

NORMANTON ON TRENT WITH MARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2023, 7.00pm, Low Marnham Church Room

Present:

Councillors: P Whitby (Chair) J Clayton
S Nolleth D Hope
A Winfrow A Fox

Clerk: R Jeffries

Representatives Mr A Collins, JG Pears
C/Cllr J Ogle

Members of the Public: Mr P Birks

56/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Simpson, ~~Bentley~~, and Spink and D/Cllrs Stanniland and Griffin.

Action

57/23 Councillor Vacancy

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Bentley had submitted her resignation from the Parish Council. The Council thanked Mrs Bentley for her work and support during her tenure as Councillor. Mr Birks expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor and the Council agreed to his nomination, proposed by Cllr Winfrow, seconded by Cllr Fox.

58/23 Update from JG Pears

The Chair requested that Mr Collins have sight of the meeting minutes prior to their publication.

RJ

Mr Collins had submitted his update in advance of the meeting and apologised for their lateness as he had been on holiday. The update will be published on the Council website.

Mr Collins supplied a link to the permitted drawings of the solar farm but has agreed to confirm the actual width of the buffer zone between the proposed solar farm and local residences in the Sparrow Lane area.

AC

There have been many recent odour complaints which have been reported to the Environment Agency and JG Pears. The EA has agreed to contact a small number of regular complainants and request that they report any odour issues directly to JG Pears so that immediate investigation / action can be taken and the location and type of odour can be identified. The complaints phone number is publicised on both the JG Pears and PC website and is also on local noticeboards. Cllr Nolleth commented that the PC will continue to work with JG Pears and the local community to clarify odour complaints.

The Chair commented that the CHP plant was promoted as a good odour abatement instrument but questioned why it was taken out for maintenance during the summer months and whether this caused odour issues. He also questioned why the Thermal Oxidiser is not kept at the same temperature as the CHP so that when the CHP trips, the Thermal Oxidiser can be utilised immediately. Mr Collins answered that the thermal oxidiser is specifically designed odour abatement equipment and is equally as good as the CHP plant in abating odour, it just does not operate on renewable fuel. The CHP plant has now become much more stable with experience and "trips" requiring diversion of odour steams are minimal.

Mr Collins confirmed that the new perimeter fence at High Marnham will remain galvanized rather than painted and JGP have applied to the District Council do discharge the planning condition on the new section of fence to allow this.

AC

Mr Collins reported that plans for a new Hydrogen Plant have been submitted to Bassetlaw DC and he outlined the various uses of the product.

Mr Collins invited several Councillors (including D/Cllr Stanniland) to visit the plant and they agreed to arrange a convenient date. **PW**

The Chair thanked Mr Collins for his update and requested that in future, if the updates are likely to be issued later than the agreed timescale, the PC be informed of this.

The Chair undertook to write to D/Cllrs Stanniland and Griffin, and C/Cllr Ogle regarding the proposals for a car park at the Sustrans Track in Fledborough.

59/23 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllrs Birks and Nolleth signed their Declarations.

60/23 Meeting closed for Public Open Session of five minutes

There were no members of the public present so the meeting was not closed.

61/23 Matters arising from the public open session

Not applicable.

62/23 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2023

The minutes were approved – proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Fox.

63/23 Matters to report from the Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2023

Tuxford Community Events/St Wilfrid's Churchyard

After some brief research, Cllr Nolleth reported that this may not be a feasible way of donating funds as it would involve creating a Community Interest Company.

Cllr Winfrow agreed to liaise further with D/Cllr Griffin regarding the TCE scheme. **AW**

South Street Noticeboard

C/Cllr Ogle advised that the Local Communities Fund Scheme is open twice a year. The Clerk was tasked with researching the application process. **RJ**

Scout Group

The PC agreed to fund the purchase of three plaques for the leaders who are retiring, proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Birks. Cllr Fox agreed to put a post on the village Facebook page and requested £30 towards the purchase of advertising. This was agreed, proposed by Cllr Winfrow, seconded by Cllr Birks. **AF**

64/23 Village Playground Proposal

Cllr Nolleth reported that she is still waiting for the lease document to be prepared. She is planning to post leaflets around the village about the proposal. Before the leaflets are posted, the Chair agreed to invite Mr Smith to a discussion regarding the proposal. Cllr Nolleth reported that she also plans to host a Playground consultation event at the Village Hall. **PW**

Cllr Birks offered to host a fundraising event at The Brownlow Arms.

