

**MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,  
THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 IN THE VILAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Sue Ponting, Sam Kearn, Stuart Sleight, Glen Martin, Patrick Burges

The Clerk Sue Lewis and Cllrs Matt Barney and Lesley Way were also present.

**21/PC/105**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs. Carys Thomas and Kevin Shaw reasons given and approved.

**21/PC/106**      **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Stuart Sleight declared an interest in item 21/PC/115 Village Road

**21/PC/107**      **TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE FROM CO-OPTED  
COUNCILLOR**

Patrick Burge signed the Declaration of Acceptance and was welcomed to the council and the meeting.

**21/PC/108**      **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
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Proposed Cllr Dave Smith      Seconded Cllr Glenn Martin  
Agreed Unanimously

**21/PC/109**      **CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that:

- The sign on Soar Lane had been taken down and handed over to a member of the British Canoeing's regional development team.
- Letter sent to Allotment holders informing them of the decision made at the last meeting not to remove the hedge.

**21/PC/110**      **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Lesley Way reported:

- Items have been requested for the Rushcliffe Scrutiny agenda concerning solar farms and discharge of sewage into watercourse. A motion on solar power has been submitted to the next council meeting.
- Representation have been made to the consultation on the Local Development Order for redeveloping the Power Station site to stress the importance of public transport links to East Leake and the whole of Rushcliffe, so that residents can benefit from the new employment opportunities.
- Ratcliffe on Soar is no longer being considered as a site for a nuclear fusion reactor.
- Planning meetings once a month, (usually second Thursday) are being moved to the afternoon rather than the evening. This has been trialled for 6 months and now made permanent.

- Growth and Development Scrutiny (available on YouTube to watch) discussed TPOs and other matters around trees, hedges etc. The scope for TPOs is narrow and the group resolved to write to the appropriate government departments requesting that the policy is reviewed and widened.
- East Leake Tree Warden has been in discussion with NCC who is seemingly refusing to allow anyone else but themselves to plant trees or sow wildflowers on any land they own but are not keeping pace with the list of trees they are required to replant. Anyone wanting to sow wildflowers will require a licence at a fee – amount yet is unknown. Whilst appreciating the need for safety and adequate knowledge of planting, it would appear that NCC is not planning to keep in line with the current trends to make areas ‘greener’ in all respects such as pollinators, wildlife protection and amenity.
- Police Commissioner has released funding under Make Notts Safe, grants are available.

Cllr Matt Barney reported:

- There is now a Police Officer who is responsible for Environment Damage
- He has been removed from the Health Scrutiny Committee and put on the Adult Social Health as Vice-Chair.
- East Midlands has been included in the Levelling Up Fund.
- NCC structure has been re-organised and changed to a Cabinet System similar to Rushcliffe Borough Council.
- Doctors meeting at Sutton Bonington last week was well attended and residents were informed that the Sutton Bonington surgery is not closing.
- Gateway signs to be installed on the lane coming up from Stanford.
- Double yellows lines to be extended opposite the Plough
- Average speed cameras to be installed on the A6006 before April
- Replacement of Zouch bridge has been cancelled.

**21/PC/111      TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

**Update from ST on drainage** – Report received from Tim Smith, ST, the work carried out before Christmas removed most of the silt and roots. CCTV cameras which were put down the culvert showed no major problems except a water main goes through the pipe at the end of Far Lane. They will try and remove it and will assess moving of the watermain pipe and the need for relining the culvert and a programme will hopefully be put in place to have it cleared every 6 months.

**21/PC/114      TO DISCUSS IDEAS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND**

To be discussed further at next meeting.

**21/PC/115      TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:**

**PLAYING FIELDS** – The new trees along with the Jubilee Tree have been planted and the Parish Council would like to extend they’re thanks to Harry Peberdy and John Simpson for their help. Mr Peberdy is also researching which is the correct paint to paint the play equipment.

The Chairman reported that the Wendy Miller has asked if she could put a memorial bench on the fields in memory of her husband Chas – following a discussion it was agreed that the corner at the

end of the car park extension would be the most suitable place.

Cllr Sue Ponting reported that another bench was in the process of being made from the money donated by the Village Shop which will be placed near the play equipment.

**FERRY** – The old sign has now been removed and will be renovated and it was agreed the old information board to be given to Mrs Livingston as requested.

**QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE** – The original caterers have cancelled, and the WI have stepped in offering teas/coffee/cake. A sponsor has also come forward and is prepared to donate a glass of prosecco and a Jubilee cake for the toast. Consideration is being given to either providing a BBQ or bring your own picnic. It was also agreed that the Parish Council purchase a Jubilee Tree along with a plaque and present it to the local primary school. Chair to discuss with the school.

**ENVIRONMENT GROUP** – Nothing to report

**VILLAGE ROAD** – The Chairman reported that he had been approached by the owner of the house on Village Road regarding getting the ivy removed – it was agreed to pay £60 an hour to Ladybug Garden Services to remove it.

**VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS** – Article on Councillor vacancy.

**21/PC/116 TO AGREE AND ACCEPT UPDATED DRAFT OF VILLAGE SIGN**

The Chairman referred to the draft copies of the village sign and following a discussion it was agreed to request that the lump is taken off the chestnut tree and make the tree in front of the church smaller and make the ferry more prominent and to add the sun.

**21/PC/117 TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 22**

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2186	S Lewis	Salary	258.23
2187	HMRC	PAYE	64.60
2188	Notts County Council	Extra Cuts on Landscaping Con	82.00
2189	Miles Nurseries	Trees	940.56
2190	S Lewis	Stamps	13.02

**Receipts**

		<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Jan	Mr Parnell	Allotment Rent	50.00

It was agreed to sign all cheques except for the Notts County Council extra cuts as it was felt this was wrong. Clerk to check out.

**21/PC/118 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Email from resident re: flooding – Clerk to reply
2. PC Kelly Carlisle – January Crime Figures – noted

3. Nottinghamshire Police – Stakeholder Report – noted
4. Rushcliffe Borough Council – Date for the next Town and Parish Forum – noted
5. Nottinghamshire County Council – Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan – Agenda for March meeting.

**21/PC/119**      **ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

The Chairman reported that he had received a call from the owners of Cedars Farm about the new trees being planted on Butt Lane and concerned about grass cutting. They were informed they were replacing ones that had died and planting additional ones along the lane as agreed 3 years ago.

A complaint had been received from a resident on Far Lane about an unknown person throwing bagged dog muck over the fence – Clerk to report to the Dog Warden and request signs to go up in the area.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

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