

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 21st March 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

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

1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Bradshaw – Work Commitment

Cllr Thomas – Family Commitment

Borough Cllr Rutt

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.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 12th February 2019 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Freeman

Seconded Cllr Brant

4. Matters Arising:

'No Horse Riding Signs' Jurassic Way – These had now been erected on the gates approaching Middleton from East Carlton to prohibit horse riders still occasionally using the Jurassic Way footpath from East Carlton to Middleton.

This next item was brought forward

12. Casual Vacancy:

A definite expression of interest to become a Parish Councillor has been received by the Clerk from Mrs Alison Freestone, a long standing resident of the village. No other expressions of interest have been received.

The Council **agreed** to co-opt Mrs Freestone onto the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Brant Seconded Cllr Freeman

Cllr Freestone duly signed the Register of Members' Interests and Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.

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:

Cllr Freeman reported on a recent fund raising workshop to which the Trustees had invited additional members of the community. Sixteen people had attended and the workshop had proved very productive. The work of the group would inform different aspects of the process of applying for grant funding. Another workshop would be held next month and would be open to anyone interested in helping to drive this project forward.

7. Orchard and Open Space:

The Chair informed the Council that Corby Borough Council had mapped the boundary of the Community Orchard for approval as part of its designation as an identified Local Green Space.

Signed.....Chair

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It was observed that the 'dog mess' bins at the end of Camsdale Walk, at the end of the culvert in Glover Close and at the entrance to Darescroft were often overflowing. It was felt that either the bins were too small and/or they were not being emptied regularly enough. The Council **agreed** to contact Corby Borough Council to find out how often these bins were scheduled to be emptied and whether this could be increased before making a decision to purchase larger bins (*action JM*).

8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

Fallen Wall, Jurassic Way Footpath – Cllr Hicks raised the fallen wall obstructing the Jurassic Way footpath approaching the Dale. The Council **agreed** to contact the landowner requesting this is removed as a matter of urgency (*action SB*).

Damaged Signage – The Council noted that a lighting bollard at the junction of The Hill with the A427 had been damaged. The Clerk will report to County Highways via Street Doctor (*action JM*). A further sign, notifying drivers of a sharp bend, had been knocked over during a recent accident on The Hill. The Clerk will also report this, highlighting the importance of adequate signage at this regular accident spot (*action JM*).

Lighting – The Council noted that the light in Glover Court was faulty again. Cllr Freeman will report this and remind Corby Borough Council that the broken light at 58 Main Street had still not been repaired (*action TF*).

Kissing Gate, Camsdale Walk – This had been reported to NCC Rights of Way via Street Doctor and is awaiting repair.

Litter Pick – The Council **agreed** the next litter pick as being Sunday 7th April 10.30 am meet at the Orchard. The Clerk will inform Cottingham PC and arrange for posters for both villages to inform residents (*action JM*). Cllr Hicks will organise the delivery of the necessary equipment (*action GH*).

9. Pilot Community Bus Service:

The Chair updated the Council on the current position regarding the pilot bus service from Corby to Market Harborough. Northamptonshire County Council had pledged to match fund the service from its ring fenced grant from the Department of Transport. The Chair advised that she had agreed to this on behalf of the Council which would allow the bus service to continue until March 2020.

10. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole reported that all were fit for purpose, other than the bench on Main Street, on which the varnish was flaking badly. The Clerk will refer this on to the contractor responsible its recent maintenance (*action JM*).

11. Local Government Reform:

The Chair referred to a recent update from Corby Borough Council, which had agreed at its Full Council meeting in February 2019 to undertake a Community Governance Review (CGR) for the unparished area of Corby town. The first stage of the process involves a consultation exercise in relation to the general idea of Corby being parished and having a town council. If the general response is in support of the idea a more detailed public consultation will be undertaken. This second consultation will provide more details regarding council membership, warding and precept. If agreed, elections for any new town council will take place at the same time as elections for any new unitary authority and existing parishes. Existing parishes will be consulted at both stages.

The Chair requested that information on how this would affect Middleton Parish Council be obtained as soon as possible.

Signed.....Chair

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13. Downhall Charity:

The Council referred to correspondence from the Downhall Trust, a charity which donates to the repair of Cottingham Church, inviting a representative from the Parish Council to become one of the trustees. Cllr Freestone volunteered to take on this role. The Clerk will notify the Trust (*action JM*).

14. Village Fete:

The Chair informed the Council that a date of 6th July has been set for the village fete 2019, the organisation of which will be by a group of representatives from the Church, Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils, the Village Hall Management Committee and other interested parties. Hopefully the School will also be involved. She stated that all offers of help towards the running of stalls etc will be greatly appreciated.

15. Planning:**18/00712/DPA Bromwell House Erection of Detached Garage with store room above**

The Council noted that this application had been approved by Corby Borough Council.

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

There was nothing further to report on this item at this stage as there is still no date for its consideration.

16. Finance:

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

101516	Clerk – March Salary and Expenses	315.76
101517	Besthost	17.25
101518	Jamie Bradshaw – Culvert Maintenance	60.00
101519	Steve Morphy – Revarnishing Benches	330.00
101520	Amazon – Ink Cartridges	26.49
101521	Cottingham School – Donation to Car Park Repairs	100.00

Receipts
None

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	40,840.72
Business Reserve	166.54
Community Account	5,767.86
Less Allocation for Village Hall	35,990.50
Total:	£10,784.62

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:

CBC – Weekly Planning Lists / Development Control Contact List
NCALC – eUpdates

Signed.....Chair

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Letter from Head of Cottingham Primary School requesting a contribution towards the repair of a manhole cover in the village hall / school car park. The Council **agreed** to contribute £100 towards this (*action JM*)

18. Business for next meeting:

Harvest Traffic

Monthly Crime Report as Standing Item

Cllrs Brant and Freeman gave their apologies for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 16th April 2019

Signed.....Chair

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