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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL 3 April 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Social Centre Bell Lane Northchurch**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michela Capozzi	Chair
Mark Somervail	Vice Chair
Neil Pocock	
Beryl Edwards	
Gordon Godfrey	
Susan Rees	

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Officer: Mrs U Kilich and three members of the public

### **83/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from County Councillor Terry Douris for his absence.

Cllr Capozzi informed members that although Cllr Pringle was not present at the beginning of the meeting, it was possible she would arrive late.

### **84/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To declare an interest linked to any item on the agenda

Cllr Pocock declared interest in 90/22 f and abstained from voting.

### **85/22 Public Participation allowed 15 minutes**

To discuss Road Safety

1. Cllr Capozzi informed members that there is no update on the progress of the road crossing, however, she will follow up and report at a later meeting.
2. A member asked if the double yellow lines on Darrs Lane and Mandelyns will be coming out of the budget for 2022/23. Cllr Capozzi informed members that a notice was issued and also published in Hemel Hempstead Gazette to say the work will commence and it is likely it will be from the 2022/23 budget.

3. A member asked if the Bulbourne Enhancement Study (BES) grant (motion 90/22/b) was additional to what was agreed six months prior. Cllr Capozzi confirmed the total donation was still £5000 but now £2500 had been donated by DBC thereby reducing NPC's contribution from the full £5000 to £2500
4. Cllr Capozzi updated on the path at the recreation ground which is 90% completed, there is remedial work that needs to be done towards the end of the car park for the task to be completed.

### **86/22 MINUTES**

- a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023, and the Extraordinary Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.  
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Edwards seconded by Cllr Godfrey to approve the Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as a correct record and, as such, be duly signed by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Pocock and seconded by Cllr Godfrey to approve the Extraordinary Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 as a correct record and, as such, be duly signed by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.

- b. Matters arising from previous meetings that are not included as an agenda item below  
Full Council 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 item 80/22 d approval of the grant for £300 to The Friends of Westfield School should read Westfield First School Parents Staff Association

### **87/22 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillors  
Nothing to report.

### **88/22 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Items (a) to (k) have been circulated to Councillors by email and are included here for recording purposes.

- a. Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill 17/02/2023. For further information, [Click here](#)
- b. Minutes of the Dacorum Environmental Forum quarterly meeting Feb 9th 2023 20/02/23. For further information, [Click here](#)
- c. Open Door Community Garden 1/03/23. For further information, [Click here](#)
- d. HCC Digital and technology strategy - any questions or comments about the strategy, or ideas for any collaborative projects, please. For more information, [Click here](#)
- e. HAPpy Camps return this April - Bookings open on Monday 6th March. For further information, [Click here](#)

- f. The Hertfordshire (Various Roads, Northchurch) (20 mph Zone) Order 2023 6/03/2023. For further information, [Click here](#)
- g. Carbon Literacy training launch event for Parish, Town and Community Councils - 20/3/23 - Free To Member Councils. For further information, [Click here](#)
- h. Proposed changes for the use of the Caretakers bungalow at Bridgewater School. For more information please, [Click here](#)
- i. Ashridge Ramblings. For more information, [Click here](#)
- j. Latest news from DBC (for Councillors only)
- k. Parking issues outside Tesco and Simmons  
Cllr Capozzi informed members that NPC has received a few complaints about the increase in traffic outside Tesco and Simmons. There is a 30-minute parking sign on both sides of the road, should the problem persist, NPC will liaise with Parking Enforcement at DBC. The faint disabled parking sign needs to be refreshed.
- l. Cllr Capozzi to update on 02 Mast at the upper site allotment  
The telecom surveyor acting on behalf of NPC is in the process of negotiating with Cluttons to finalise the contract for the 02 mast.
- m. Attendance at Herts 20s Plenty meeting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Cllr Capozzi informed members that some parts of Herts have not responded to 20s plenty. The 20s Plenty are in the process of bringing awareness to parish/town councils in view of support. NPC passed the motion on 20<sup>th</sup> February in full support.
- n. Attendance at the Safer Roads for Northchurch meeting on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Cllr Capozzi attended a meeting for Safer Roads Northchurch (formerly known as Go20), the subject of discussion included the pedestrian crossing outside the rec ground and to review the speed data obtained from the survey completed by Herts County Council in 2018. For more in details please refer to the Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022.
- o. Offer to assist residents to check validity of ID for polling day and assist with applying for ID if required  
Cllr Capozzi will assist anyone who wants to vote and may need help with ID. There will be notices on NPC's noticeboard with time and venue for assistance.

## **89/22 CLERKS REPORT**

- a. HAPTC News and Training updates – all the latest training available
- b. Election 2023 – news on Purdah period

- c. Social Centre hire charges have increased – to see if charges can be applied by the hour. Clerk will find out if the hall can be booked on hourly basis.

### **90/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept the Year End Report for 2022/23 (DRAFT) RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Godfrey. Unanimously agreed.
- b. Cllr Somervail proposes to approve £2500 towards Bulbourne Enhancement Study (£2500 received from DBC)  
Motion changed to:  
Cllr Somervail proposed to donate £5k to Bulbourne Enhancement Study made up of £2500 from Northchurch Parish Council and £2500 of match funding from Dacorum Borough Council to replace the £5k approved in July 2022.  
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Somervail, seconded by Cllr Godfrey. Unanimously agreed.  
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Somervail, seconded by Cllr Godfrey to donate £2500 towards Bulbourne Enhancement Study. Unanimously agreed.
- c. Cllr Capozzi proposes to contact residents on High Street and New Road to ask whether they would fix a '20s plenty' sticker to their bins to help reduce speed  
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Pocock. Unanimously agreed.
- d. Cllr Capozzi proposes to research the cost to install one or two SID sockets to increase the effectiveness of the SIDs in the parish (TD will pay for one in addition to ours)  
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Godfrey to pay for one Speed Indicator Devices. Unanimously agreed.
- e. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve the motion put to NPC for the Bell Lane Burial Ground Management Plan.  
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi seconded by Cllr Godfrey, to approve the motion for the Bell Lane Burial Ground Management Plan. Unanimously agreed. For the proposal, please click here
- f. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve the contract from Chris Hawkes for the deer fence on the upper site.  
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Somervail to approve the contract from Chris Hawkes. Unanimously agreed.

### **91/22 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **92/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7 pm at the Social Centre, Bell Lane, Northchurch, HP4 3RD**

**Meeting concluded at 19.42**