

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 6.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

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

1. To approve apologies for absence:

Cllr Thomas – Approved

PC Brad Wilson

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 18th October 2022 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Denton

Seconded Cllr Cole

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:

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

CRIMES – NONE

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE

OTHER

Due to staffing issues on the CORBY TOWN N.P.T. and emerging issues on CORBY TOWN CENTRE PC Wilson is temporarily required to cover CORBY TOWN N.P.T. and as such his presence and ability to deal with any CORBY RURAL issues will be greatly reduced. This will continue until the new year and he will update the Parish Council as soon as things can return to normal.

Chair thanked Mr Roberston who duly left the meeting at 7.37 pm.

7. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council considered a quote of £475.00 which had been received from a local gardener to plant the four jubilee trees and to clear the culvert and obelisk area ahead of costing out an ongoing monthly maintenance contract which he expected would cost £65 per month May to November. The ongoing costs for maintaining the obelisk area would be £100 per trim and weeding, 3 times a year with all waste removed.

The Council **agreed** this quote and to instruct the contractor to go ahead as soon as possible. A second quote was considered from the same contractor of £450 to cut and reduce hedges as discussed in the orchard once a year. The Council **agreed** the cost but would instruct this work to be done next year.

Proposed Cllr Coughlan Seconded Cllr Cole

The Council also discussed the upcoming FROGs meeting on 9th November which will be looking at any local open spaces available for planting wildflowers. The Council agreed to step away from this project at this time as it felt that the green spaces it managed currently were in a good place and not conducive to rewilding / new planting projects. The other green spaces within the village were either privately owned and managed or maintained by NNC.

It was noted that Copyholder's Field had been planted out with trees. The Clerk will request an update from the Copyholders regarding the previously discussed idea of handing responsibility over to the two parish councils (*action JM*).

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

Highways – Cllr Denton raised the poor quality of the reinstatement of the roads and footpaths by Gigaclear following their recent works. She will provide photographic evidence and contact Gigaclear regarding this (*action TD*). The Chair will contact NNC to request that The Hill is swept of leaves (*action SC*).

Signage – Cllr Denton raised a sign on the Middleton Road which was obscured by vegetation. This will be reported to NNC,

Footpaths – The Chair will follow up with NNC the replacement metal signs for the Jurassic Way footpath (*action SC*).

Lights – Faulty lights were identified on the obelisk and Glover Court. The Chair will report to NNC Environmental Services (*action SC*).

Speeding – The Council was pleased to note that the Safer Road Team (SRT) had collected speed data on the Ashley Road. This data, which had identified the majority of cars as exceeding the speed limit, meets the criteria for an enforcement location. The SRT will now identify a safe and suitable location for enforcement and further checks will then be carried out to verify all of the required signage, and traffic regulation orders where required are up to the legal standard. The Chair will follow up on the FixMyStreet request to clear the overgrown vegetation around the TVAS (*action SC*).

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.

10. Planning:

Ashley Road Appeals – It was noted that no dates had been provided as yet for these appeals. It was expected that these wouldn't take place before February 2023 at the earliest.

Signed..... Chair

Date.....

The Chair referred to concerns raised by residents on the visual impact of Peasedale Hill Field from Cottingham and water contamination in the neighbouring field arising from the site. NNC had been to inspect the site and had agreed to refer the contamination to Environment Agency. There was also a recommendation from NNC that supplementary submissions on this could be sent to PINS, with those supplied by residents carrying more weight.

The Chair advised that Tom Pursglove MP had agreed to another meeting with NNC, RAG and the Parish Council to discuss the 5-year land supply and progress with appeals.

11. Finance:

a) To Commence the setting of the 2023/24 Budget and Precept:

Preliminary discussions took place on the 2023/24 budget. A draft, which was presented to the Council, suggested an increase of at least 3.8%. The Council will approve the final budget and set the 2023/24 precept at the next meeting.

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

SO	Clerk – Salary and Expenses November	350.16
D/D	NEST - Clerk Pension November	24.80
BACS	Amazon – Ink Cartridge	24.98
BACS	Permabloom – Wreath	18.99
BACS	CPRE – Subscription	36.00
BACS	Village Hall – Hire	12.00

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	283.39
Unity Trust Account	10,678.66

Total: £10,962.05

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

12. Correspondence:

Comex2000UK have requested a closure of School Hill on behalf of Gigaclear. The closure is to allow the safe installation of telecom ducting and is expected to commence on the 26th January 2023 and be completed by the 8th February 2023.

13. Exchange of Information:

Following the very successful Platinum Jubilee Event and Operation London Bridge which were both planned and implemented in conjunction with Cottingham Parish Council, the Council **agreed** to work together again for the King's Coronation on 6th May 2023.

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

14. Business for next meeting:

To approve the 2023/24 Budgets and set Precept.

Coronation

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at the new earlier time of 6.30 pm.

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