

# NORMANTON ON TRENT WITH MARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7.00pm, Low Marnham Church Room

### Present:

**Councillors:** A Fox D Hope  
P Simpson R Parker  
J Spink P Hope  
A Winfrow

**Clerk:** R Jeffries

**Representatives** Mr R Laxton - JG Pears, C/Cllr J Ogle, D/Cllr E Griffin

**Members of the Public:** Three

The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging the sad and sudden death of Cllr Paul Simpson. The Parish Council thanked him for his valuable contribution to the PC's work and expressed their condolences to his family.

### 61/24 Apologies for Absence

### Action

There were no apologies for absence received.

### 62/24 Update from JG Pears

Mr Laxton had circulated his update via email in advance of the meeting. The following points were noted in the meeting:

- The PC commented that there was an increase in odour problems during the summer months. Mr Laxton reported that there were two separate fire incidents which damaged the electricals and it took two/three weeks to recover from both incidents. The knock-on effect was that many delivery HGVs arriving at the plant had to be diverted onwards, meaning that their loads were subject to high temperatures for longer periods – hence the bad odour emissions from the HGVs and increased amount of HGVs on the local roads.
- Noise complaints were also received and Mr Laxton said that this was due to a faulty safety pressure release valve.
- A huge outage will take place in October in order to replace a storage generator.
- The update to the feathers process is in progress and should be complete by early next year.
- A member of the public commented that she regularly reports odour complaints to the necessary channels but does not receive any feedback as to the cause/solution.
- A discussion took place as to why the container HGVs are not refrigerated so that the contents do not decay as quick. Mr Laxton advised that the lorries are not airtight and therefore odours will escape and in terms of refrigeration, this is not mandatory and it would have to be introduced and enforced by the Industry Regulator.
- Cllr Nolleth asked how the PC can help JGP in this issue in terms of industry practice and it would appear that it is a matter of national legislation, requiring a parliamentary bill.
- D/Cllr Griffin had received many JGP related complaints from her constituents and she requested that the company provide a formal response to her via email. She undertook to act as a central point between the Government and JGP and the Parish Council agreed to forward pertinent questions to her for submission to local government.

**63/24 Meeting closed for Public Open Session of five minutes**

C/Cllr Ogle reported that a Boundary Review is currently in progress which could result in the loss of two country councillors and he urged the PC and residents to make their representation on the proposal.

**64/24 Matters arising from the Public Open Session**

There were no matters arising.

**65/24 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

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

**66/24 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Flooding

- Discussion took place as to the supply of flood prevention equipment and the Clerk was tasked with writing to the Village Hall Committee to see if their large container could be used for storage.
- D/Cllr Griffin has established a Trent District Flood Action Group and invited a member of the PC to join. Mr Lee will ensure that the Clerk receives details for forthcoming meetings.
- C/Cllr Ogle advised that Notts CC are the Flood Lead for the area and the Environment Agency conducts the volunteer Flood Warden training. A member of the public expressed an interest in taking on this role and she has been forwarded the details of how to apply for the training course.
- C/Cllr Ogle also reported that an NCC Surveyor was reviewing the flooding that took place in Grassthorpe last year.

BL

Lamp Post Poppies

- Cllrs Nolleth and Clayton reported that there were no environmentally friendly poppies available. Cllr Parker proposed that they be purchased directly from the British Legion and he would forward the contact details to the Clerk. The PC agreed with this.

RP

South Street Noticeboard

- The NCC Local Community Fund remains closed at present. C/Cllr Ogle advised that it may re-open in October so the Clerk will keep checking the website.

RJ

Sustrans Car Park

- To be discussed at the next meeting when Mr Collins from JG Pears is present.

**67/24 Community Engagement**

Cllr Fox agreed to publish a Facebook post regarding the Boundary Review.

**68/24 Village Playground Proposal**

Cllr Nolleth is chasing the finalised lease.

**69/24 Financial Matters**

Balance of Accounts and Approval of Payments for September 2024

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

Opening bank balance = £23,843.90

NUMBER	PAYMENT/RECEIPT	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
P22	TFP Agricultural – St Wilfrids Churchyard		£633.60
P23	Bassetlaw DC Inv 40063010 – Wheelie Bin		£211.64
P24	Clerk’s Salary August to September 2024		£452.68
P25	Wave Invoice 13931154		£18.51
P26	Normanton village Hall Inv 2024/027 Toddler Group		£150.00
P27	Normanton Village Hall Invoice 2024/032 Toddler		£120.00
			<b>£1586.43</b>
	<b>BALANCE TO CARRY FORWARD</b>	<b>£22577.47</b>	

Ringfenced funds are detailed as: £200 from the NALC Transparency Fund, ( £17175.85 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Funding from Bassetlaw DC, £380 for Playground Donation.

Review of Bank Signatories

Cllr Spink to confirm that he has actioned the request for his addition to the bank mandate.

JS

**70/24 Crime Update**

The Clerk agreed to contact the relevant police department to see if regular updates are still being circulated. Mr Lilley praised the rural police service for their recent positive and prompt response to a hare-coursing incident.

RJ

**71/24 Planning Matters**

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

24/0084/FUL – The Old Vicarage, Skegby Road, Skegby

A Councillor said that the application wasn’t accessible on the Bassetlaw DC Planning Portal. The Clerk agreed to look into the matter.

RJ

Cllr Clayton reported that an unauthorised road has been installed between two properties on Mill Lane and could the PC act on the complainants’ behalf. The Clerk asked that the residents contact the PC with further details.

**72/24 Highways Matters**

A report to Highways to be made regarding the roadside erosion at the junction of Gracefield Lane and the Low Marnham triangle.

RJ

The Clerk was tasked with contacting Bassetlaw DC Environment Services in order to request the installation of a dog waste bin on Mill Lane.

RJ

**73/24 Parish Burial Ground**

Cllr Hope has inspected the eroded footpath and has arranged for some repair quotes to be forwarded to the Clerk.

PH

The Chair has sold one of the lawnmowers and passed the cash to the Clerk for banking. The Clerk proposed that she retain the cash, and make a personal banking transfer to the PC’s bank account. This was approved by the PC.

RJ

**74/24 Allotments**

There were no items to report.

**75/24 Defibrillators**

- Clerk to order new pads and battery for the IPAD AED in High Marnham.
- The Zoll AED at the Village Hall is currently switched off as the alarm cabinet kept triggering. The PC proposed to disconnect the alarm and Mr Lilley agreed to install a light above the unit so that it can be clearly seen.
- Regarding the possibility of a defibrillator training course, it was agreed to defer any action until the November meeting.

RJ

JL

**76/24 Correspondence**

None to report.

**77/24 Any other Business**

- The PC thanked Mr Lilley for ordering a supply of high vis jackets for the next litter pick and the Clerk will reimburse him for the purchase.
- The Clerk undertook to contact Cllr Birks to ascertain if he wishes to remain as a Parish Councillor.
- The Clerk had circulated via email the Winter Service Order Form. The PC agreed not to place an order this year as there is an adequate supply of salt bags.
- In light of the Government scrapping of the Pensioner Winter Fuel Allowance, Cllr Nolleth reported that the Village Hall Committee are considering how they can support the vulnerable and elderly residents in the community.

RJ

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**78/24 Business for the next meeting**

- Sutrans Cycle Track car park
- Defibrillator Training Course
- Councillor Vacancies

**79/24 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, Normanton on Trent Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.05pm **Signed**.....**Chairman** **Dated**.....