

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 28th August 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Vice Chair), Bradshaw, Freeman, Hicks and Thomas, and Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk).

1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Cross - Holiday Commitments.
Borough Cllr Rutt.

2. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of Interest.

There were no changes to the members Registers of Interests.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 17th July 2018 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Hicks Seconded Cllr Bradshaw

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

The Council was delighted to note that the planning application for the new village hall had been approved by Corby Borough Council on 7th August 2018 and commended all those that had been working on this project for a very long time. A Village Hall Trust AGM has been planned and the next stage is to prepare to cost the build and commence the fund raising process.

7. The Big PIC Litter Campaign:

The Council referred to the Big PIC - Pride In Corby anti litter campaign and **proposed** 13th October as the date of the next village litter pick. Cllr Hicks will request the equipment from CBC Suzanne Preston (*action GH*). The Clerk will pass the proposed date on to Cottingham Parish Council which had agreed to join the event (*action JM*).

The Clerk will contact Ms Preston to request new 'anti dog fouling' stencils either end of Swingers Path and on the pavement either side of the entrance into Darescroft (*action JM*).

8. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council observed the fallen apples in the Orchard. Cllrs Hicks and Thomas volunteered to clear these the following day and to tidy up any overgrown brambles (*action GH and MT*).

9. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

School Hill Traffic Management – The Chair informed the Council that NCC Highways representative Sarah Barnwell had responded to the site meeting with suggestions for signing the gradient and the narrow/restricted access from the Camsdale Walk junction down the slope and upwards from the Hill where the issues was the combination of the

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gradient, with the tight bend and the narrow carriageway. Ms Barnwell stated that the best option in the circumstances was to sign 'Unsuitable for Long Vehicles' on The Hill on each approach to the junction. The cost of providing these signs would be £1,605.34 exc VAT. The Council discussed this option and **agreed** that ideally the sign should also include the phrase 'unsuitable for HGVs'. The Chair will ask NCC Highways if this is possible and ask Borough Cllr Rutt whether any possible funding for these signs was available through Corby Borough Council (*action SB*).

Jurassic Way / Swinglers Path 'No Horse Riding' Signage – The Clerk reported that the replacement sign for the Darescroft entrance to Swinglers Path had been erected by Corby Borough Council. Cllr Freeman will site the new signs on the Jurassic Way footpath (*action TF*).

The Council referred to the blocked drain at the entrance to Jurassic Way at the junction with The Hill. Cllr Cole volunteered to look at this with a view to clearing the drain if possible (*action AC*).

10. 67 Bus Service Cessation

The Chair informed the Council that monies for a twice weekly pilot bus service from Corby to Market Harborough, running through Middleton were now in place and that the next step would be a publicity campaign to let residents know destination, stops and timetable.

11. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole had carried out an inspection of the parish assets and stated that all were in good order. The Clerk had carried out and recorded the routine monthly check of the defibrillator.

12. Corby Local Plan Part 2:

The Chair had circulated prior to the meeting, a draft response to the consultation on the Local Plan Part 2 – Emerging Draft Options, making particular reference to sections on rural housing, local green spaces, public transport and water treatment sewage works as 'bad neighbours' in planning terms. The Council had **agreed** this draft and commended Cllr Brant on her excellent response. The Council expressed concern with the staff turnover at Corby Borough Council Planning Department and the potential impact on keeping abreast with significant or contentious applications. It **agreed** to write to head of department Iain Smith detailing these concerns (*action SB*).

At this point it was noted that Northamptonshire County Council had voted in favour of the proposed formation of two new unitary authorities to replace it.

13. Cottingham and Middleton Joint Meeting:

The Chair reported on a productive informal joint meeting between the two parish councils on 24th July at which matters such as the new Village Hall, Neighbourhood Planning, litter picking, village fete and community engagement were discussed.

14. NCALC Annual Meeting:

Cllr Brant agreed to check her diary with a view to attending the NCALC AGM as voting delegate and Cllr Freeman volunteered also to attend as a representative on behalf of Middleton Parish Council. The clerk will respond accordingly to NCALC on receipt of confirmation (*action JM*).

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15. Planning:**18/00528/DPA 6 Camsdale Walk (Quarry House) Alteration to previous application**

The Council considered and **agreed** to support this application.

18/00090/DPA Mr Rigby 6 The Hill Middleton Demolition of single storey extension, replace with larger one with pitched and tiled roof. Formation of pedestrian access and steps. New monocouche render to existing brick facings.

This application has been approved by Corby Borough Council.

18/00374/DPA 15 Ashley Road Rear Two Storey Extension

This application has been approved by Corby Borough Council.

16. Finance:

a) The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously **agreed**:

101482	Wilbarston Parish Council – Community Bus Pilot	400.00
101483	GSS Architecture – Village Hall Fees	2,700.00
101484	Clerk – Aug/Sept Salary and Expenses	631.52
101485	Jamie Bradshaw – Culvert Maintenance	60.00
101486	Joes Lawn Care – Orchard	98.00

Receipts

None

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	47,749.18
Business Reserve	166.54
Community Account	4,769.07
Less Allocation for Village Hall	38,690.50
Total:	13,994.29

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

17. Correspondence:

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

NCALC – eUpdate
 CBC – Rural Area Forum 19th July Minutes
 NCC – Local Government Reform

18. Business for next meeting:

There was none identified at present.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 16th October 2018

Signed.....Chair Date.....

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