

MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs, Dave Smith (Chairman), Paul Sharpe, Stuart Sleight,

The Clerk Sue Lewis was also present.

19/PC/51 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Sue Ponting and Ben Fern, Rushcliffe Borough Councillors Carys Thomas, Lesley Way & Kevin Shaw and County Councillor Andy Brown reasons given and approved.

19/PC/52 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

19/PC/53 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4th JULY 2019 – PAGES 9-12**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight
Agreed Unanimously

A) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (NOT INCLUDED IN THIS AGENDA)
INFORMATION ONLY – None other than those covered on the Agenda tonight.

19/PC/54 **CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported:

- The new defibrillator is now in situ at the Village Hall and is being checked monthly along with the one in the telephone box.
- A New gate has now been installed on the old playing field. The Clerk was requested to write to Jean Corliss, Soar Valley Bus requesting that they ensure the gate is shut each night.
- Following a report of Pennywort in the River Soar the Environment Agency was contacted – reply awaited.
- Email received from a resident opposite the school requesting a key for the Schools side of the noticeboard as the school have lost/mislaid theirs.
- Yearly allotment invoices sent out.
- Email received from a resident regarding dog poo around the village – Dog Warden requested to visit and put up notices.
- Condolence book for Operation London Bridge has been received.
- Compliant received about footpaths and broken stiles received and referred to Rights of Way Officer.
- £400 has been received from County Councillor Andy Brown Grant fund towards a new notice board.
- An approach has been made by East Leake Parish Council to see if Normanton would be interested in attending liaison meetings with other local parish councils.

- Best Kept Village Competition – Normanton has won their section and will receive A cheque for £125, a framed certificate and an attractive iron and oak sign to be retained for one year. Judging for the next round will commence week beginning Monday 30th September.
- A reminder received by the Borough Councillors on their Community Grant Fund.

7.20pm Cllr Keith Bonser joined the meeting

The Chairman reported that the meeting with the Police and Nottinghamshire County Council and local Parish Councils which took place on 14th August was mainly attended by residents from Stanford on Soar and surrounding villages. Highways and Policing matters were discussed, and the main topic was speeding through Stanford and accidents in Stanford.

19/PC/55 **PLANNING**

Applications

19/01882/FUL **Grange Farm Butt Lane**

Erection of a new agricultural livestock building.

No Objections **Agreed Unanimously**

A) Decision Notices – 19/01216/FUL, 40 Far Lane – Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and cladding the exterior of the dwelling in render – Planning Permission Granted

B) Other Planning Issues - None

19/PC/56 **POLICING MATTERS INCLUDING COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

It was agreed that we request the use of the speed watch camera in Normanton. A request has been made before, but we were told it was not available. Clerk to write to PC Kelly Carlisle.

19/PC/57 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

None

19/PC/58 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

The Chairman reported that the trees had now been cut down as requested and Cllr Andy Brown has had confirmation that the funding is in place and that we are now waiting for STW to clear the drains.

Th drains outside the school are still being investigated.

Far Lane is due to be re-surfaced on Thursday 19th September and will be closed for three days.

19/PC/59 **TO DISCUSS AND AGREE VE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020**

It was agreed in Cllrs Sue Ponting's absence that she be asked if she would be interested in taking this on.

19/PC/60 **TO REVIEW AND ADOPT THE REVISED STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

It was agreed that a small subcommittee consisting of the Chairman, Cllr Paul Sharpe and the Clerk be formed to review the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and report any amendments back to the next meeting for adoption.

19/PC/61 **TO CONSIDER LETTER FROM BOROUGH SOLICITOR RE: INJUNCTION TO PREVENT UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO LAND BY TRAVELLERS**

The Chairman referred to the letter previously circulated and it was agreed not to take up the offer of an injunction on Parish Council land but to seek our own preventative measures.

19/PC/62 **TO CONSIDER OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE TO PARISH COUNCILS (WINTER SERVICE 2019/2020) FROM VIA EAST MIDLANDS**

It was agreed not to take up the offer of free salt as we still have plenty in stock.

19/PC/63 **TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION**

A message had been received from County Councillor Andrew Brown that the Minerals Local Plan will not have any effect on the area the nearest village affected is Barton in Fabis, therefore it was agreed not to make any representation.

19/PC/64 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:**

FERRY –

- Cllr Paul Sharpe reported that to date £1680 had been taken in takings. It was agreed that up to £100 could be spent on new safety equipment such as a life buoy and safety throw line.
- An end of year bash has been arranged for volunteers at the Plough on 12th October with drinks provided by the Plough. It was agreed to spend £150 on extra food as there will be about 20 volunteers plus their partners.
- The ferry requires to be made “seaworthy” this year, which means the ferry being taken out of the river and bitumen painted on using the slipway on Soar Lane which will be temporary closed.
- The Clerk was requested to check with Insurance Company that the Ferry is covered.
- Clerk to write to local Boat Clubs asking them to inform their users that the chain ferry has the right of way on the river.

ALLOTMENTS – VACANCY & CONDITION OF PLOTS

- One of the allotment holders has given notice and the vacancy has now been filled.

PLAYING FIELDS

- Hedges and grass has been cut this week.

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS

- Clerk to submit items arising from the minutes

DRAINAGE

- The drain at the back of the hall has been installed

GRASS CUTTING

- The grant for the last two years of verge mowing has been received from Via East Midlands.

NOTICEBOARD

- £400 has been received from Cllr Andy Brown towards a new noticeboard

TREE PLANTING SCHEME

- Sponsorship of tree on Butt Lane – The Chairman is arranging a meeting with Monty Haw, Nottinghamshire County Council to discuss appropriate sites for planting of trees on grass verges

19/PC/65 TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR AUGUST 2019

**Proposed Cllr Keith Bonser Seconded Cllr Stuart Sleight
Agreed Unanimously**

19/PC/66 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None.

19/PC/67 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY

The Chairman reported that he has received 5 provisional bookings from local Caravan Clubs:

Leicestershire Caravan Club – 10-13 April 2020
Trent Valley District Caravan Club – 1-4 May 2020
Notts Caravan Club – 24-26 July 2020
Leicestershire Caravan Club – 31 July – 2 August 2020
Amateur Radio & Caravan Club – 28-31 August 2020

Seats & Noticeboard – It was agreed to ask a local resident to quote for renovating the seats and noticeboard

19/PC/68 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR ON TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that two applications had been received for the one councillor vacancy and following a vote on both candidates it was agreed by the majority that Samantha Kearn be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 10th October 2019

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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