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**MINUTES OF NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
13th September 2021 AT 7 pm SOCIAL CENTRE BELL LANDE NORTHCHURCH HPT
3 RD**

Those Present:

Cllr Clarke

Cllr Somervail

Cllr Godfrey

Cllr Edwards

Cllr Pocock

Cllr Rees

Cllr Pringle Joined the meeting at 7.10 pm.

County Councillor Douris

Officer: Usha Kilich

66/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Capozzi sent her apologies.

67/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was no Declaration of Interest to report.

68/21 Public Participation allowed 15 minutes

There were three members of the public present. The members attended the meeting to present Hockey Club and Cricket Club for Grant and Donation application.

69/21 MINUTES

a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 12th July 2021.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Somervail, seconded by Cllr Edwards. Unanimously agreed.

b. Matters arising from previous meetings that are not included as an agenda item below.

Cllr Somervail approached George and Dragon to find out if they were open to allow members of the public to use their toilet facilities, the answer was a "no".

Cllr Somervail wished to clarify if the email to Woodland Tree Officer was sent as per below. The Clerk confirmed she would liaise with Luke Johnson Woodland and Tree Officer at DBC.

49/21 Cllr Clarke proposes that we ask DBC to require Taylor Wimpey" to replace any trees they have removed on the roads around Bearroc 2.

70/21 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillors

Cllr Douris reported the following;

- a. Darrs Lane will be resurfaced in the next 18 months, this will come out of Cllr Douris's Locality Budget for 2022/23.
- b. Residents and Community Groups can apply for salt bags, this can only be used for pathways.
- c. Dudswell Lane will also be resurfaced in the next 18 months
- d. Boswick Lane from no. 40 will be closed off for works
- e. Speed Management Group has approved for the 20 mph on Mandelyns.
- f. Cllr Douris advised members that Mike Jarrett has retired, he will ensure Paul Chaplin deals with the Entry Gate application and will liaise with Go20 Group in regards to costs.
- g. Cllr Douris will award the £1000 he promised for the "Quiet Area" when the work commences.

Cllr Pringle reported on the following;

- a. Cllr Pringle reported on the road safety matter, she was contacted by a resident regarding the visibility by the common which is classed as "dangerous". The verges have overgrown and some of the residents have cut back at their own risk.
Cllr Pringle will liaise with DBC and HCC to see who is responsible for cutting back the verges.

71/21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Clarke suggested should NPC decide to go ahead with the Christmas Newsletter arrangements will need to be made to leave copies at local Tesco and the Chip shop as well online. Cllr Pringle suggested that as St Mary's Church distributes their Newsletter, NPC can contribute to the Church if they are prepared to distribute NPC Newsletters at the same time. Cllr Clarke will liaise with Rev Jonathan Gordon.

72/21 CLERKS REPORT

- a. To advise members that the Chairman obtained approval from members via email to restore and repair a bench on the recreation ground for safety reasons.
- b. HCC 20 mph Highways Panel there are 14 documents please refer to items 5 and 6 <https://democracy.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=382&MIId=3506>
- c. Safety camera vans Cllr Douris 24/08
- d. NALC Local Nature Recovery Strategy 6/09/21
- e. Baby & I Group using the recreation ground 6/09/21
- f. Developer contribution DBC 12/08/21
- g. Members to appoint Community Review Panel

73/21 Cllr Edwards proposes that future meetings of the NPC should be held within the village so that residents are easily able to attend if they so wish.

RESOLVED, seconded by Cllr Pocock. Unanimously agreed.

Action: The Clerk will find out if the meetings can be held at any other venue apart from Sunnyside Rural Trust.

Cllr Edwards stated that the meetings should be held at easy reach for members of the public to attend. Cllr Edwards suggested the following Parish Rooms, St Mary's School, the Church and a potential Garden office.

Action: The Clerk and Cllr Edwards will liaise with the relevant organizations to find out the availability of other venues.

74/21 Cllr Clarke proposes a grant be awarded to Northchurch Cricket Club as recommended by the F&GP Working Party. The initial amount to be awarded will be £10k this will be reviewed in December 2021 for further amounts.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Godfrey. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Pringle would like to see fundraising taking place, through involving the wider community in club fundraising activities.

Please refer to the attached document for the presentation of the Cricket Club.

75/21 Cllr Clarke proposes a grant be awarded to the BHHHC as recommended by the F&GP Working Party. The initial amount to be awarded will be £20k which will be reviewed in December 21 for further amounts.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke seconded by Cllr Godfrey. Unanimously agreed.

Please see the attached presentation from the Hockey Club.

76/21 Cllr Clarke proposes to cancel the telephone line with Zen Internet that is active at the old office.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Pocock. Unanimously agreed.

77/21 Cllr Clarke proposes to review and approve Year To Date Summary Report.

The Clerk informed members that the YTD Summary was reviewed at the F&GP Meeting on the 6th September, the Clerk answered all the questions and there were no issues raised.

RESOLVED proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Somervail. Unanimously agreed.

78/21 Cllr Clarke proposes to review and approve the updated Grant & Donation Policy.

RESOLVED, Cllr Clarke proposed, seconded by Cllr Pringle. Unanimously agreed.

79/21 Cllr Clarke proposes to approve expenditure for high vis vests with NPC logo up to £60 Cllr Clarke proposed to have the amendment from £60 to £110, seconded by Cllr Pocock. Unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Godfrey. Unanimously agreed.

80/21 Cllr Clarke proposes to approve expenditure for Skate Ramp sign specifically designed for NPC, cost up to £100.

RESOLVED, seconded by Cllr Pocock. Unanimously agreed.

81/21 Future Agenda Items.

1. NPC Newsletter in time for Christmas
2. Charges for the use of the recreation ground
3. Tree monkey lower allotment hedges
4. Lack of response from DBC Planning.

82/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 4th October 2021 at 7.00 pm Social Centre Bell Lane Northchurch HP4 3RD.

The Meeting concluded at 8.40 pm.