

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

Present: Cllrs Coughlan (Chair), Cole and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Clerk) and PC Brad Wilson

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1. To approve apologies for absence:

Cllr Denton

Police Liaison Representative Del Robertson

The Chair advised the Council of the resignation of Cllr Appleby. The Clerk will notify NNC Electoral Services, and the vacancy will be advertised in due course (*action JM*).

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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.

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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 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 were duly approved and signed by the Chair

Proposed Cllr Coughlan

Seconded Cllr Cole

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

There were no matters arising.

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5. Election of Vice Chair:

The position of Vice Chair was opened to all Councillors. Cllr Thomas proposed Cllr Cole and was seconded by Cllr Coughlan. Cllr Cole accepted the position and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the Clerk.

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6. Meeting Open to the public:

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting closed to the public.

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7. Monthly Crime Report:

PC Wilson was pleased to report that there were no recorded incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour in the month of June. He advised that speed enforcement around the villages has been scheduled for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July and that he would be accompanying the NNC Environmental Officer to conduct the inquiries at the Travellers Site as requested by Tom Pursglove MP.

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8. Orchard and Open Space:

It was noted that the obelisk area had still not been cut back and that the culvert needing addressing again. The Clerk will pursue this with the contractor (*action JM*).

**Land Off Main Street** – The Chair informed the Council that she had cut back the overgrown land on the junction in order to improve visibility. It was noted that the landowners had been contacted by NNC as a result of which a site meeting had been requested. The Chair will pursue (*action SC*).

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

**The Hill** – It was noted that a response had not still been received from NNC Highways regarding the dates to cut back the overgrown vegetation at the triangle. The Chair will continue to pursue (*action SC*).

**Badger Sets, Ashley Road** – The Chair advised that the badger sets, which had been reported via Fix My Street, were being investigated by NNC. She will keep a watchful eye on this (*action SC*).

**Overgrown Trees, The Hill** – These had been reported to East Carlton Park and were under investigation.

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#### 10. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole informed the Council that these were all in order.

The Defibrillator had been checked and is in order.

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#### 11. Planning:

The Council noted that the dates for the three appeals being heard on Oakley Park, Oakley Park South and Peasedale Hill Field had been confirmed as the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July. A barrister has been appointed to represent both Middleton Parish Council and the Residents Action Group.

19 Ashley Road – this has been referred on to NNC Enforcement and as yet no response has been received.

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#### 12. Consultation and Meetings:

The Chair reported from the recent meeting between Tom Pursglove MP, Parish Councillors, RAG members, NNC Officers and NNC Councillors to discuss the problem of stray and feral dogs in the village and concerns over livestock worrying. The outcome of this was that the NNC Environment Officer accompanied by the Police had agreed to visit the site to conduct inquiries and monitor.

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#### 13. Finance:

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

SO	Clerk – Salary and Expenses July	350.16
BACS	Village Hall – Hire	42.00
BACS	NCALC – Membership	291.57
BACS	Curtis Website Design – Annual Charge	100.00
D/D	NEST - Clerk Pension July	24.80
D/D	Unity Trust – Service Charge	18.00
300021	S Morphy – Grass Cutting	630.00

#### SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	283.39
Unity Trust Account	13,533.58
Total:	<b>£13,816.97</b>

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

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Signed..... Chair

Date.....

14. Correspondence and Exchange of Information:

It was noted that the OLB procedure had been signed off with all actions agreed and a schedule of events to follow when necessary.

NCALC 1<sup>st</sup> October Annual Conference. No Councillors were able to attend on this occasion.

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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](mailto:jane@le.com).

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16. Business for next meeting:

There was nothing raised at this point.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Signed..... Chair      Date.....