



MINUTES

DRAFT ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Thursday 02 March 2023 at 07:00pm
Held at The Methodist Chapel, Gynwell, Naseby

Present:

Chairman: Cllr Reedman

Councillors: Cllr Anderson, Cllr Hall, Cllr Woobey, Cllr Davies, Cllr Collins, and Cllr Howat

Clerk: Josie Flavell

Public: No members of public

MINUTES		
22/801	APOLOGIES	
There were no apologies to consider or accept.		
22/802	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
a) There were no declarations of any disclosable pecuniary or other interests reported. b) There were no dispensations or written requests for dispensation of DPI to consider.		
22/803	MINUTES	
Council RESOLVED to the Chairman Reedman approving the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Minutes for the meeting held on 02 February 2023, as a true and accurate record.		
22/804	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (OPEN MEETING)	
There were no parishioners' or members of the public's views to consider.		
ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		
22/805	<u>Parking Restrictions Application – Knights Hill & High Street Corner (Min ref. 22/768)</u> The Clerk is to clarify the private ownership of the unadopted road of Knight's Hill and to is also to chase WNC Highways concerning the parking restriction application to ensure they understand what is being requested.	JF
22/806	<u>Outdoor Gym (Min ref. 22/770)</u> a) Cllr Hall reported that a meeting was held with Peter Hackett, WNC Environmental, Greens and Parks Manager, who recommended Wicksteed, where he is able to gain a procurement discount for outdoor gym equipment. One quote has been received from Wicksteed for a total of £20k, but Cllr Hall is awaiting an answer as to whether the discount has been added or not. However, this quote does include installation costs. Cllr Hall is also awaiting a finalised quote from FreshAir Fitness. The Clerk is to contact the WNC Grants Officer regarding the grant funding pot criteria and is to report back to Cllr Hall and Cllr Reedman.	DH

	b) Council RESOLVED to add £5k from free cash reserves towards this project at financial year-end and to apply for £15k worth of grant funding.	JF
22/807	<p><u>King's Coronation (Min Ref. 22/777)</u></p> <p>a) Cllr Collins reported that the Village Hall are completely onboard with the celebration event with the Primary School leading the event in the afternoon. There are half a dozen volunteers, and the event will involve holding afternoon tea (pre-ordered), a large screen to show the televised royal event concert, an ice cream van, and the village band.</p> <p>b) Cllr Collins will confirm the number of children at the school for the commemorative mugs with Clerk, to enable the costings to be agreed by Council and an order placed between meetings. Council unanimously agreed to the mug inscription to read: Naseby Parish Council.</p>	AC JF
GENERAL MATTERS		
22/808	<p><u>Play Area</u></p> <p>a) Independent Inspection Report – it was reported that the repair work has been reviewed and the basketball metal work needs to be cleaned – a student to jet wash during the holidays – and the bolts need to be tightened. The tennis court and skateboard tarmac need remedial work and volunteers are required to help clear grass and weeds around the edges. Quick set tarmac is needed to repair patches, with Council unanimously agreeing to purchase this between meetings. The missing fixings to the play area notices have been installed onto the village hall walls. Safety rubber matting and topsoil are needed to be purchased for some areas. Rubber chips instead of matting needs to be further investigate including costs.</p> <p>b) Toddler Slide Tunnel Mound – a quote for artificial grass has been received from Thompson Ground Care for £2,025 (exc. VAT) but clarification is required of what this entails. Another quote for £5,700 (exc. VAT) has been received with a full specification to install artificial grass onto to it. This item is to be deferred to the next ordinary meeting.</p>	PR/DH
22/809	<p><u>Waste Bins Complaint</u></p> <p>Council considered an anonymous written complaint concerning waste bins being left out on the street permanently by residents at a particular property and agreed to refer the issue to WNC via Customer Services and to include an artificial in the next Naseby newsletter.</p>	JF
22/810	<p><u>59/60 Bus Service</u></p> <p>a) Council received an update report concerning the submission of a petition including 107 paper signatories from Naseby to WNC. WNC District Cllr Harris led the move to amend the WNC draft Budget by reinstatement of the bus subsidy. Full Council subsequently ruled to reinstate the £215k bus subsidy budget for the next year.</p> <p>b) As stated in the above minute reference 22/810, the subsidy removal was revoked at the WNC Budget meeting held on 21st February and the bus service will run for another year, but next year is unknown.</p>	-
22/811	<p><u>Defibrillator – Methodist Chapel</u></p> <p>Council RESOLVED to approve the purchase of spare pads and a new torch for the Methodist Chapel defibrillator at Gynwell. The Clerk is to place the order.</p>	JF
22/812	<p><u>Market Cross</u></p> <p>Cllr Davies reported that he met the Stonemason to check the delaminated stones.</p>	

