

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Church Street Rothersthorpe on Monday May 13th 2109 following the conclusion of the Annual Parish meeting.

Present:- Mr R Boscott: - Chairman, Mrs C Nolan, Mrs J Johnson, Mr S Major, and Mr P Sage

In Attendance: Mrs S Murphy – Clerk

Mr M McDonnell – 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 NCC Cllr A Brown(meeting), SNC Cllr A Addison(meeting), SNC Cllr K Cooper(holiday), Mrs J Botterill(holiday) and Mr N Henry(holiday)

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Public Open Session

Mr McDonnell explained that he was hoping to hear the feedback on the land at Kislingbury Road planning appeal.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on April 1st 2019 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Land at Kislingbury Road Planning Appeal Feedback.

Mr Boscott reported to the meeting. He had attended the appeal hearing on the final day. Mrs Nolan and Mr Boscott had also attended the site visit the previous day. SNC Cllr Cooper had made representation on the parish council's behalf which had been well received. Mr Boscott and Cllr Cooper put together an extra report for the final summing up. Mr Boscott thanked Cllr Cooper for all her input into the appeal. SNC also put together a strong case for why so many houses are unnecessary.

Mr McDonnell asked that if the appeal goes ahead to ensure that a cycleway to Milton malsor is included.

The Planning Inspector said that he would give his decision on or before June 24th 2019.

Churchyard Trees

A quotation had been received from Seb Hodge (Seb's Arboricultural Services) to carry out the work in the Churchyard. This includes the remedial work on the Hornbeam and the felling of the conifers and the holly tree.

The quotation is

£800 + vat £160

£900.00

It was agreed to accept the quotation.

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

It was also agreed that Mr Major would liaise with Seb Hodge and ask if he could also look at the side of the hornbeam which overhangs the Old Rectory garden following concern raised by the residents of the Old Rectory.

New Homes Bonus

SNC have given a grant, through the New Homes Bonus scheme, to the Parish Council of £4,500. The project, for which the grant has been given, is to replace two street lights with more environmentally friendly models. The Parish Council will have to carry out the work initially and then claim for the grant.

Parish Council Communication

Mrs Johnson had prepared a report for the May newsletter which had been well received. She had also looked at neighbouring parish council communications. Some Parish Councils produce their own newsletter and others prepare reports to go in village newsletters. It was decided to report on the AGM and list all councillors, District Councillors and County Councillor contact details and to continue to review what to report each month.

Best Village Competition

Mr Major explained that the judges look to see how youth is represented in the village and is hoping that the school will set up a School Council/ Children's Parish Council to engage the children.

6. 'To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19'

The Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019 was approved by the Parish Council and signed on their behalf by Mr Boscott as Chairman and Mrs Murphy as Clerk.

Proposed: Mrs C Nolan. Seconded: Mr S Major. All agreed.

7. Parish Council website: Follow Up

Mr Henry had made an enquiry regarding a website package which quoted costs in the region of £750 for set up and then a monthly fee for ongoing updates. Mr Henry said that rather than commit to this cost he would be prepared to manage the website on the parish council's behalf.

It was agreed to initially go with Mr Henry's offer and to monitor progress.

8. Electricity Supply Contract

Mrs Murphy confirmed that the new electricity supply contract had been set up with SSE. The contract rates will apply to the Parish Council's account from 1st May 2019 and will be implemented for a fixed period of 60 months.

9. Clerk's Report

Parish Council Insurance

The Parish Council Insurance is due for renewal on June 1st 2019 and the previous Long Term Agree

ment had also concluded. Came & Company had provided 3 quotations from leading insurers and had recommended that the Parish Council accepts the following quotation from Ecclesiastical (the parish council's current insurers). If the parish council take up the 3 year binding LTA with Ecclesiastical the annual premium can be reduced by a further 5%.

£386.97 + £50 Admin Fee	£436.97
£407.34 + £50 Admin Fee	£457.34

It was agreed to take up the 3 year binding LTA with Ecclesiastical.

Proposed: Mrs C Nolan. Seconded:- Mr S Major. All Agreed.

New Model Financial Regulations

The Parish Council agreed to review their Standing Orders and the New Model Financial regulations at the next meeting.

10. Planning

Application:- S/2019/0723/PA : Location:- Agricultural Building, Wrights Lane

Determination as to whether prior approval is required (under Class Q(a) of Part 3 of the above order for change of use of an agricultural building(s) to a dwelling house

The Parish Council commented:

It is not clear what the applicant is wanting to do.

There is no justifiable need for this application.

11. Finance

Income

VAT Return:	£1,711.15
SNC Precept:	£8,000.00
Mrs Cordner: Allotment (2019/20)	£8.00
Mrs Botterill: Allotment (2018/19)	£8.00
Mr S Worth: Cemetery Fees	£70.00
L.P.Finn (Cornick);	£30.00

Expenditure

To pay the following:-

E.ON Electricity: Jan – March	£835.27(Vat £139.21) Chq.No. 001111
Allseasons – gardening to 30.3.19	£276.00(Vat £46.00) “ “ 001112
Allseasons – gardening to 30.4.19	£648.00(Vat £108.00) “ “ 001113
Allseasons – gardening to 30.4.19	£60.00(Vat £10.00) “ “ 001114
NCALC – subscriptions	£460.31
Came & Co Insurance	£436.97

12. Highways/Footpaths

Church Street: Mrs Murphy had written to Cllr Brown to say that Church Street is the road in the village that most needs re-surfacing.

Footpaths: there are still problems with the safety of some stiles on some footpaths around the village. There is also a problem with footpath direction signs on some walks.

13. Representative Reports

Neighbourhood Watch: Mrs Nolan reported that it is all quiet in the village but there are a lot of problems in surrounding villages.

School: Mr Sage reported that the school had just received an excellent SIAMS report. This is a Church of England report system with a new revamped approach particularly looking at religious/community work.

VHMC: The AGM will be held on May 14th 2019.

14. Dates of the Next Meetings

Monday June 24th 2019 at 7.30p.m.

Monday July 29th 2019 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.40p.m.

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