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MINUTES OF NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7 pm SOCIAL CENTRE BELL LANE NORTHCHURCH HP4 3 RD

Those Present: Cllr's Jon Clarke, Mark Somervail, Gordon Godfrey, Beryl Edwards, Neil Pocock and Susan Rees.

Also in attendance was County Councillor Terry Douris and Mrs Usha Kilich Parish Clerk.

96/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Received from Cllr Capozzi and Cllr Pringle, RESOLVED proposed by Cllr Somervail, seconded by Cllr Pocock. Unanimously agreed to accept the apologies.

97/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
None
- b. To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and
None
- c. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
None

98/21 Public Participation allowed 15 minutes

There were no members of the public present.

99/21 MINUTES

- a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 4th October 2021.
Resolved, proposed Cllr Pocock, seconded Cllr Edwards, that these Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Edwards asked for the typing error to be amended to reflect Herts Highways to spend £4k and not £4.
- b. Matters arising from previous meetings that are not included as an agenda item below.
Cllr Rees informed members and Cllr Douris that a car had driven into the walls of no 3 Darrs Lane, this being the second time. Cllr Douris asked if anyone could send him a photo of the damaged wall so that he could take up the question of yellow lines with the Highways Dept. Cllr Clarke said he he would send him a photo.

100/21 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillors
County Cllr Douris reported on the following:

- a. An improvement program on Dudswell Lane and Hamlin's, the work will involve sweeping and clearing of drains.
- b. Granville road works have been carried out
- c. Norcott and Dudswell hedge cutting and resurfacing of the road will take place
- d. On the A4251 Dudswell Lane, the path leading to the bus stop will be improved
- e. The 20-mph speed limit on Mandelyns will go ahead, 16.3% completed the survey, 74% of those that took part indicated that they are in favour
- f. Darrs Lane will be resurfaced from Cllr Douris's 2022/23 Locality Budget Fund
- g. Cllr Douris informed members that while the traffic regulation is being carried out for Mandelyns, he will find out if it can be extended to include double yellow lines at the junctions of Mandelyns and High Street
- h. Mandelyns and Alyngton will be resurfaced in December 2021
- i. £1k funding for Seniors Path will be released when the work commences

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. Cllr Clarke will copy council members of the Newsletter.
- b. The Queen's Green Canopy: £350 HCC Funding available to support planting. Cllr Clarke has successfully applied for the HCC Funding.

102/21 CLERKS REPORT

- a. Hertfordshire's School Admissions Consultation 2023/24
Cllr Pringle asks the 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.
The new admissions policy would mean children in Bucks would get preference over children in Northchurch (Herts). Cllr Pringle will submit a revised policy wording on behalf of NPC for the agenda of the Extraordinary Meeting.

103/21 Correspondence Received

- a. Request for memorial bench to be placed on the common or the church yard
Action: The Clerk to write suggesting the recreation ground for the installation of the bench.
- b. Correspondence about the defib and statues from Dudswell Residents Association.
The phone box cannot be used for defib as there is no power supply and the box itself has been removed. The statute is to be discussed under item 109/21.

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

The survey will be carried out and a quote will be issued, this will be on the agenda for future meeting for approval.

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.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Godfrey. Unanimously agreed. NPC will support planning application to be submitted by the Social Centre.

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.

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

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

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

b. To approve costs for Optional RP11 Routine Examination fee of £105 pp excl VAT

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

c. To approve £80 for the hall hire (St Mary's P C C)

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

108/21 Cllr Clarke proposes to renew the membership fee to CPRE total cost of £36

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

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.

As there was no consensus at this meeting, Cllr Somervail withdrew the motion.

RESOLVED, proposal withdrawn.

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 successfully applied for the Queens Green Canopy Fund for £350 towards this project.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Edwards. Unanimously agreed, subject to permission from Canals and River Trust.

111/21 Cllr Clarke proposes that NPC repaints the Recreation Ground Portacabin to a maximum cost of £400.

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

112/21 Cllr Capozzi proposes that NPC earmark up to £5000 to install a water fountain and external tap.

RESOLVED, in the absence of Cllr Capozzi, Cllr Clarke proposed, seconded by Cllr Pocock to earmark up to £5k to install a water fountain and external tap. Unanimously agreed.

113/21 Cllr 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.

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

114/21 Cllr Somervail proposes that NPC spends £200 to create a new pedestrian entrance for Recreation Ground.

Cllr Somervail proposed to amend the motion to "to create a new pedestrian entrance and to re-install the bollard at a total cost of £250.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Somervail, seconded by Cllr Clarke for the amendment. Unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Somervail, seconded by Cllr Clarke to approve the total cost of £250. Unanimously agreed.

115/21 To review YTD Summary report for October 2021.

Cllr Clarke informed members that the YTD Summary was reviewed in detail by F&GP Committee and there were no concerns.

116/21 Future Agenda Items.

To hold an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss the following items;

- a. To review and agree the Budget 2022/23
- b. To allocate EMR
- c. Cllr Pringle to publish a revision to the Admissions for Ashlyn's School

To discuss and approve the expenditure for Tommy's statue at the January 2022 meeting

The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm.

117/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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