The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 15th March 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

<u>Present:</u> Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Vice Chair), Bradshaw, Cross, Freeman, Hicks and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk) and County Councillor Heggs.

1. Apologies for Absence: Borough Cllr Rutt.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Freeman declared an interest in Item 12.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meetings on 16th February 2016 were duly approved and Proposed Cllr Bradshaw Seconded Cllr Cross

4. Matters Arising:

The Clerk said she had contacted the landowner regarding the ivy overhanging the wall on Main Street and expected this to be removed in the near future.

The Council observed the litter pick on Sunday 28th February to be a great success and expressed its thanks to all involved, particularly to Cllr Hicks for organising it. It was agreed that a further litter pick would be planned for September 2016.

The Council noted motorbike nuisance and drug related offences on School Hill which had been reported to the police.

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitor.

County Councillor Heggs reminded the Council of the Rural Area Forum meeting on Thursday 17th March. He also said that there maybe more funding available in the new financial year from the 'Empowerment Fund' which could perhaps contribute to vehicle activated speed signs or towards the defibrillator project. The Chair replied that there was an outstanding balance of £300 on the defibrillator project which was hoped to be met by Rockingham Wheelers. Cllr Heggs agreed to look at the dilapidated finger post at the junction of Ashley Road and Wire Lane.

The Chair thanked the visitor who duly left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

The Chair informed the Council that the submitted plans had been referred to the JPU Design Unit at NCC and therefore a decision would be delayed. There would be a meeting between the architect and planners on site on 21st March.

7. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council discussed the two quotes sourced by Cllr Cross for the refurbishment of the grass in the orchard – it **agreed** that further information was needed before a decision could be made. It was **agreed** to put on the agenda next month.

Cllr Cross said she hoped to dig a channel and remove weeds in the culvert once the water had receded (action KC).

8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

Swinglers	։ Path – Pւ	urchase (of Signs	s and	Barrier	's – The	Council	agreed	to purch	nase the
'No cycling	g or horse	riding' si	gns for	either	end of	Swingler	s Path	at a cos	st of £18	.50. Cllı
Cross repo	orted that 'I	Dog Foul	ing' sigr	is were	e to be i	provided	and wo	uld be s	trategica	ılly

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placed around the village. The Council noted that it was still awaiting costs of barriers for Swinglers Path and **agreed** that these would be sited underneath the light.

Speed Warning Signs – The Council noted that it was still awaiting a response from County Highways Sarah Barnwell regarding the schedule for upgrading of the 30 mph signs around the village and the cost of vehicle activated speed signs. The Council discussed the cleanliness of the existing signs and **agreed** to inquire with the 'Wheelie Bin' cleaner as to whether he could do this (action KC).

Lighting – The Council noted that the faulty light outside 27 Main Street had been repaired. Cllr Freeman **agreed** to chase up the faulty light on The Hill (action AF).

Community Speed Watch – The Council **agreed** not to pursue at this stage due to lack of sufficient volunteers.

Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole had carried out an inspection of the parish assets and stated that all were in order apart from the bench on Main Street which was in need of re-varnishing. The Clerk to remind Steve Morphy that this needed doing as soon as the weather allowed (action JM).

10. Chair's Expenses:

The Council **agreed** the Chair's expenses at £100 per annum.

11. Consultation on the revised Conservation Area Appraisal:

The revised Conservation Area Appraisal had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The Council once again reiterated that it very much welcomes the review of the Conservation area and redefined boundary and **agreed** to fully support the revised draft with no further comments to add.

12. Planning:

Partial demolition of double garage and construction of a new dwelling at 16 Main Street, Middleton, LE16 8YU

Appeal reference: APP/U2805/W/15/3141328

The Council noted the very unfortunate delay by Corby Borough Council Planning Department in dealing with this planning application due to the delayed adoption of the Management Plan for the Conservation Area within which the site sits. The Parish Council understands the applicants' wish to build on the relatively small plot which is currently a garage with parking space, it objects to the height and design of the building proposed which is not in keeping with the street scene or the context of the listed buildings surrounding the site. The Council would support the building of a cottage style dwelling in local ironstone fronting directly onto the pavement, as its neighbours do. The height of any building on this site should be no more than one and a half or two storeys in height and certainly no higher than number 10 and 12 Main Street to the west of the plot. This is important as the site slopes significantly to the south (away from the road) and any building to the rear of the site would mean that the dwelling dominated the street scene. The Council does not agree with the appellant that the dwelling would be better placed behind a wall as this would not be in keeping with the style and height of the cottages surrounding Cannam House and the Council objects to the proposal for a two storey house with rooms in the roof space.

The Chair to write to the planning inspectorate with these comments (action SB).

The Council discussed the recent flooding in the village. The Chair informed the Council

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that photographs and videos had been sent to CBC Gordon Smith in order that the surface water problem in the village could be reiterated at the Bury Close Appeal.

13. Finance: a) The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed :						
101326	Cottingham VHMC – Hall Hire	18.00				
101327 101328	Clerk – February Salary and Expenses Clerk – New Website Set-up Costs	283.70 50.00				
b) ReceiptsTransparency Fun Interest	800.00 414.32					
c) SUMMARY OF National Savings Business Reserve	55,651.85 166.35					
Community Accou	9,442.76					
Less Allocation for	49,590.50					
Total:		<u>15,670.46</u>				

d) The Council unanimously **approved** the bank reconciliation which was then duly signed by the Chair.

Review of Asset Register – The Council approved the asset register and **agreed** to add the Phonebox. Cllr Freeman **agreed** to find out its worth (action AF).

Grass Cutting Contract 2016 – The Council reviewed and approved the Grass Cutting Contract for the 2016 season provided by Steve Morphy. The Council noted the costs of cut as being the same as the previous year.

14. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items, all e-mailed:

CBC - Cottingham and Middleton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan SPD - Revised Draft

NCALC - The Northants CALC Councillor Survey / Parish and Town Council Survey 2016 NCC Highways 2016 Community Enhancement Gangs - Requests

The Council agreed the following for the CEG

- (i) Clean village and speed signs on Main Street, Ashley Road and The Hill
- (ii) Clear vegetation around the phonebox and the bus shelter
- (iii) Clean out storm drains.

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None identified at present.

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