

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Church Street, Rothersthorpe on Monday February 11th 2019 at 7.30p.m.

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

In Attendance: Mrs S Murphy – Clerk

Members of the Public: Mr and Mrs C Hiams

HSL representatives: Mr P O'Shea and Mr S Harris

NCC Cllr Adam Brown

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 disturbed.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from SNC Cllr A Addison (meeting), SNC Cllr K Cooper (meeting), Mr R Boscott (illness), Mr S Major (work commitment) and Mr P Sage (work commitment).

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Open Session

Paul O'Shea and Steven Harris, from Hollins Strategic Land, addressed the meeting regarding the planning application for the Land at Kislingbury Road. HSL are promoters of the above land with the landowners. The Parish Council is aware that Hollins has an interest in this land and that an application for 66 dwellings was refused in January 2018 and that the application went to appeal and a public inquiry is scheduled for the end of April 2019. Paul O'Shea explained the benefits that such a development could bring to the village, such as transport/highway improvements, provision of open space and green infrastructure, money for the school and libraries. He also asked about the village hall ownership and explained how funds could be generated to facilitate a purpose-built community space hub on the land at Kislingbury Road. All this is based on economies of scale as the full package would not be available if a smaller development was preferred. If the appeal is allowed HSL would want to work closely with the village and agree common ground. Mrs Nolan explained that until the results of the appeal are made known, the Parish Council would not make any further comments on the application

Cllr Adam Brown addressed the meeting and spoke about the Travellers at the Service Station. They are still on private land and Road Chef have not yet liaised with them. The Countywide travellers unit are unable to take any action because of this.

Cllr Brown then updated the meeting on NCC. The Annual Budget meeting will be held on Feb 21st with refreshed budget proposals for the 2019/20 financial year following public consultation and the Government's announcement to give additional tax raising powers. Budget proposals include

transforming the delivery of Children First Northampton. The Unitary Authority Consultation has concluded and has gone to the Secretary of State.

Mr and Mrs Hiams reported on the bus service. It is now stopping at the railway station.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on January 7th 2019 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

No 87 Bus Service

James Loader from NCC has confirmed that the final out-turn for service 87 is going to be a total unmet cost of £13,375, shared between the parishes. Rothersthorpe/Hunsbury Meadows will share £3,343.75 between them. NCC will invoice Towcester Town Council for the full amount, who will then recharge the parish councils.

Details of the proposals for 2019/2020 will be available shortly.

Fly Tipping

This was covered in the Public Open Session

Churchyard Trees

The Picus test on the Giant Hornbeam will be carried out later in the week.

6. New Homes Bonus Grant

It was agreed to apply for a grant for replacing two street lights with more environmentally friendly models through the New Homes Bonus Grant. It was agreed to replace one of the lights at the crossroads and one at the junction of Church Street/ Banbury Lane. The closing date is February 28th 2019 and the panel will meet on April 7th 2019 to discuss the application.

7. Clerk's Report

Northamptonshire Village Awards

The Best Village Competition has become the Northamptonshire Village Awards 2019. The application process has been simplified in the hope that more villages will enter. It is now sponsored by CPRE Northamptonshire. The closing date is April 18th. It was agreed to discuss Rothersthorpe's entry at the next meeting. CPRE are also organising a litter pick between now and June 22nd. The aim is to organise a cross section of the community or school children or other groups to carry out a litter pick. CPRE ask to be informed of the date and the time and photos of the litter pick are sent to them. There is £2,000 prize money available.

Street Lighting

E.ON have provided figures for a 1 or 2 year contract. NCALC have arranged a workshop on street lighting. It was agreed to defer this topic to the next meeting.

