

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

Present: Cllrs Coughlan (Chair), Appleby, Denton, Morrell and Thomas and Mrs Medwell (Clerk)
PC Brad Wilson and North Northants Cllr K Watt.

1. To approve apologies for absence:

Cllr Cole

NCC Cllr D Simms

Police Liaison Representative Del Robertson

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

There were no declarations of interests.

There were no changes to the members Registers of Interests.

3. To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting as a correct record.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 16th November 2021 were duly approved and signed by the Chair

Proposed Cllr Morrell

Seconded Cllr Denton

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

The Council **agreed** to return to Tuesday evenings for its monthly meetings.

5. Meeting Open to the public:

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

NNC Watt reported on the 2022/23 Council tax which will increase by 1.99% and a further 1% for the Adult Social Care Precept. Council house rents are to increase by 4.1% which is in line which is in line with the Department for Levelling Up. He drew the Council's attention to the Afghan Refugee Resettlement, the Community Programme to support growing, cooking and eating healthy foods, the Domestic Abuse Strategy and the North Northamptonshire People Plan.

The meeting closed to the public.

6. Monthly Crime Report

PC Wilson reported the following up to date incidents in the Village

There were no reported incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour in November

The FIGURES for DECEMBER 2021 are as follows:

CRIMES – TWO

ASSAULT (21000755315): DOG BITE - NO INJURY (ENQUIRIES COMPLETED & FILED AS NO COMPLAINT)

ASSAULT (21000757925): NO INJURY – DOMESTIC (ENQUIRIES COMPLETED & FILED AS NO COMPLAINT)

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE

BEAT BUS

The BEAT BUS was on THE HILL, MIDDLETON between 12:30Hrs & 13:30Hrs on MONDAY 17th JANUARY 2021 for a Police surgery along with SUZANNE PRESTON from the SAFER CORBY TEAM of NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL. Issues picked up from this surgery and which will be reported back to NCC included the overflowing recycling bin outside the Naz Lounge and the reduced road width on the triangle at the top of The Hill.

Cllr Thomas raised the possibility of siting some CCTV at the entrance to Wood Lane. PC Wilson will follow this up. Cllr Thomas referred to fly tipping and asked NCC Watt whether there might be the possibility of siting more litter bins in the areas that are particularly susceptible to littering. Cllr Watt will pursue.

The Council referred to 'Gypsy & Traveller unauthorised developments Parish Council Update Meeting' on 3rd March – The Chair will attend meeting.

7. Councillor Vacancy:

The Council **agreed** to advertise the casual vacancy in the Village Newsletter, Facebook page and WhatsApp Group and to do a further leaflet drop if no candidate comes forward in the next month.

8. Orchard and Open Space:

There was nothing to report on this item.

9. Highways, Signage, Footpaths, Grit Bins, Lighting:

Lighting – The Chair had reported to NCC faulty lights outside the Wheelers on Ashley Road, the Obelisk and along the end of Camsdale Walk. These included some which had been recently repaired and had since stopped working.

Additional Signage – The Council referred to the response from NNC Highways Sarah Barnwell to its request for a UK Road Sign 880 to be installed on The Hill. It was understood that this sign could be provided where speed enforcement takes place from time to time. Cllrs Thomas will pursue this with Sarah Barnwell (*action MT*). The obscured signage on the triangle at the top of The Hill has been reported to Highways.

Footpath Warden – The Council was pleased to note that local resident Wayne Summerfield has taken on the role of Footpath Warden. Mr Summerfield will provide regular reports on the parish footpaths.

Pathfinder Flood Resistance Project (PFRP) – The Chair informed the Council that she was currently in the process of completing an application for a grant from the PFRP for up to £3,000 for 24 metres of flood barriers. Should this application be successful, the Council was asked to consider funding the balance of £105 as well as the cost of a tarpaulin to cover the pallet of barriers which will be stored at the Rockingham Wheelers' premises. The Chair also advised of a team of three volunteer flood wardens in the village, currently undergoing training.

10. NCALC Asset Mapping Project:

The Council noted NCALC 's Asset Mapping Project and request that parish councils across the County engage with the project by mapping assets and services that are owned and provided either by the Parish or Unitary Council and registered or unregistered Assets of Community Value.

The Council **agreed** to engage with this project and appointed a Working Group consisting of Cllrs Thomas, Morrell and Denton and Cllr Cole (subject to confirmation). The Working Group's Terms of Reference were unanimously approved.

Cllr Thomas **agreed** to lead on this initiative.

It was noted that the land off Main Street had been inspected by Environmental Services.

11. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

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

The Defibrillator had been checked and was in order.

Signed..... Chair

Date.....

12. 2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and Tree Planting:

A Working Group comprising of Cllrs Morrell, Denon and Thomas had been set up to liaise with other groups in both Cottingham and Middleton to look at ways to commemorate this event. The first meeting is on 24th January to progress this. Cllr Morrell, leading this Working Group, will report back at the next meeting and is mindful of the time frame to apply for the grants available.

13. Planning:**NC/21/532/LBC 12 Main Street. Replacement of Windows/ Weatherboard**

The Council had previously considered this application and made no comment.

14. Friends of Green Spaces:

The Chair reported from the first meeting of the 'Friends of Green Spaces', a group set up independently from the parish councils to pinpoint green spaces in the villages and how these can be better utilised in terms of re-wilding or tree planting. It was hoped that this would benefit the environment and village and would be a good opportunity for children and perhaps the school to get involved.

15. Finance:

a) The following cheques and BACS payments were presented and unanimously **agreed**:

300015	Information Commissioner's Office – Data Protection Fees	40.00
300016	J Bradshaw - Maintenance of culvert	120.00
BACS	Clerk – Salary and Expenses December	340.24
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BACS	Welland Valley Landscaping – Orchard Maintenance	500.00
BACS	Community Heartbeat Trust – Defib Annual Support	151.20
BACS	NCALC – Training	88.00
BACS	Besthost – Website	17.25
D/D	NEST - Clerk Pension December	24.08
D/D	NEST - Clerk Pension January	24.08
S/O.	Unity Trust – Service Charge	18.00

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	5,282.86
Unity Trust Account	2,820.46
Total:	£8,103.32

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

16. Correspondence:

The Council considered correspondence from Joe's Lawn Care to replace the cancelled maintenance contract with one using organic compounds. The Council **agreed** not to pursue this at this time.

17. Dissemination of Information:

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

18. Business for next meeting:

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Friends of Green Spaces

Cllr Morrell gave her apologies for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 15th February 2022.

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