



Nailstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2017 at 7.00 PM in the Bulls Head Public House, Nailstone

Present:

Cllr Angela McCarthy-Young, Cllr Rachel Cox and Cllr Stephen Spencer. Cllr Crooks, 10 members of the public and the clerk.

300/2017 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Crane, Cllr Higgott and Cllr Ould

301/2017 - Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items of the agenda

As agreed Declarations of Interest would be recorded at the start of each meeting. Councillors declaring an interest would still be entitled to take part in discussions unless the item is prejudicial, councillors would not be allowed to vote on the item or add opinion.

- N/A

302/2017 - County Council/Police reports

- Cllr Ould circulated his report prior to the meeting.
- Cllr Crooks provided a copy of his report at the meeting.
- There was no police report, however, parishioners were reminded that village crime data can be viewed by logging on to www.police.co.uk. Parishioners were reminded to report any unusual activity or suspicious vehicles as soon as possible.

303/2017 - Public Questions

Members of the public were asked to declare their name when addressing the Chairman if they wished for their name to be minuted in this section of the meeting, if they did not want their name mentioned they need not declare it.

- The Chair of Bagworth Parish Council, Steve Smith, attended the meeting and confirmed that they had written to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council regarding the planning permission for 80 new homes and what provision they were making for services.
- A member of the public asked whether the road sign at Barton Lane could be removed because it obscures drivers vision when trying to pull out, particularly now that the hedges are not being cut as often. Cllr Crooks agreed to report the concerns to Highways.
- Nailstone Community Group reported that following a lot of hard work Arriva have agreed to reinstate the 153 bus service from the 27th August, the timetable has yet to be agreed.
- Sarah Fortune of Nailstone Community Group reported that 8 one hour sessions have been carried out during the recent speedwatch scheme and the data has been circulated to councillors for information. All HGVs have been reported to 101 and the group are considering doing a lorry watch. Cllr Cox asked Cllr Crooks whether he knew anything about the event that took place in Bagworth in March and following that and a lot of pressure on Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council the Police agreed to monitor vehicle speeds and issue fines.

304/2017 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 11th May 2017

The minutes of the meeting were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for them to be reviewed. Cllr Cox proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true account of the meeting and this was seconded by Cllr Spencer.

Resolved: Councillors agreed that minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.



305/2017 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts and appointment of internal auditor

The clerk reported a total balance of £16,147.69

Cllr Spencer proposed that the following cheques were processed and this was seconded by Cllr Cox.

- 101360 – 2Commune Ltd, website development for 2017/2018 = £330.00
- 101361 – Eon, electricity = £121.36
- 101362 – H Chadwick, clerks salary for three months, room hire and expenses = £808.40
- 101363 – Sarah Fortune, reimbursement of prize funds = £40.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £1,299.76

306/2017 – To discuss request from the PCC for permission to hold the annual Church Garden Fete on the 19th August 2017 on Church Meadow and agree action

The clerk reported that she had received a request from the Church PCC asking if they could use Church Meadow as the venue for their annual garden fete on the 19th August. The clerk confirmed that the PCC had already provided all the necessary documentation including their insurance policy which meets with the requirements of the parish council insurers. Cllr Cox proposed that the PCC be granted permission to use Church Meadow and this was seconded by Cllr Spencer.

307/2017 – To discuss the need for a leaflet drop regarding dog fouling issues in the village and agree action

The clerk reported that she had received a request from a member of the public asking whether it would be possible for the parish council to produce a leaflet that could go through every door in the village reminding parishioners of the importance of clearing up dog foul. The member of the public, Daniel Luczywo, commented that he had spoken with Street Scene and they had been out and reinstated the signs and stencils and that they would also be happy to arrange for the Enforcement Officer to come out to the village if we can identify regular offenders.

Cllr Cox proposed that the parish council work with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council to produce a leaflet/pack that could be circulated with The Graphic, this was seconded by Cllr Spencer.

308/2017 – To discuss outcome of Highways meeting and look at options available for closing Green Lane to vehicular access

Sarah Fortune reported that she and other members of the Nailstone Community Group had met with colleagues from Highways regarding the ongoing issues with Green Lane and that they had agreed, in principal, to install a squeeze gate if all land owners who access their property via Green Lane were in agreement. Sarah Fortune commented that installation of the squeeze gate would require the support of the land owners, Shackerstone Parish Council and the Borough Council and costs are estimated at £2,000. Cllr Cox thanked members of Nailstone Community Group for the work they had done and councillors agreed that in order to support the installation of the squeeze gate they would need to be clear on the next steps in finding out how it will affect the land owners and to also ascertain the land owners thoughts on the proposal. Utility companies will also need to be consulted. Cllr Cox asked whether Hinckley & Bosworth would put up a notice advertising the potential changes so that members of the public can have their say and submit any objections. Cllr Crooks and members of Nailstone Community Group will continue to carry out research and update the parish council.

