

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

Present: Cllrs Coughlan (Chair), Cole, Denton and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Clerk) and Police Liaison Representative Del Robertson

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1. To approve apologies for absence:

PC Brad Wilson

NNC Cllrs Sims and Watt

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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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Cole

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. Meeting Open to the public:

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting closed to the public.

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6. Monthly Crime Report:

Police Liaison Representative Del Robertson provided the following crime and anti-social behaviour figures for SEPTEMBER 2022

**CRIMES – Two**

CRIMINAL DAMAGE (22000513061): VEHICLE DENTED (NO COMPLAINT, FILED)

HARASSMENT (22000516921): REPEATED DAMAGE TO VEHICLE (NO COMPLAINT, FILED)

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – None**

Mr Robertson commented at this point that it would be useful to have more detail on locations dates and times and will pass that back to PC Wilson. He also raised the recent burglary at Cottingham village shop and reiterated that residents be extra vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to the police, however small.

Chair thanked Mr Roberston who duly left the meeting at 7.36 pm.

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7. Orchard and Open Space:

It was noted that the culvert and obelisk area had still not been cut back despite repeated requests to the contractor. The Council **agreed** that the culvert was a potential flood risk and needed regular clearing and therefore **agreed** to find a more reliable source. The Clerk will contact alternative local groundsmen for a quote for regular routine maintenance (*action JM*).

Cllr Thomas raised the fallen apples on the ground, some of which were rotting and becoming a slip hazard. She volunteered to clear these and will contact the local alpaca farm to enquire whether they would be interested in any of the good apples (*action MT*). The Council **agreed** in future to advertise ahead of apple picking time for residents to help themselves.

The Chair advised of a FROGs meeting in November which will be looking at any local open spaces available for planting wildflowers.

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

**Highways** – The broken kerb stones on Ashley Road have been reported, works have been scheduled. The Clerk will contact NNC Highways to request that the drains at the top of The Hill are jetted and cleared of fallen leaves ahead of the winter (*action JM*).

**Footpaths** – The Chair advised that the signs recently put on the gates on the Jurassic Way requesting that dogs be kept on leads had been damaged. She has now contacted NNC who have **agreed** to replace these with metal ones. The Chair was pleased to advise that the signs have been successful and the large majority of walkers using the footpath were keeping their dogs on leads.

**Signage** – Cllr Denton advised that the TVAS on Ashley Road was overgrown and not working properly. The Chair will report via Fix My Street (*action SC*), Cllr Cole will endeavour to clear in the meantime (*action AC*).

**Lights** – The faulty lights on Main Street, Ashley Road and Camsdale walk had been reported and repaired.

**Grit Bins** – These have been checked and are full ahead of the winter.

**Speeding** – Speeding down the Hill and Ashley Road was raised. The Council noted that ATC strips had been put on the hill recently. The Clerk will contact the Safer Road Team for information on the data collected and to request that speed data is also collected on Ashley Road before any action can be taken on traffic calming measures (*action JM*).

**Parking** – The Chair advised that she had written to the headmaster of Cottingham School regarding the dangerous parking on the junction and bend outside the school. She urged residents and councillors to let her know if there any further incidents of dangerous parking and she will write to the school again. It should be noted that the school sits outside the Middleton PC boundary and as such Cottingham PC should be kept informed on all communications.

**Litter Bin, Occupation Lane** – The Council referred to a request for a litter bin by the river Welland on Occupation Lane following the large amounts of litter left behind during the summer. The Council **agreed** that this would be logistically difficult to empty and not to pursue at this time.

Proposed Cllr Coughlan                      Seconded Cllr Denton                      All in favour

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#### 9. 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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#### 10. Planning:

**NK/2022/0297/DPA      Request for Diversion of a Public Footpath under S257 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 - ROUTE GS 14 At : West Corby Urban Extension Uppingham Road Corby**

The Council had no comment to make on this application.

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

**Ashley Road Appeals** – The Chair advised that the three appeals on Oakley Park, Oakley Park South and Peasedale Hill Field, due to be heard in July, had been adjourned. It is expected that these will be heard after Christmas. A report on the dogs, roaming loose from the sites, is expected from NNC.

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

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#### **11. Consultation and Meetings:**

**1<sup>st</sup> September G & T Forum** – The Chair attended this forum and referred to her circulated notes.

**NCALC Civility Pledge** – The Council referred to the Civility and Respect project and Pledge which had been circulated by NCALC to address the issues of poor behaviour in the sector, including bullying and intimidation. The Council felt that this subject is sufficiently covered by Paragraph 3 of its existing Code of Conduct and **agreed** it was not necessary to complete the pledge at the current time.

Proposed Cllr Coughlan      Seconded Cllr Thomas      All in favour.

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#### **12. Finance:**

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

SO	Clerk – Salary and Expenses August	350.16
SO	Clerk – Salary and Expenses September	350.16
SO	Clerk – Salary and Expenses October	350.16
BACS	Village Hall – Hire	12.00
D/D	NEST - Clerk Pension August	24.80
D/D	NEST - Clerk Pension September	24.80
D/D	NEST – Clerk Pension October	24.80
300022	S Morphy – Grass Cutting	1,020.00

#### **SUMMARY OF BALANCES**

National Savings	283.39
Unity Trust Account	11,145.59

Total: **£11,428.98**

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

#### **c) To approve External Auditor Appointment Arrangements:**

The Council **agreed** to remain opted into the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA) which procures external audit on behalf of all parishes in England.

Proposed Cllr Coughlan      Seconded Cllr Denton      All in favour

#### **d) NNC Community Grants:**

The Council referred to the NNC Community Grants available and **agreed** to think about relevant and worthwhile projects, beneficial to whole community, to apply for at the next round of funding next year.

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#### **14. Correspondence:**

There was no further correspondence raised.

15. Exchange of Information:

Following the sad death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, the Council noted a very successful Operation London Bridge which was planned and implemented in conjunction with Cottingham Parish Council. A book of condolences was provided and has now been archived.

The Chair thanked all those who were involved.

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:

To commence the setting of the 2023/24 Budgets.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.44 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the new earlier time of 6.30 pm.

Signed..... Chair

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