	<p>Six of the eight new stones laid, have delaminated along with the mortar, which should not have happened. The Stonemason will go back to the stone supplier to ask if there are issues with the stone supplied; a report is awaited.</p> <p>The stone was recommended by the WNC Conservation Officer and was certified by a British Stone Authority, so there shouldn't have been any issues. It is also the same stone used when the market cross was moved from its original location in the village to where it now stands.</p> <p>Council requested that the question be posed concerning a guarantee on the stone purchased and for this item to be deferred to the April ordinary meeting.</p>	SD
22/813	<p><u>Naseby News Deadline</u></p> <p>Council RESOLVED to agree the deadline date of 23rd of March for the next issue of Naseby News. The Clerk is to contact all concerned with this date.</p>	JF
22/814	<p><u>New Mowing Contract</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that Thompson Ground Care Ltd have signed their contract for the village grass cutting contract and Maximow have also done the same for the playing field contract, for the 2023-2025 seasons.</p>	JF
22/815	<p><u>Hedgehog Project</u></p> <p>Council considered the request received from Hedgehogs R Us to purchase hedgehog highways apparatus for residents to use in their back gardens and RESOLVED to purchase a box of 50 Hedgehog highway surrounds at a cost of £150.00.</p>	JF
22/816	<p><u>Great British Spring-clean</u></p> <p>Council RESOLVED to agree to be a part of the big litter pick between 17 March and 2nd April and to promote the event via social media. Council also unanimously agreed to hold this event on Saturday 25th April between 9am and 10:30am, with Cllr Howat opening the Village Hall to hand out litter picking equipment. The Clerk will create a poster for social media to publicise this.</p>	JF SH
22/817	<p><u>CCTV Data Controller</u></p> <p>Council RESOLVED to agree to Cllr Collins being the secondary Data Controller to aid the Clerk in controlling and viewing the CCTV data as and when required. The Clerk is to contact the Information Commissioners Office with this update and arrange for Cllr Collins to have the CCTV app added to her phone.</p> <p>Cllr Collins agreed to chase the village hall for an update concerning the WIFI and Gigaclear.</p>	JF AC
22/818	<p><u>No Mow May Project</u></p> <p>Council considered the WNC 'No Mow May' initiative and agreed to not mow any the verges, churchyard, battle sites and the area to the left of the village hall car park during May, and to promote this initiative with residents via social media and posters.</p> <p>A vote was undertaken with favour in 5 and 2 against.</p> <p>Cllr Hall will liaise with the contractor Thompson Ground Care concerning this project.</p>	JF DH

