

NORMANTON ON TRENT WITH MARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th March 2024, 7.00pm, Normanton Village Hall

Present:

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

Clerk: R Jeffries

Representatives Mr R Laxton, JG Pears, D/Cllr E Griffin

Members of the Public: 13

19/24 Apologies for Absence

Action

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Birks and Mr Collins, JGP.

20/24 Update from JG Pears

Mr Laxton had provided an update in advance of the meeting which will be published on the PC website. Points to note were:

- Works on the National Grid proposal have been postponed due to a problem with the CHP Plant.
- Two outages are planned – CHP plant on 14th April, and Thermal Oxidiser on 6th May.
- Work has progressed to fix the feather cooking process which will switch from a batch to a continuous process, which is slower and will, therefore reduce odour emissions.
- The Hydrogen plant is in initial stages but the Government has doubled its capacity so further planning is required.
- Cllr Nolleth requested that as and when breakdowns occur, they are published on the JGP website as soon as possible to notify residents.

21/24 Meeting closed for Public Open Session of five minutes

Flooding

D/Cllr Griffin reported that Bassetlaw DC is forming a Flood Committee. Further to recent spates of flooding within the Parish, she confirmed that she would be happy to meet with the affected residents to drive the necessary action required.

Residents of Bell Close reported that it has insufficient drainage and that flood water flows into the close.

When Flood Officers visited recently, their cameras identified a blockage but no action has been taken. The Chair and Cllr Winfrow were tasked with requesting a further inspection to locate the obstruction.

The Chair urged residents to lobby the District Council/Drainage Board/Environment Agency for action to be taken to prevent future flooding.

The Clerk agreed to forward the PC Flood Report to D/Cllr Griffin. The PC thanked D/Cllr Griffin for attending the meeting and acknowledged her comment that D/Cllr Stanniland is responsible for attending rural parish meetings. The Clerk was tasked with inviting D/Cllr Stanniland to the next PC meeting.

RJ

It was proposed to create a “Flooding” section on the website to record incidents and visits/reports from the relevant agencies.

RJ

Sustrans Cycle Path

The car parking proposal was outlined at the meeting and D/Cllr Griffin advised that funding might be available from the UK Rural Prosperity Fund.

22/24 Election of new Chair

The Chair, Mr Whitby, tendered his resignation with effect at the end of the meeting. Nominations were sought for a new Chair but none were forthcoming and it was therefore agreed that the meetings would be chaired on a rotational basis.

A member of the public expressed interested in becoming a Parish Councillor once the vacancy has been advertised.

23/24 Matters arising from the public open session

See 21/24 above.

24/24 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th January 2024

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

25/24 Matters to report from the Minutes of meeting held on 16th January

Flooding Update

See 21/24.

South Street Noticeboard

The Clerk had previously emailed a proposed model but a decision had not been made. She undertook to re-send details and prices – possibly with a view to purchase two further models for Low Marnham and Skegby. Cllr Winfrow agreed to canvass local resident opinion as to whether a Skegby noticeboard is wanted. When decisions have been made, the Clerk will then commence the application process to the Notts Local Communities Fund.

AW

Lamp Post Poppies

The Clerk advised that these can be bought for £5 each, however, they have short shelf-life and Cllrs Nolleth and Clayton agreed to source other options.

JC/SN

Bassetlaw 2024 Spring Clean

Unfortunately, the deadline for registration had passed as a date could not be agreed. The Clerk agreed to contact Bassetlaw DC to see if the PC can still proceed with a litter pick and whether BDC will provide the equipment and collect the rubbish bags.

RJ

26/24 Village Playground Proposal

Cllr Nolleth presented the results of her Consultation which were favourable. The main negative points were regarding the size and location of the playground. Suggested additions to the playground were the installation of lighting, litter bin, and a bench.

The lawyer is still preparing the lease and the PC are advised to seek legal advice to review the lease. This is likely to cost approx. £1000 – approved by Cllr Winfrow, seconded by Cllr Clayton. Cllr Nolleth has approached several law firms to review the lease and will provide details.

27/24 Community Engagement

The Parish Council thanked JG Pears for printing the fliers which had been circulated around the village. Cllr Nolleth agreed to provide Cllr Winfrow with fliers for circulation in Skegby.

