

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

Present: Cllrs Coughlan (Chair), Appleby, Cole, Denton, Morrell and Thomas and Mrs Medwell (Clerk)

1. To approve apologies for absence:

Cllr Morrell

NCC Cllr D Simms

PC Brad Wilson

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 17th January 2022 were duly approved and signed by the Chair

Proposed Cllr Thomas

Seconded Cllr Denton

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

There were no matters arising.

5. Meeting Open to the public:

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting closed to the public.

6. Monthly Crime Report

PC Wilson provided the following report in his absence.

CRIMES – NONE

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE

BEAT BUS

The BEAT BUS was at THE HILL, MIDDLETON between 12:30Hrs & 13:30Hrs on MONDAY 17th JANUARY 2021 where a Police surgery was held along with SUZANNE PRESTON from the SAFER CORBY TEAM of NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL. A small number of people came and raised concerns about the travellers, an abandoned vehicle, and the issue with the vegetation at the junction at the top of THE HILL.

FLY TIPPING OF CANNABIS PLANT REMAINS

North Northants Council Environmental Officers will look to collate reported incidents and try to identify a pattern for possible placement of an enforcement camera in the future. There are however currently no cameras available, and the location will be added to a pending list.

The Chair raised the recent incident of sheep worrying on the Bringhurst Road which had been reported to the Environmental Officer. She encouraged any person witnessing such an incident to report to the Police and will pursue the matter with PC Wilson (*action SC*).

7. Councillor Vacancy:

It was noted that no one had come forward to fill the position. The Council **agreed** to carry out a

leaflet drop in the village to advertise the casual vacancy. The Chair will contact the Chair of Cottingham Parish Council to see if there would be any suitable candidate living in Cottingham (action SC).

8. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council **agreed** to review the maintenance contract for the culvert and obelisk. Cllr Appleby will arrange to meet the contractor on site to discuss ongoing maintenance work (*action SA*).

It was noted that the benches will be removed and revarnished in the spring.

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

Lighting – The faulty light on Lightfoot Lane was noted - the Chair will report (*action SC*). The Obelisk and light on Camsdale Walk have been repaired.

The Hill – The recent accident on the triangle at the top of the Hill was discussed. This recurring issue had been referred on to NCC Highways who had agreed to install some verge markers along the edge of the island to help highlight the bend in the road as drivers approach from the A427. This work will be programmed at some point in the new financial year. It was noted that the additional UK Road Sign 880 for The Hill had also been agreed by NNC Highways and added to its schedule of works. The Council will also pursue with NNC Highways the erosion of the road at the triangle and the overgrown vegetation which still needs to be cut back to allow two cars to pass safely (*action SC/MT*).

The Council also discussed the speeds of traffic through the village and the parking along Main Street. In light of the greater speeds, higher density of traffic and with more cars on both sides of the road, the Council **agreed** to escalate with NNC Highways to see what traffic calming measures could be adopted in the village (*action SC/SA*).

Pathfinder Flood Resistance Project (PFRP) – The Council was pleased to note that the bid for a grant from the PFRP for £3,150 had been approved and the monies received. The Clerk will go ahead and order the 24 metres of flood barriers, tarpaulin and sandbags (*action JM*).

10. NCALC Asset Mapping Project:

Cllr Thomas informed the Council that she is in the process of creating a spreadsheet of assets. The Chair volunteered to assist with a walk around the village to map the assets accordingly.

11. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole reported that all assets are in order.

The Defibrillator had been checked and was in order.

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

The Working Group had met with representatives from Cottingham School and Cottingham Parish Council to discuss several joint initiatives events to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Council will liaise with Cllr Morrell regarding any necessary information required for the grant applications.

The Council **agreed** to plant 3 or 4 small trees such as acers in Glover Court as its contribution towards the event.

13. Planning:

NC/22/00042/DPA 15 Main Street Side Ground Floor Extension

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

Signed..... Chair

Date.....

NC/22/0002/DPA 21 Ashley Road Single and Two storey Front and Side Extension

The Council considered this application and made no comment.

14. Cottingham School Community Involvement:

The Council referred to a request from Cottingham School regarding information on eligible elderly residents to receive a donated hamper collected through a MUFTU Day event as part of the school's 'Care, Build, Follow & Think' values. The Council **agreed** this was a lovely gesture and felt the best option would be to donate the hampers to the Care Home on Main Street. The Chair will respond to the school accordingly (*action SC*).

15. Finance:

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

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| 300017 | J Bradshaw - Maintenance of culvert | 60.00 |
| BACS | Clerk – Salary and Expenses February | 373.51 |
| BACS | NCALC – Training | 44.00 |
| BACS | Village Hall – January Hire | 12.00 |
| D/D | NEST - Clerk Pension February | 24.08 |

Receipts

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| NNC Flood Resilience Grant | 3,180.00 |
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SUMMARY OF BALANCES

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| National Savings | 5,282.86 |
| Unity Trust Account | 5,519.94 |
| Total: | £10,802.80 |

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

c) The Council **agreed** to transfer the bulk of the National Savings into the Unitary Trust account.

d) The Council **agreed** the grass cutting contract as with S Morphy for the 2022 Season
 Proposed Cllr Cole Seconded Cllr Coughlan

16. Correspondence:

The Chair advised of the next meeting of 'Friends of Green Spaces (FROGS)' on 3rd March 7 pm via zoom. She will circulate the log-in details to anyone interested in attending (*action SC*).

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
 Review of Risk Assessment

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.33 pm

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

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