

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Coughlan (Vice Chair), Cole and Thomas and Mrs Medwell (Clerk)
Police Liaison Representative Del Robertson, PC Brad Wilson and one member of the public.

1. To approve apologies for absence:

Cllrs Hicks and Bradshaw
North Northants Cllr D Sims.

2. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda or changes to the Members Register of Interests:

There were no declarations of interests.

The Chair advised that she no longer had an interest in a property in the village and will advise NNC accordingly.

There were no further changes to the members Registers of Interests.

3. To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 15th June 2021 as a correct record.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 15th June 2021 were duly approved and signed by the Chair

Proposed Cllr Coughlan Seconded Cllr Cole.

4. Matter arising from the minutes, not listed on the agenda:

Refurbishment of Middleton Sign – The sign has been removed for refurbishment by George and Chris West-Robinson and Mike Curtis.

Overhanging Tree, The Hill – The landowner had been contacted and had advised that the tree was not dead and is currently safe. He would continue to monitor it.

Land off Ashley Road – The Chair had written to the landowners regarding the unkempt condition of the land.

TVAS, Cottingham School – Cottingham Parish Council has applied for a grant from the Safer Roads Team for a vehicle activated speed warning sign to be located outside Cottingham School. The Council re-iterated that it would like to see a 20mph speed restriction around the school and would be prepared to lobby Highways alongside Cottingham Parish Council, Cottingham School, the Police and NNC Councillors in order to achieve this.

5. Meeting Open to the public:

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

The member of the public present, who had expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor, introduced herself to the Council.

There was nothing further discussed.

The meeting closed to the public at 7.50 pm

6. Orchard and Open Space:

The new shoots of Japanese Knotweed which had been identified in the land between the open space behind the Orchard and Vine House on Main Street have now been treated. Overgrown brambles were identified at the entrance to the Orchard – the Council **agreed** to ask the local

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contractor to quote for cutting these back (*action JM*).

It was noted that the culvert was in the process of being cleared.

The Chair was pleased to report that the recent attic sale held in the Community Orchard had raised £650.00 for The Mill project.

7. Highways, Signage, Footpaths, Grit Bins, Lighting

Update on TVAS The Hill – There was nothing further to report on this item.

In view of the current periods of heavy rain, the Chair felt that flash flooding remains a concern in the village and councillors should remain alert to this.

It was noted that the nettles had been cut back along the Jurassic Way footpath leading to East Carlton Park.

With regard to the recent consultation from NNC regarding public vehicle charging points, the Chair had questioned Cllr Kevin Watts on whether there are public charging points planned for the West Corby SUE given that Corby BC had chosen not to require the developers to include charging points in all new dwellings built on the site.

8. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole had checked the parish assets and stated that all were in order. Mr Morphy has been asked to refurbish the bench with the flaking varnish.

The Defibrillator had been checked and was in order.

9. Review of Code of Conduct:

The new model Code of Conduct had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. This was approved and formally adopted

Proposed Cllr Thomas Seconded Cllr Cole Unanimously carried

10. Parish Council Vacancy:

It was noted that the casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Mrs Freestone had been reported to North Northants Council and that this was now being advertised. In the event that an election is not requested by ten electors, the Council will be in a position to co-opt at its next meeting in September.

It was confirmed that in considering prospective candidates, their experience and skills would be taken into account. Ideally applicants would be forthcoming from all geographical areas of the village and if this does not happen, the Council will work to ensure that the views of all residents are represented in its decision making.

11. Monthly Crime Report

PC Wilson reported on 4 recorded incidents of crime in June which involved theft from a motor vehicle and domestic assault. The antisocial behaviour reporting mechanism has now been completed and in June, one incident relating to a loose dog outside Oakley Park had been recorded. There is a new Neighbourhood Alert System, details of which will be leaflet dropped around the village.

PC Wilson advised that more recently, further dog related incidents have been reported in that area and the Environmental Services Officer, Kerry Walke, has commenced enforcement proceedings. He re-iterated that any incidents involving loose dogs and noise nuisance should be reported to Kerry on 01536 464069.

PC Wilson also advised that the roadside speed gun had been recalibrated and was available for use in the parish. The Council **agreed** that the priorities were The Hill and Main Street.

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12. Planning:

Peasdale Hill Planning application (NC/21/00036/DPA) – It was noted that this application had been refused at the Planning Committee meeting on 21st June and that a subsequent appeal has been lodged by the applicant against this decision. There are two other appeals against this application – one against the enforcement notice, the other against the non-determination. As yet no dates have been proposed for their consideration. The Council **agreed** to seek advice from the planning consultant John Groves where necessary.

It was also noted that an appeal appears to have been lodged against the refusal of the application at the Land South of Oakley Park.

The Chair informed the Council that the Residents Action Group had recently met with North Northants Council Portfolio Holder for Rural Communities and Localism, David Howes, regarding Gypsy and Traveller provision and the issues with unauthorised developments.

13. Finance:

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

300001	NEST - Clerk Pension	24.08
300002	J Bradshaw - Maintenance of culvert	60.00
300003	S Morphy - Grass mowing	630.00
30000	Clerk – Salary and Expenses	680.48
BACS	Village Hall – May Hall Hire	12.00
BACS	Village Hall – June Hall Hire	12.00
BACS	Welland Landscaping – Knotweed Treatment	85.00

Receipts: None

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	5,282.86
Unity Trust Account	8,098.84
Total:	£13,381.70

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

14. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

NCALC – eUpdates

NNC – Vehicle Charging Points

Northants Police – New LIP's for Corby

NNC – Update from Leader

15. Dissemination of Information:

Those residents who don't already and wish to receive information by email, please contact Jane Smith on jane@le.com.

16. Business for next meeting:

Co-option of new Councillors

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 14th September 2021.

Signed.....Chair

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