28/24 Financial Matters

Amendment/Review of Bank Signatories

It was agreed that Cllrs Whitby and Hope would be removed from the mandate and that Cllr Spink and another Cllr be added.

Balance of Accounts and Approval of Payments for March 2024

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

Opening bank balance £24875.08

NUMBER	PAYMENT/RECEIPT	RECEIPTS	PAYMENT
R14	Retford Memorials – Memorial permit	£125.00	
R15	GD Hall Funerals – Burial plot purchase	£425.00	
P22	Notts ALC Annual Subscription 2024/25		£142.04
P23	Wave Invoice 13162447 – water supply		£17.51
P24	Bassetlaw DC Invoice 40058492 – Wheelie bins		£211.64
P25	P Whitby – Reimbursement		£23.50
P26	Mr D Allen – Church clock maintenance 2023/24		£150.00
P27	Mr D Mills- Cemetery Maintenance 2023/24		£358.98
P28	Clerk’s Salary February to March 2024		£452.68
P29	Normanton Village Hall Rental 06.03.24		£15.00
	TOTALS	£550.00	£1371.35
	BALANCE TO CARRY FORWARD	£24,053.73	

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.

Annual Return 2023/24

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return would not be exempt from a Limited Assurance Review due to gross income in excess of £25,000. The charge for the review by External Auditors would be £210.00.

29/24 Crime Update

A report had not been circulated by the local police department.

30/24 Planning Matters

The following Planning Applications had been circulated via email by Bassetlaw DC prior to the meeting:

- 23/01410/HSE – White Rose Cottage, Mill Lane, Normanton on Trent
- 23/00909/FUL – Ivy House, South Street, Normanton on Trent
- 23/01448/FUL – Oak Tree Farm, Grassthorpe
- 23/01519/SCR – Screening at former High Marnham Power Station
- 24/00033/FUL – Electrolytic Green Hydrogen Plant, High Marnham
- 24/00264/FUL – Skegby House Farm, Skegby
- 23/00748/HAZ – Storage of hazardous substances, High Marnham Power Station
- 24/00003/FUL – Construction of hydrogen plant, High Marnham

There were no objections to the Planning Applications.

31/24 Highways Matters

The Clerk to report the following items to Highways:

- Faulty signage at the High Marnham grass triangle at Hollowgate Lane.
- Faulty signage on Skegby Road/Woodcotes.

RJ

A member of the public questioned whether the re-surfacing of Skegby Road is scheduled and the Clerk agreed to contact C/Cllr Ogle to confirm.

RJ

32/24 Parish Burial Ground

The PC thanked Cllr Fox and husband for cutting the cemetery hedges. The PC also thanked and acknowledged Mr Mills for his years of dedication in maintaining the cemetery and wished him well in his retirement.

The PC reviewed Freddie Allen's quote for maintaining the cemetery and agreed to appoint him as contractor for one year, proposed by Cllr Fox, seconded by Cllr Winfrow.

Cllr Winfrow agreed to arrange for a cemetery inspection to be conducted.

33/24 Allotments

The three tenancies were approved and the Clerk undertook to issue the paperwork and collect the rents.

RJ

34/24 Correspondence

Request for funding from local Toddler Group

A letter was received from the local Toddler Group asking for financial assistance for rental of the village hall. The PC agreed to pay the Village Hall invoices on a bi-monthly basis at each meeting, proposed by Cllr Simpson, seconded by Cllr Clayton. It was agreed that the Bassetlaw CIL Funding could be used for this purpose.

Request for funding from St Wilfrid's PCC

In light of the change in law preventing Parish Councils donating to places of worship, St Wilfrid's PCC asked for financial assistance in maintaining the churchyard. The PC agreed to this, in principle, but would seek confirmation from Notts ALC. Proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Fox.

35/24 Any other business

Decision to be made at the next meeting regarding the sale of the equipment (lawnmowers, etc) in the cemetery shed)

36/24 Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 21st May 2024

7pm – Annual Parish Meeting

7.15pm – Parish Council Annual General Meeting Tuesday 16th January 2024, 7pm, Low Marnham Church Room

The meeting closed at 9.30pm **Signed**.....**Chairman** **Dated**.....