

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 6.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

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

1. To approve apologies for absence:

There were none

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 Parish Council Meeting as a correct record.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 11th July 2023 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Cole Seconded Cllr Boucher

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

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

5. Meeting Open to the public:

There were no members of the public present.

6. Monthly Crime Report:

PC Brad Wilson gave the following report:

The crime and anti-social behaviour figures for JULY 2023 are as follows:

CRIMES – ONE

STALKING (23000450772): REPEATED UNWANTED CONTACT – DOMESTIC (SUSPECT KNOWN, NO COMPLAINT, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED)

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE

The crime and anti-social behaviour figures for AUGUST 2023 are as follows:

CRIMES – TWO

HARASSMENT (23000513297): UNWANTED CONTACT (SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES, FILED) ***LINKED***

CRIMINAL DAMAGE (23000515603): WALL DAMAGED (SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, NO PROSECUTION DUE TO BELOW AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY, FILED) ***LINKED***

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE

7. Orchard and Open Space:

An overgrown tree on the right hand side of the Glover Court entrance to the Orchard was identified. The Clerk will ask the contractor responsible for maintenance to cut this back and also to remove the remaining nettles in the culvert (*action JM*).

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

Update - It was noted that overgrowth around the speed signs on the Ashley Road had been cut back. The Council also noted that the footpath warden for Middleton, Mr Wayne Summerfield, had

resigned. The Council extended its thanks to Mr Summerfield and will now start to advertise for a replacement (*action JM*).

Vehicle nuisance, Glover Court – A discussion took place on the nuisance vehicle parked adjacent to 2 Glover Court. The owner of this car had been written to by the Parish Council to request that this was removed but, up until the date of the meeting, this had not happened. The Council had also been alerted to a further incident of neighbourly dispute and wished it minuted that it had passed its concerns on to the police should this problem escalate.

PC Brad Wilson advised that since the vehicle showed signs of further damage it may now be eligible to be removed under ELVIS and that the second incident could warrant a community protection notice warning either by the police or by NNC if reported. The Clerk will refer this on to the Safer Corby Team (*action JM*).

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. The Council noted the annual charge for the emergency cellular phone placed with the defibrillator in the phone box and **agreed** this was not the best use of council funds. The clerk will arrange to have this removed (*action JM*).

10. Rockingham Forest Vision:

Cllr Boucher had attended and circulated notes from the recent meeting of the Cottingham FroGS on 29th August 2023. This was a specially convened meeting to receive a presentation from Sophie van den Bergh, Project Officer for Building the Links for Rockingham Forest. The Council **agreed** that given the short timescales, the scale of project required and the limited number of green assets it owned, it was not in a position to submit a bid to the community grant scheme by the end of September but would request details of the bid submitted by Cottingham Parish Council. Cllrs Coughlan and Boucher will attend the meeting with Ms van den Bergh when she visits in October with the aim of looking at the current green assets and the potential to access funding for Middleton (*action SC and CB*).

11. Planning:

There were no planning applications to discuss.

The Chair circulated a WeTransfer link to the NNC rebuttals to the Peasdale Hill appeal for information. This appeal will take place in November.

The plans put forward for the 10 new pitches on Oakley Park have been submitted but are not yet available online for viewing. The Chair will continue to pursue this (*action SC*).

12. Finance:

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

BACS	VHMC – July Hall Hire	£12.00
BACS	J B McCole – Culvert Maintenance	£420.00
BACS	S Morphy – Grass Cutting	£450.00

Signed..... Chair

Date.....

BACS	Cottingham PC – Rechargeable Expenses	£493.72
BACS	Besthost – Website	£17.25
BACS	S Morphy – Grass Cutting	£440.00

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	£283.39
Unity Trust Account	£10,524.55
Total:	£10,807.94

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

13. Correspondence:

Letter from resident of Glover Court regarding the Council's request to move the nuisance vehicle.
NCALC AGM 10th October – Unfortunately no councillors were able to attend.

14. Exchange of Information:

Big Pic, Litter Picking Event – The Council noted that litter picking was ongoing in the village so would not be organising a special event for this.

D Day 6th June 2024 Celebrations – The Chair will liaise with Cottingham Parish Council regarding a beacon lighting event.

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

15. Business for next meeting:

Commence 2024/25 Budget Setting

16. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 14th November 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

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