

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at 7.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

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

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1. To approve apologies for absence:

Cllrs Cole and Appleby

PC Brad Wilson and Police Liaison Representative Del Robertson

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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 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were duly approved and signed by the Chair

Proposed Cllr Denton      Seconded Cllr Thomas

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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:

In the absence of Cllrs Cole and Appleby, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

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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 provided the following report in his absence.

CRIMES – ONE THEFT (22000312000): NUMBER PLATES FROM VEHICLE (ENQUIRES COMPLETE, SUSPECT UNKNOWN, FILED

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS (01st - 10th MAY 2022) – NONE Please note that the system used to provide this information was not fully updated hence the limited time range provided.

SPEED ENFORCEMENT - The LTI 20-20 ROADSIDE SPEED ENFORCEMENT DEVICE has been away for calibration and as such I have been unable to complete any speed enforcement in the area. Upon its return I will schedule this in for MAIN STREET, MIDDLETON

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8. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council was pleased to note that the culvert had been cut back by the contractor and that a good job had been done. The Council discussed the best way forward with the routine maintenance of both the culvert and obelisk area and agreed to instruct the contractor as required and pay on completion of the works rather than a monthly contract. The Clerk was asked to

instruct the contractor to cut back the obelisk area as soon as possible (*action JM*).

The Clerk advised that the 106 maintenance monies for the culvert and open space had been received.

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

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

**Footpaths** – The Chair referred to a number of complaints on the state of the footpaths. The Council expressed its gratitude to Dr Palmer for cutting back the overgrown nettles along the first part of Jurassic Way opposite the Naz Lounge and to the footpath warden Mr Summerfield for cutting back Camsdale Walk. The overgrown vegetation along the footpath at the bottom of East Carlton Park had been reported to NNC and added to its schedule of works. The Chair informed the Council that she has reported the recent livestock worrying incident along the Jurassic Way to NNC and has been advised that this is a police matter not NNC. She stated that NNC was looking at new signage regarding dogs on leads.

The Council also noted the overhanging trees on The Hill – the Clerk will notify East Carlton Park (*action JM*). Cllr Thomas will report the overhanging tree along Middleton Lane (*action MT*).

**CCTV, Wood Lane** – The Council **agreed** not to pursue this at this time.

**Land Off Main Street** – The Chair informed the Council that the landowners had been contacted by NNC to request that this land is cut back.

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

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

The Defibrillator had been checked and is in order.

The Clerk advised that she had contacted North Northamptonshire First Responders regarding Defibrillator and basic Life Support training and that dates had been provided for a joint session with Cottingham Parish Council. The Council agreed that the dates in June and July were too soon and to request later dates in September / October time (*action JM*).

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#### 11. 2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and Tree Planting:

The Council noted a very successful weekend of celebrations including the beacon lighting which was attended by around 150 people, a church service, street parties and a Big Lunch. The Chair thanked all those involved and advised that she would organise the planting of the commemorative trees in the autumn.

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#### 12. Finance:

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

SO	Clerk – Salary and Expenses June	350.16
BACS	Village Hall – May Hire	12.00
BACS	Amazon – Medical Kit	29.99
BACS	Besthost - Website	
D/D	NEST - Clerk Pension June	24.08

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

300018	The Copy Shop – Jubilee Advertising	125.00
300019	S Morphy – Grass Cutting	620.00
300020	S Morphy – Grass Cutting	420.00

#### SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	283.39
Unity Trust Account	14,281.09
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£14,564.48</b>

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

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#### 13. Correspondence and Exchange of Information:

The Chair informed the Council of an upcoming meeting between Tom Pursglove MP, Parish Councillors, RAG members, NNC Officers and NNC Councillors. Points discussed will include: -

Stray and Feral dogs – concerns over Livestock worrying

NNC 5 Year Land Supply for Traveller Community – Timings and current lack of land supply

NNC Planning Department – resource and enforcement issues and how to ensure compliance of any Planning Inspectorate conditions moving forward

Ashley Road Planning appeals – Oakley Park and Peasdale Hill

The Chair reported from the recent NNC / Parish Council Gypsy & Traveller update meeting. Points raised included:

- **5 year land supply and NNC engagement with consultancy ORS** – timings for this have slipped however NNC are confident that they will be able to make time up and have the 5 yr land supply in place by 2024.
- **Temporary Stopping place** – land has been identified in Rothwell for 10 pitches
- **Enforcement Team** – New planning enforcement officer appointed – Dean Biddle with expansion of team to 4 FTEs
- **Enforcement of Traveller Sites** – NNC recognised the lack of enforcement at present and this will be reviewed as new enforcement team gets up to speed. NNC Deputy Chief Executive George Candler recognised that pace is important and NNC need to be judged on performance.
- **Appeals** – Peasdale Hill and Oakley Park dates provisionally confirmed with PINS for 26/27/28 July 2022. Parish Council now working with RAG and NNC to request representation at appeals.

The Council referred to a request from the Village Shop Committee for it to view all but one of its 100 shares in the shop as a donation, retaining just one share in order to remain a member. This would allow the Village Shop to release some of the money held back against this share issue to enable shop innovation and a review of the offered services.

The Council **resolved** to donate 99 of its shares (value £990.00) to the Village Shop Committee.

Proposed Cllr Coughlan      Seconded Cllr Denton      All in favour

The Chair advised of a recent OLB meeting with Cottingham Parish Council. All actions had been agreed and a schedule of events to follow when necessary was being put together.

19 Ashley Road – this has been referred on to NNC Enforcement.

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14. 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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15. Business for next meeting:

There was nothing raised at this point.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

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