309/2017 – Update on Church Meadow – land registry, deeds and charity commission

The clerk reported that a charity had been set up on the 8th September 1978 and that the charity was named 'Recreation or Pleasure Ground Nailstone. There were no Trustees registered to the charity and no accounts files. The charity had to be set up because the land was designated as



charity land via the 1924 conveyancing documents from the Miners Welfare Fund and the parish council are custodians of the land. Because there were no Trustees registered with the charity commission and no information was passed down to previous clerks this account has become dormant. Normally when a charity is in default (there has been no submission of accounts) the Charity Commission would remove it but because the charity relates to land left in perpetuity they are unable to remove it, hence it is showing as being non-compliant. The clerk reported that moving forward we need to make sure we are complaint and in order to do that we need to ensure that the contact details, the contact address and the telephone number are correct and do this we have to formally contact the Charity Commission. The clerk reported that this has been done and once they have provided online login details the clerk will ensure that everything is up to date for the charity and that all the annual returns are completed.

With regards to the land there is a copy of the land registry document which provides detail on what the land can be used and provides a clear outline of the land in question. With regards to the Deeds, they clearly state the purpose/use of the land and this is the information that was used to register the charity - Recreation or Pleasure Ground Nailstone'. The Chair thanked the clerk for providing the update.

310/2017 – To discuss hedge and tree cutting in the village and agree actions

Cllr Cox reported that there have been several comments about the overgrown hedges and trees in Church Meadow and at other locations in the village. Cllr Cox proposed that the clerk contact a tree surgeon and ask them to carry out a full survey of the trees in the village and to provide quotes for any remedial work required and whether planning permission will be needed. Cllr Cox also suggested that the clerk contact the Church PCC to see whether they would like us to include a quote for works required on the trees in the churchyard. This was seconded by Cllr Spencer.

311/2017 – To discuss the refurbishment of parish council benches and agree action

Cllr Cox reported that there are concerns about the condition of the benches in Church Meadow and proposed that the clerk source some quotes to see whether it would be worth having the benches repaired or whether they need to be replaced. It was suggested that we discuss this item as part of the conservation project because we have received funding to repair/replace benches.

312/2017 – To discuss the refurbishment of the village planters and agree action

Cllr McCarthy-Young reported that the planters in the village have been re-planted but they are in need of some repair work and proposed that we look at sourcing quotes for the repair work. Cllr Cox suggested that we discuss this item as part of the conservation project because we have received funding to repair/replace planters.

313/2017 – To discuss the 'Growing Together' project at the primary school and agree actions

Cllr Cox reported that the village primary school have been involved in a 'Growing Together' project and that they should be congratulated on what they have achieved. They have recently received the People's Choice Award at the BBC Gardeners World Live Event at Birmingham NEX. Cllr Cox proposed we should contact the school to congratulate them and advise that if they ever need a donation towards the project that they should approach the parish council. This was seconded by Cllr Spencer.

314/2017 – To discuss and agree the donation of prizes for the Western Bonanza event

Members of Nailstone Community Group reported that the event had been a great success and was well attended. Cllr Cox proposed that the parish council donate £40 towards the prizes that were awarded at the event and this was seconded by Cllr McCarthy-Young.



315/2017 – To discuss the conservation area project and agree action based on Parish & Community Initiative funding received

Councillors agreed that whilst the meeting was quorate it would be more appropriate to discuss this item when there is a full complement of councillors. It was agreed to add the item to the agenda for the September meeting.

316/2017 – To review amended plans for planning application 17/00367/FUL – conversion of existing barn and stables to form two residential dwellings at 102 Main Street, Nailstone and agree response

Councillors reviewed the amended plans and agreed that they had no objections.

317/2017 – To discuss planning application 17/00640/HOU – loft conversion, dormer to rear and conversion of attached garage to gym at 19 Main Street, Nailstone and agree response

Councillors reviewed the planning application and agreed that they had no objections.

318/2017 – Parish Councillor Updates

Cllr Cox reported that:

- Following a conversation with James Gibson of LCC Highways and his site visit he would not recommend using Barton Lane as a location for a bracket for the VAS.
- The Good Friday site decision had been upheld and whilst we are still waiting for formal confirmation of the eviction date half the site has been vacated.
- Dove Bank School received a 'Beyond Bullying Award' from Leicestershire County Councils Safeguarding and Improving Unit. The award recognises that the school have signed up to the local authorities anti-bullying charter and gone on to demonstrate their commitment to it.
- There was no update on the removal of the phone box, as previously reported the contractor is able to work geographically to suit themselves.

319/2017 – Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 14th September 2017 and will commence at the earlier time of 7.00 PM in the Bulls Head, Nailstone.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:00 PM.

Signed:

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