Washingborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held at Washingborough Community Centre on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7.30pm

Present
Councillor D Fothergill
Councillor Mrs B Bland
Councillor M Dyche
Councillor G Kent
Cllr I Carrington (NKDC)
Councillor E Herring
Assistant Clerk Mrs M Romaine

Also Present: One resident

1847. APOLOGIES, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

1847.1 APOLOGIES – Cllr G Peck and Mrs L Cawrey
1847.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received
1847.3 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION – None received.

1848. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

It was unanimously agreed to accept the application from Mr R Dowlman to be co-opted to the Parish Council.

1849. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on the 17th August 2017, were agreed and signed as the minutes.

1850. MATTERS OUTSTANDING/ARISING

Emergency work to a tree in Chapel Park had been undertaken, the cost of which was £260. Council resolved to pay this amount

It was agreed for Cllr Dowlman to become a member of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and for Cllr Mrs Yvonne Pierce to become a member of the Highways & Planning Committee

1851. PUBLIC FORUM – A resident had emailed the Council with concerns regarding the closure of the newsagents on the precinct, but was informed that the Council have no power to become involved. Information was received from Cllr Herring that the newsagent at Branston was looking at the viability of taking on the delivery in Washingborough. This is to be investigated.

1852. RESIGNATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

Resignations had been received from Mrs M Brighton and Mr S Gregory. It was unanimously agreed to send a bouquet of flowers to Mrs Brighton to show Councils appreciation of her service to both the Council and the village and to send a letter of thanks to acknowledge the support given by Mr Gregory during his time on the Council

1853. NOTES FROM COMMITTEES

1853.1 HIGHWAYS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE, 7th September 2017
The notes had previously been circulated, Cllr Fothergill reported:
Co-op had agreed to install a public noticeboard on the outside of the chemists at the Precinct.
Replacement speed signs had been put up, where appropriate. The relocation, including a bin at the reservoir, and additional dog waste bins had been agreed with NKDC. The remainder of the recommended work to trees, following the tree survey had been agreed. It was unanimously agreed for the Clerk to purchase a Christmas tree costing up to £130, as there had been no communication from Doddington Hall regarding this matter at the time of the Parish Council meeting.

1853.2 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 14th September 2017
The notes were circulated at the meeting, Cllr Mrs Bland reported: Work regarding the replacement of the flat roof had been started. Bookings continue to be healthy and are being taken for 2018/19. The quarterly finance report was presented and no queries were raised. The recommendation for the dates of the Christmas/New Year closure was agreed by all.

1854. REPORTS
1854.1 Social media – Cllr Miss Freemantle reported the following had been posted on the Website and/or Facebook:
- agendas, minutes, an article regarding cats in the village, the mobile library, letter from Network Rail and the notice about the temporary road closure on Washingborough Road. This last post reached 3,630 people. As usual, agendas and minutes have been posted. One query was raised about the traffic problems on School Lane, it was advised that the Council have given the school permission for parents to park in the Community Centre car park while they walk their children across to school, thus preventing congestion, but that we had heard nothing further on the matter. It was agreed for the Clerk to remind the headmaster of this.

1854.2 Police report: the reports for 18th August – 21st September shows three crimes, two being burglary and one of theft.

1854.3 Playing Fields & Sporting Facilities
HBW had requested a donation for new goal posts from next years precept this was discussed and agreed that an amount must be precepted for regarding the use of the sporting facilities, it was also agreed to look at the budget towards the end of the financial year to see if there is any room to accommodate the request.
The netball club have advised that a representative of England Netball to look at how the MUGA surface, is lasting with regards to the grant from Sport England.
A report from the electrician regarding separate metering, had been circulated at the previous meeting, costings had been requested and these were advised at £500 plus VAT per meter. The tennis club are asking to meet members of the Council to discuss rent payments, and had proposed dates, it was felt that this was too early for this to happen. It was agreed to set up a working party to look into rents and responsibilities with regard to sporting facilities. It was also agreed that this working party would look at the interest of a Village Day, initially from the sporting clubs. The members of the working party were agreed as: Cllrs Fothergill, Mrs Pierce, Clark, Dyche and Kent.
1855. PLANNING MATTERS
1855.1 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:
   i. 17/1228/HOUS and 17/1324/CADEM: 14 Manor Road – alterations & extension to bungalow, including demolition of existing double garage and conservatory, with changes to external elevation. Erection of double garage to front.  
   Council do not wish to comment on this application

1855.2 DECISIONS:
   Approve: 17/1105/HOUS 10 Norwich Close
   17/1027/HOUS 27 Oxford Close

1856. LOCAL ACCESS POINT COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT
   It was resolved to sign the agreement

1857. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR
   It was resolved to extend for a further year the contact with Julie Stevens

1858. FLAG POLE
   It was agreed to move this item to the next Council meeting for resolution

1859. FINANCIAL MATTERS
1828.1 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS
   a). The schedule of payments was agreed (see page 626)
   b). The Direct Debit form for Gas at the Pavilion was signed
   c). Work to the emergency Lighting in the Community Centre and Pavilion was unanimously agreed

1860. CORRESPONDENCE
   a. For discussion:
      i. NKDC: Invite to Chairman’s Charity Quiz Night - noted
      ii. Resident: Request for a Grit Bin on Harvard Close – it was agreed to send a request to LCC
      iii. Request from PCC for additional grant funding – it was unanimously agreed that no further funding is available in this year’s precept
      iv. Washingborough Army Cadets: Request to allow Military Training at Chapel Park – this request was agreed.
      v. Parishioner: the closing of the Newsagents at the Precinct – this was answered at the Public Forum.
      vi. Parishioner: Appreciation of the Dog Warden – this was noted.

   b. For information:
      i. LCC: Community Collaboration, a Councillors Guide – noted
      ii. Best Kept Village and Small Town Competition: notification of Washingborough being the runner up in the Past Winners category.
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Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Councillors resolved to move into closed session for the following items:

1861. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS (WAGES/SALARIES)

The schedule of payments was approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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