65/23 Financial Matters

Balance of Accounts and Approval of Payments for July 2023

The transactions below were approved by the Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Winfrow, seconded by Cllr Fox.

Opening bank balance £7100.44

NUMBER	PAYEE/CREDITOR	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
R7	HMRC VAT Reclaim 2022-23	£649.58	
R8	Allotment Rental 2022-23 and 2023-24	£10.00	
R9	Bassetlaw DC CIL Award	£16615.47	
P7	NALC Invoice 2863 Playground Safety Training Exam Fee		£120.00
P8	Time Assured Invoice 23141 Church Clock Service		£180.00
P9	Clerk's Salary June to July 2023		£423.94
	TOTALS	£17275.05	£723.94
	BALANCE TO CARRY FORWARD	£23651.55	

Ringfenced funds are detailed as: £200 from the NALC Transparency Fund, £20,123.85 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Funding from Bassetlaw DC, £380 for Playground Donation.

SN

Cllr Nolleth agreed to forward the NALC invoice for the Playground Safety Course to the Clerk so that she can be reimbursed. The PC agreed to fund this, rather than it be funded by the ringfenced Playground funds.

The Clerk confirmed that the CIL Funding could be used towards the Playground Proposal and the purchase of a new Noticeboard for South Street.

66/23 Crime Update

The PC acknowledged receipt of PC Mitchell's email which advised of his departure from the Police Service and thanked him for his regular communications.

67/23 Planning Matters

23/00748/HAZ – Land at Former High Marnham Power station - Mr Collins commented that it is responding to questions from the CHC.

23/00713/FUL – Woodlands, Hollowgate Lane, High Marnham – no objections.

68/23 Highways Matters

The Clerk reported back on the issues raised at the previous meeting:

- Road re-surfacing in Grassthorpe – VIA EM could not provide a timescale.
- Roadside erosion – VIA EM have inspected and advised that no further action would be taken.
- Grassthorpe Bridge/HGV sign request – No response.
- Drainage issues at The Brownlow Arms – No response, Clerk to chase.

RJ

69/23 Parish Burial Ground

Nothing to report.

70/23 Allotments

The Chair commented that hedges will need cutting at the end of the year and that this is the responsibility of the allotment tenants.

71/23 Correspondence

Cllr Winfrow reported that he recently had a Safe and Well visit from Nottinghamshire Fire Service. The visit provides actions and advice to make homes a safer place and protect families from the risk of fire. The service provides fire alarms and equipment, such as hand rails to those that need it, the service provided is free of charge and will certainly reduce the immediate risk of fire. This scheme is open to all residents and can be accessed by contacting Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (creating safer communities) on 0800 022 3235.

72/23 Any other Business

- The Clerk was tasked with contact Wellers Hedley Solicitors for a progress report on the Land Registry application for land on Brots Road.
- New Bottle Banks have been installed at the Village Hall, however, as they are smaller, they get full sooner and residents are dumping bags of bottles at the side of the bins. Cllr Nolleth has drafted a poster to be put on the bins to warn residents that if this persists, the bottle bins will be removed. The Clerk was tasked to request that Bassetlaw DC install another bottle bank at The Brownlow Arms.
- C/Cllr Ogle reported that Notts County Council HQ will be relocating from County Hall in West Bridgford to new energy efficient premises.

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73/23 Business for the next meeting

- The Chair tendered his apologies for absence for the next meeting and Cllr Winfrow agreed to Chair the meeting.

74/23 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19th September 2023, 7pm, Low Marnham Church Room

The meeting closed at 8.35pm **Signed**.....**Chairman** **Dated**.....