PLANNING

22/819	<p><u>WND/2022/1129 Planning Application – Land Adj. The Royal Oak Public House, Church Street Naseby</u> Demolition of stable building and construction of single dwelling including access.</p> <p>a) Council considered the response which was circulated prior to the meeting, which includes public feedback from the public meeting held on 21st of February, with adjacent residents. Council agreed to add in the hedge item into the letter under land survey and other amendments prior to issuing to the Clerk for submission to WNC Planning.</p> <p>b) Council NOTED that no site planning notice has been displayed.</p>
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	c) Council RESOLVED to request WNC to deal with the application by members via 'call in' procedures.		
22/820	<u>WND/2023/0036 Planning Application – The Firs, High Street, Naseby</u> Demolition of existing utility. Construction of side extension and porch. Council RESOLVED to ratify the decision made between meetings, not to object to this application.		
22/821 ACCOUNTS			
<u>Accounts for Payment – Current Account</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council RESOLVED to payments being made via BACS, Standing Order and Direct Debit, as set out in the table below. 			
Ref.	Payee	Description	Amount
ONLINE PAYMENTS VIA BACS TRANSFER & CHEQUE			
S/O	Josie Flavell	Clerk's March Salary and home working allowance (Salary £470.10 – Allowance £37.50)	£507.60
BACS	Josie Flavell	Reimbursement for payment of monthly mobile phone fee (Vodafone March)	£25.00
BACS	HMRC	March Tax	£117.40
BACS	Josie Flavell	Mileage – trip to the Chairman's house with documents inc. visit to the bank re. bank mandate	£13.15
BACS	Maximow	Heavy Roll of playing field – Inv. 144	£159.10
BACS	Naseby Methodist Church	Hall hire fees – Council meeting February Inv. 17	£15.00
BACS	Naseby Methodist Church	Hall hire fees – Public Open Meeting Inv. 18	£15.00
BACS	Northants CALC	Off to a Flying Start Training Course Fees – Inv. 2728	£158.40
Direct Debit Payments			
D/D	Opus Energy Ltd	Street lighting unmetered supply – (Jan/Feb) Inv. 73671489	£93.27
D/D	Opus Energy Ltd	Streetlighting unmetered supply – (Jan/Feb) Inv. 73719049	£3.51
22/822	INCOME Council NOTED all income.		
	Date	Account	Income Received
	30/12/22	Business Reserve A/C	Bank Interest - December
	16/01/23		HMRC VAT Qtr. 3 Refund
	31/01/23		Bank Interest - January
			Amount
			£24.69
			£599.79
			£24.83
22/823	Balance of Accounts Council NOTED the balance of accounts. Balance as at 23rd February 2023 a). Current Account £34,393.79 b). Business Reserve Account £0.00		Earmarked Reserves: Council NOTED all reserves. General reserve £29,974.00 Sports Court £2,000 Play Area £1,000 Information Board £1,000 Street Lighting £420.00 TOTAL £34,393.00

COUNCILLORS AREAS OF INTEREST		
22/824	HIGHWAYS – there were no new reports to receive.	-
22/825	STREET LIGHTING – there were no new reports to receive.	-
22/826	POLICE & FIRE LIASON – the liaison meeting has been delayed until 8 th March 2023, but Cllr Woobey now cannot make this meeting.	-
22/827	VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE – Wi-Fi/CCTV issues to be chased by Cllr Collins.	AC
22/828	NASEBY BATTLEFIELD PROJECT – the old viewing platform has been dismantled and the new earth mount installed. Rupert’s platform also rotten.	SH
22/829	MOWING WARDEN – Cllr Hall will meet with the new mowing contractor.	DH
22/830	TREES AND FOOTPATHS – there were no new reports to receive.	-
22/831	DEFIBRILLATOR – already reported under minute ref. 22/811.	-
22/832	WELCOME BOOKLET – there were no new reports to receive.	-
22/833	WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND – It was reported that no grants were considered at the last meeting. The Charity Commission agreed to the windfarm charity changing the grant awarding parameters to allow other smaller villages outside of the current 4 priority villages, to be able to apply to the fund.	SD
CIRCULATIONS TO NOTE		
22/834	Council NOTED all circulations.	
22/835	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There were no items reported. 	

In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 20:26pm

Signed:
Paul Reedman - Chairman

Date: 06 April 2023