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# Northchurch Parish Council Meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7.00 pm Northchurch Social Centre, Bell Lane, HP4 3 RD

To: Cllrs Jon Clarke (Chair), Mark Somervail (Vice Chair), Michela Capozzi, Beryl Edwards, Neil Pocock, Gordon Godfrey, Sue Rees, Lara Pringle

Councillors are respectfully summoned to attend this meeting for the transaction of business in the agenda below. The meeting is open to members of the public and press.

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Mrs U Kilich
Proper Officer for Northchurch Parish Council

To assist in the speedy and efficient despatch of business, members requiring further information or clarification on items included on the agenda are requested to enquire prior to the meeting.

10 November 2021

## **AGENDA**

#### 96/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

#### 97/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
- b. To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and
- c. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

## 98/21 Public Participation allowed 15 minutes

#### **99/21 MINUTES**

- a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- b. Matters arising from previous meetings that are not included as an agenda item below.

#### 100/21 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillors

#### 101/21 CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Cllr Clarke has submitted an article summarising NPC'S achievements over the past 18 months to the editors of St Mary's Church newsletter and Dudswell Residents' newsletter.
- b. The Queen's Green Canopy: £350 HCC Funding available to support planting.

#### 102/21 CLERKS REPORT

a. Hertfordshire's School Admissions Consultation 2023/24 Cllr Pringle asks council to note that Ashlyn's school is currently consulting on its admission policy and proposes that NPC formally responds as a body before the closing date of 1 December.

#### 103/21 Correspondence Received

- a. Request for memorial bench to be placed on the common or the church yard
- b. Correspondence about the defib and statues from Dudswell Residents Association

### 104/21 Cllr Clarke proposes to carry out survey report for the Willow Tree

- 105/21 Cllr Clarke proposes that NPC supports Mark Kitson's request to the DBC's tree officer to remove the 2 oak trees at the side of the social centre on the grounds they are too big and are dangerous
- 106/21 Cllr Edwards proposes that the Parish Council ask Dacorum Borough Council to consider including a request for a Carbon Impact Statement on all planning applications.

#### **FINANCE**

- 107/21 Cllr Clarke proposes to approve the following costs for Playground Inspection training
  - a. To approve Playground Inspection fee of £825 excl VAT
  - b. To approve costs for Optional RP11 Routine Examination fee of £105 pp excl VAT
  - c. To approve £80 for the hall hire (St Mary's P C C)
- 108/21 CIIr proposes to renew the membership fee to CPRE total cost of £36
- 109/21 Cllr Somervail proposes that NPC purchases two 1.5m Tommy silhouettes, one male, and one female (WW2 style) for total cost of £350.
- 110/21 Cllr Clarke proposes that NPC requests permission from the Canals and River Trust to plant trees and shrubs in Dudswell alongside lock 46 up to the value of £1000. For information, Cllr Clarke has applied for the Queens Green Canopy Fund for £350 towards this project.
- 111/21 Cllr Clarke proposes that NPC repaints the Recreation Ground Portacabin to a maximum cost of £400.
- 112/21 Cllr Capozzi proposes that NPC earmark up to £5000 to install a water fountain and external tap.
- 113/21 CIIr Somervail proposes that NPC purchase and install 2 benches. The benches to be installed in the recess by the bus stop, for total cost of £2000.
- 114/21 Cllr Somervail proposes that NPC spends £200 to create a new pedestrian entrance for Recreation Ground.
- 115/21 To review YTD Summary report for October 2021.
- 116/21 Future Agenda Items.

#### 117/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00 pm Social Centre Bell Lane Northchurch HP4 3RD.