

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

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

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1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Hicks - Holiday Commitments

Cllr Cole - Sickness

County Cllr Naden-Horley and Borough Cllr Rutt

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2. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interests.

There were no changes to the members Registers of Interests.

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3. Minutes:

Item 9 of the minutes of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 was amended to read School Hill not School Lane. These minutes were then duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Freeman

Seconded Cllr Bradshaw

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4. Matters Arising:

**Grit Bins** – The Clerk informed the Council that the transfer of ownership forms for bin number 1588, half way along School Hill had been completed and returned to NCC and that inquiries had been made to obtain a second hand bin from NCC to replace the deteriorated bin on the bend at the lower end of School Hill. This will be provided once one becomes available.

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5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

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6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

The Chair reported on the AGM and the Ordinary Meeting. The next step is to obtain an estimate of the expected build cost in order to pursue a vigorous fund raising campaign.

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7. Budget 2019/20:

A first draft budget for 2019/20 was presented to the Parish Council for consideration. The Council noted that the CBC concurrent expenditure grant had been reduced by 50% to £814 and allocated monies to winter grit supplies. The anticipated increase in precept would be 17.88%. The final budget is to be presented to the Parish Council at the meeting in December for approval.

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8. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council noted that the bottom of the culvert had become overgrown. The Clerk will refer this to local contractor responsible for its maintenance schedule (*action JM*).

The Council was reminded that a risk assessment was required for use of the Orchard during the Christmas Eve 'Walking Nativity' Event. The Clerk will contact the organisers to request that one is supplied (*action JM*).

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Signed.....Chair

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9. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

**School Hill Traffic Management Signage** – It was noted that confirmation of costs for the signs for School Hill had not as yet been received from NCC Highways representative Sarah Barnwell. Once these have been received the Council will be in a position to make a decision to purchase the signage.

**Lighting** – Cllr Freeman reported that the faulty light on The Hill had been repaired.

**Overgrown Trees, Glover Court** – It was brought to the Council's attention that the trees along the path into Glover Court were becoming overgrown. Cllr Cross volunteered to look at these with a view to removing the side shoots (*action KC*).

10. Pilot Community Bus Service:

The Chair updated the Council on the current position regarding the pilot bus service from Corby to Market Harborough. The service is now up and running, a timetable has been put up in the bus stop and data pertaining to parish usage will be available soon. The Council **agreed** to distribute a copy of the timetable and costs to all households with a summary of the Council's response to the West Corby Extension planning application.

11. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

In the absence of Cllr Cole there was nothing to report on this item.

12. Planning:**17/00180/OUT Outline application for a sustainable urban extension comprising 4,500 dwellings and associated infrastructure works.**

A detailed response to this consultation was approved by the Council and submitted to Corby Borough Council. The Chair will draft a précis of the response for circulation to the residents (*action SB*). Full details of the response can be found on the website

[www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk](http://www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk)

The proposed date for the Planning Committee meeting to discuss this application is 22<sup>nd</sup> January subject to responses being received from NCC Highways.

The Council was disappointed to note that no response had been received from the developers regarding the Council's concern over the proposed marketing name of 'Middleton Park' for the new site. The Clerk will follow this up (*action JM*).

13. Finance:

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

101494	Clerk – November Salary and Expenses	315.76
101495	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting	200.00
101496	CHT – Defib Annual Charge	85.00
101497	Cottingham VHMC – Hall Hire	36.00

Receipts

None

## SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	45,499.18
Business Reserve	166.54
Community Account	5,267.47
Less Allocation for Village Hall	38,690.50

Signed.....Chair

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Total: **£12,242.69**

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

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**14. Correspondence:**

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

NCALC – Budgeting and Precept Information

NCALC – Friday Mini Update

CBC – Rural Area Forum 15<sup>th</sup> November

A request had been made by Cottingham Parish Council for the Council to jointly adopt the metal ‘Tommys’ which had been on display at the Village Hall for the WW1 Centenary Event. These would stand each side of the War Memorial. The Council **agreed** to support this proposal and noted that they would need a protective coating and concreting in place. The Chair will refer back to Cottingham Parish Council for more details on what will be involved (*action SB*).

The Chair informed the Council that a special team of police were currently investigating the recent spate of burglaries in the vicinity. One person has been charged and another is being pursued.

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**15. Business for next meeting:**

Finalise 2019/20 Budget setting process

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.36 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Signed.....Chair

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