Parish Council for their kind thought and words on his retirement.

Country Lion Bus Service 86 and 87

Adam Brown is looking into the potential effects of proposals of reducing NCC subsidies and the costs involved in maintain the current service on the above bus service.

12. Planning

These items were discussed earlier in the meeting.

13. Finance

Expenditure

Allseasons – gardening to 30.11.17	£768.00 (vat £128) Chq.No. 001048
Rothersthorpe Village Hall – Room Hire	£48.00 “ “ 001049

14. Highways/Footpaths

There were no items to discuss.

15. Representative Reports

Speedwatch: Rothersthorpe will be included in the next round of Speedwatch.

16. Date of Next meeting

Monday January 15th 2018 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.50p.m

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