

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Church Street, Rothersthorpe on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 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  
NCC Councillor A Brown  
Mr G Newton – 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 disturbed.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from SNC Ann Addison (meeting) and SNC Karen Cooper (meeting).

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Councillor Brown spoke about the problem of fly tipping and the travellers who are camped on the service roads to Rothersthorpe Service Area. A formal leave process has been set up by the Countrywide Traveller unit with the police and the travellers were due to leave on Wednesday. Once this has been completed SNC will come and clean up the village side and NBC will do the same on the town side.

Councillor Brown also spoke about the Budget Scrutiny process at NCC. There is ongoing work to strengthen and stabilise NCC's financial position and the need to address poor performance in some area of children's services highlighted by the recent OFSTED inspection. The government has given a capitalisation dispensation of up to 70m in response to a submission made by the commissioners. This will enable NCC to fund its anticipated deficit of £35m in 2017/18 which remains subject to audit. It will also provide up to £15m in-year flexibility to help manage the financial position in the current year and earmarks £20m to be set aside as a reserve for 2019/20. The budget is out for consultation at present. There is a forecast deficit of £11m for this year's budget.

Cllr Brown left the meeting.

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

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 were agreed and signed.

### **5. Matters Arising**

#### **No 87 Bus Service**

All the parish councils have agreed to provide part of the finance for the route. The Parish Councils

still require more information on numbers using the service and a breakdown of the finances. The route will now include a stop at Sainsburys.

#### Fly tipping

This was addressed in the Public Open Session.

#### Parish Council website

This was deferred to a later meeting.

#### Churchyard trees

The cost of the Picus test would be £275 + VAT. It was agreed that the test would be carried out.

Proposed:- Mr S Major. Seconded:- Mrs J Johnson. All agreed.

#### Mr Boscott's resignation

Mr Boscott announced that he would be standing down as a Parish Councillor at the end of this financial year due to work commitments. The need for a replacement will be discussed at a later meeting.

### **6. To set the budget for 2019/2020**

To help set the budget for 2019/2020 the Parish Council compared the expenditure for the year 2017/2018 and the forecast expenditure for the current financial year 2018/2019.

As of January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019, the Parish Council's financial statement is as follows:-

National Savings Account:- £15,371.15

Current Account:- £11,013.60

The main areas for the Parish Council are the gardening contract, street lighting and the clerk's salary. The Parish Council have also agreed this year to provide funding towards the No 87 bus for the current year and for 2019/2020 up to an amount of £2,250. Ongoing projects include the repair of the churchyard wall and the continuation of the updating of the street lights. With the Local government reorganisation taking place the Parish Council could also find themselves responsible for services which were previously provided by NCC. E.ON have informed the Parish Council that from January 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 the unit charge would be increased from 17.90 per kWh to 22.10 per kWh. It was agreed to investigate other energy providers. The Parish Council also agreed to apply for a grant towards new street lights from the New Homes Bonus Grant. It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary by £100 to £2,100. Any work required on the churchyard trees would be paid for out of the reserves.

The general principle of the budget was agreed and it was agreed to precept for £16,000.

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

### **7. Rail Central**

As of November 28<sup>th</sup> Rail Central started the formal notification process under Section 56 of the Planning Act.

**8. Clerk's Report**Confirmation of delay of local elections

The Order to postpone the 2019 local elections in Northamptonshire has been laid before Parliament and will come into force on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 and will postpone for one year the 2019 local elections in Northamptonshire.

Letter from Hollins Strategic Land re Kislingbury Road planning Application

A letter had been received from HSL, the promoters of the above land and application, asking to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the application etc. It was agreed to invite them to speak in the Public Open Session at the next meeting.

NCC Consultations

NCC are consulting on the budget for 2019/2020 and also on the proposed change to the provision of Northamptonshire Libraries and Information Service. Details are on the NCC website.

**9. Planning**

There were no planning matters to discuss.

**10. Finance**To pay the following invoices:-

BHA Trees Ltd:- Tree Report (paid 17.12.18.)	£384.00( VAT £64)	Chq.No.001090
E.ON – Replacement Light	£1,210.80(VAT £201.80)	“ “ 001091
E.ON – Light Maintenance	£145.66 (VAT £24.28)	“ “ 001092
SNAST – NHW Signs	£42.00	“ “ 001093
Mrs S Murphy – Salary	£500.01	“ “ 001094
Barbara Osborne – Payroll Services	£55.00	“ “ 001095

It was agreed to pay the following invoices which had come in since the agenda was published.

Allseasons Gardening – 30.11.18	£270.00 (VAT £45)	Chq. No. 001096
E.ON – Electricity	£725.60 (VAT £120.93)	“ “ 001097
Rothersthorpe Village Hall – Room Hire	£30.00	“ “ 001098

**11. Highways/ Footpaths**

Accident at the Crossroads: There had been another accident at the crossroads.

**12. Representative Reports.**

NHW: Mrs Nolan reported on the amount of emails she received on NHW issues.

VHMC: No recent meeting

**13. Date of Next Meetings**

Monday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.30p.m and Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

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

