

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

Present: Cllrs Coughlan (Chair), Denton, Thomas and Boucher, Mrs Medwell (Clerk), NNC Cllr Watt and PC Brad Wilson (both arrived 6.45 pm).

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1. To approve apologies for absence:

Cllr Cole – approved.

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 Meeting of the Parish Council on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Denton

Seconded Cllr Boucher

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

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

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5. Meeting Open to the public:

NNC Cllr Watt reported on changes to the area planning process. The four previous planning authorities which included Corby and Kettering will now be covered by one North Northamptonshire planning department. There will be changes to the way parish councils will be consulted on applications in that they can only object to larger developments but they will still be able to contact NNC Councillors to request that any contentious applications are called in to committee rather than to individual officers' delegated powers. Cllr Watt also updated the Council on the current position regarding Green Waste removal, registration of which has started and the cost for each bin will be £40 for the year commencing April 2023. Details of this have been put on tags and attached to residents green bins.

It was noted that the necessary documentation had been submitted to the Councillor Empowerment Fund by Cottingham on behalf of both councils for monies towards the warm spaces scheme.

The meeting closed to the public.

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6. Monthly Crime Report:

PC Wilson informed the Council that there were no reported incidents of crime or incidents categorised as antisocial behaviour over February. He did advise of a theft of livestock hurdles from East Carlton and asked that residents be vigilant of a van seen to be dumping rubbish locally. PC Wilson said that he will be attending the village fete on 15<sup>th</sup> July and would bring along a police vehicle. He also updated the Council on his current redeployment status and advised that he would push for speed enforcement on the Ashley Road and would visit Oakley Park to request that the

occupants keep their gates shut as part of the CPW notice.

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#### 7. Orchard and Open Space:

It was noted that the routine maintenance of the culvert had been carried out.

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

**Footpaths** – A report had been received from the Footpath Warden updating the Council on the village footpaths. All footpaths were found to be clear at that time.

**Grit bins** – Cllr Thomas advised that the grit bins were in order and full and that she will purchase further grit once the last bag had been used (*action MT*).

**Lights** – It was noted that the faulty light at the bottom of School Hill had been reported and repaired.

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

It was noted that all assets, apart from the flaking varnish on one of the orchard benches, were all in order. This bench is awaiting refurbishment.

The Defibrillator had been checked and is in order.

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#### 10. Policy Review:

The Complaints Procedure had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. This was reviewed and duly approved.

Proposed Cllr Thomas      Seconded Cllr Denton      All in favour.

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#### 11. Planning:

##### **Update on Ashley Road Appeals**

It was confirmed that the appeal hearings for Oakley Park are taking place on 25th April 2023 and that these will be dealt with via written representation.

There is no further information on dates for the Peasdale Hill appeal at present. The Chair advised that she was continuing to pursue with NNC exactly how it proposes to defend this appeal.

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#### 12. Finance:

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

BACS	Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall – Hall Hire	12.00
BACS	Besthost – Website	17.25
BACS	Amazon – Ink Cartridge	26.29

##### **SUMMARY OF BALANCES**

National Savings	283.39
Unity Trust Account	7,410.13
Total:	<b>£7,693.52</b>

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

Signed..... Chair      Date.....

13. Correspondence:

There was no further correspondence to discuss.

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14. Exchange of Information:

Regarding the land off the corner of Main Street, the Chair advised that the landowner had confirmed that the overgrown grass would be cut back by the mowing contractor once a part had been received for the mowing equipment.

King's Coronation – A further meeting to progress the organisation of the joint village "Big Lunch" event for the King's Coronation on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 had taken place. Payment for the printing of posters and invites will be met by both parish councils.

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:

Annual Parish Meeting

Policy Review

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.23 pm.

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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