

NORMANTON ON TRENT WITH MARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2023, 7.00pm, Normanton Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: P Whitby (Chair) P Simpson
S Nolleth J Clayton
A Fox

Clerk: R Jeffries

Representatives Mr A Collins and Mr R Laxton, JG Pears

Members of the Public: One

92/23 Apologies for Absence

Action

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Spink, Hope, Winfrow, and D/Cllrs Stanniland and Griffin.

93/23 Update from JG Pears

The update from JG Pears had been submitted prior to the meeting for the Parish Council's consideration – a copy of which can be found on the PC website.

Points to note were:

- Plans for the new Hydrogen plant have been approved.
- The High Marnham fence is to be painted green.
- The new Feather Process is on hold whilst some parts await delivery but should start in the New Year.

Mr Collins offered some dates for members of the PC to visit the plant and Cllr Nolleth agreed to liaise with the other Councillors to set a date.

94/23 Meeting closed for Public Open Session of five minutes

One Earth Great North Solar Farm Proposal

The Council discussed Robert Jenrick MP's letter regarding the proposal. The Chair confirmed that he had written to the OESF Land Registering Company to point out that some of the proposed land is Common Land.

The Chair requested all Councillors to consider the PC's response to One Earth.

Mr Collins advised that if the Parish Council created their own Neighbourhood Plan, they could include energy plans in it – he offered his assistance if this is something that the PC wished to pursue.

Lamp post Poppies

Mrs Wardell returned several broken poppies and asked if the PC would consider buying some more for next year. The Clerk was tasked with obtaining a quote and reporting back to the next meeting.

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Mrs Wardell requested that the parishioner's donation made to the PC for the upkeep of St Wilfrid's Churchyard be paid to the Parish Church Committee. The Clerk agreed to action this.

RJ

95/23 Matters arising from the public open session

Quote for lamp post poppies to be obtained. Clerk to refund donation to PCC.

RJ

96/23 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 26th September 2023

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

97/23 Matters to report from the Minutes of meeting held on 26th September 2023

South Street Noticeboard

The Clerk was tasked with the starting the application process for the Notts CC Local Communities Fund and to obtain quotes for a double paned and triple paned noticeboard.

Sustrans Track in Fledborough

The Chair had forwarded the proposed plans to all concerned. Mr Collins agreed to respond and provide ownership details for the various pieces of land on the map.

Mr Collins also suggested a carpark at the top of their drive once the new gate house has been constructed, to discuss at the January meeting.

98/23 Village Playground Proposal

Cllrs Nolleth and Whitby met with the adjacent property owner to reassure him of the playground proposals. The solicitors are still in the process of preparing the lease documents, however, Cllr Nolleth will proceed with the consultation evening. The proposal will also be advertised at the School Christmas Fair on 5th December.

99/23 Community Engagement

Cllr Fox undertook to prepare a draft flier for consideration at the next meeting.

Cllr Nolleth reported that the village pub will host a Christmas Lunch for the over 75's at a cost of £20 per head. The Chair proposed that it be for the over 65's and the Parish Council will donate towards it. Agreed by Cllrs Clayton and Fox.

The PC was informed due to the Square and Compass discontinuing their food service, numbers are restricted hence why it is for the over 75's.

It was proposed by the chair and seconded by councillor Winfrow that the PC meet 50% of the costs after the meeting via email correspondence. No objections received and it was felt that the PC should be supporting the elderly parishioners especially at this time of year.

100/23 Financial Matters

Balance of Accounts and Approval of Payments for November 2023

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

Opening bank balance £26148.75

NUMBER	PAYEE/CREDITOR	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
R11	National Grid Wayleaves Payment	£18.73	
R12	Purchase of Burial Plot	£425.00	
P15	Parish Online Website creation and subscription		£336.00
P16	Clerk's Salary Oct- Nov 2023 (inc. back pay from 01.04.23)		£557.68
	TOTALS	£443.73	£893.67
	BALANCE TO CARRY FORWARD	£25698.80	

Ringfenced funds are detailed as: £200 from the NALC Transparency Fund, (£18075.85 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Funding from Bassetlaw DC, £380 for Playground Donation.

101/23 Crime Update

The update from the Police and Crime Commissioner had been circulated prior to the meeting.

102/23 Planning Matters

- 23/00713/FUL – The Woodlands, High Marnham
- 23/01235/COU – Woodside House, South Street, Normanton
- 23/01136/LBA – The Cottage, Mill Lane, Normanton
- Holly Crest, Brotons Road, Normanton

There were no objections to the first three applications discussed. With regards to Holly Crest, the PC asked comment to be submitted regarding concerns for the low water table and flood risk, and also for the capacity of the sewerage drain to carry additional load.

RJ

103/23 Highways Matters

- High Marnham Triangle – Clerk to follow up the reported fault.
- Grassthorpe Bridge – Clerk to follow up the bridge signage request.
- Flooding on Mill Lane – Cllr Clayton had forwarded footage of recent flooding and reported that two of the properties had been flooded. The PC offered their support to the occupiers in terms of complaints regarding inadequate drainage.
- Cllr Clayton asked that a request be submitted to Via EM for drain clearance on South Street and Eastgate. She also commented that a drain inspection conducted several years ago on Mill Lane identified collapsed drains. Clerk was tasked with investigating this.

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104/23 Parish Burial Ground

Following the previous meeting where it was suggested that a quote be obtained to repaint the cemetery wall, the Parish Council decided that the wall was adequate and in keeping with the burial ground and its location.

The PC agreed to discuss arranging a cemetery inspection and seeking the location of the stop cock.

The Clerk reported the sale of a burial plot, however, after discussion it transpired that the buyer (although not a local resident at present) had resided in Normanton for a long period of time. It was therefore agreed to charge the resident rate of purchase and for a partial refund to be made, proposed by Cllr Nolleth, seconded by Cllr Simpson.

The PC agreed that, in future, applications for burial plot purchases would be considered on individual merit.

A quote from a Grounds Maintenance Contractor had been tendered to take over the maintenance when Mr Mills retires. The PC noted the quote and agreed to discuss it at the January meeting.

105/23 Allotments

The Council noted that the hedges are becoming overgrown – although it is a condition in the lease agreements that they are properly maintained. It was suggested that the hedge cutting be included in the Cemetery maintenance contract and the additional cost be charged back to the allotment tenants. Cllr Simpson agreed to ask his gardener if he would be willing to carry out the work – providing he has the necessary liability insurance.

106/23 Correspondence

Nothing to report.

107/23 Any other Business

Website Update

The Clerk advised that the new website is now live and asked Councillors to review for comment. It was requested that the Councillor “avatars” be removed as it gives the impression that the website is still under construction.

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108/23 Business for the next meeting

- Cemetery Inspection and location of stop cock.
- Appointment of new cemetery Contractor

109/23 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16th January 2024, 7pm, Normanton on Trent Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.40pm **Signed.....Chairman Dated.....**