

MINUTES OF NORTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of a regular meeting of Northington Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 19th March 2019 at The Woolpack Inn, Totford, SO24 9TJ.

Present: John Mitchell (Chairman) (JM)

 Melissa Jennings (MJ)

 Yvonne White (YW)

 Dennis Nye (DN)

 Adam Dyne (AD)

 Alexandra Risebury (Clerk) (AR)

Apologies: Margot Power (MP)

 Lisa Griffiths (LG)

The chairman welcomed all present

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were proposed by Yvonne White, seconded by Adam Dyne and signed as a true record by the chairman.

2. Matters arising

Northington Hill and SHELAA were to be discussed as part of the agenda. NPC needs to chase the removal of the BT phone box and liaise with Jackie Porter.

3. Northington Hill & 4. B3046

On Monday, 18th March, the Chairman, Yvonne White and our Clerk met Andy Smith (Team Leader, Traffic Management) and Steve Woodward from HCC to walk sites of concern within the Parish.

On Northington Hill, HCC will move repeater 30 signs. Next to Apple Tree Cottage there is a redundant pole, which will be removed and a new pole and repeater sign placed on the opposite side of the road at the same height. NPC suggested a repeater sign opposite the site of the traffic survey box but HCC said that a pole could not be sited there because of the nature of the bank. HCC confirmed and NPC agreed that the top of the hill will be tidied up and yellow backed boards with 30

signs installed in place of the existing signs. This work will be repeated at the other end of the hill by the VH.

NPC and HCC visited the Grange Corner and the B3046. Mrs Emma La Fontaine-Jackson, who's fence was recently damaged by a car, which skidded on black ice, joined the group. The accident has been reported and the police were involved. The black ice was caused by accumulated frozen water, due to blocked drains. HCC undertook to effect improvements to unblock the drains and ease the flow of water. A large amount of leaves and mud have also been noted at the entrance to the Grange. AD agreed to see whether the Lengthsman can clear the corner. HCC will review the signage.

Kites Hill was also inspected by HCC. HCC said that advisory 30mp/h signs are not permitted and because there have been no reported incidents/accidents in the past on Kites Hill, the 60mp/h speed limit will remain unchanged. HCC noted that the narrow, single traffic bridge has no indication sign of the narrowing and that the frame of the bridge is in need of repainting. Remedial action will be put in hand.

Andy Smith will write a full report of the inspection, and share it with NPC for approval and further action.

5. Grange Park Estate Meeting

Mark Baring has invited all residents to an informal meeting on Tuesday, 26th March 2019, 19.30 at the Swarraton and Northington Village Hall, to discuss the Grange Estate's proposed developments in the Grange Park.

Ivor Gurdler (WCC) has inspected SHEELA site NO01 site and on 28th January 2019 he placed a provisional TPO (Tree Preservation Order) on all the ancient woodland.

6. Village Spring Clean-Up

Residents have been invited (circulated e-mail) to attend and support the annual clean-up on the 24th March 2019 and AD reported that plenty participants have volunteered. The Clean-Up will start at 9.30 and coffee will be served at the village hall between 10.30-11.30.

NPC will look into the purchase of grabbers for next year's Clean-Up. JM thanked AD for all his efforts.

7. Fly tipping

NPC had received a complaint about fly-tipping of food waste at Abbotstone. A local resident had a look and could not find any evidence. It was therefore assumed that the waste must have been put out for and collected by WCC's bin collection. NPC has not heard anything further on this matter.

8. Clerk's report

AR presented and circulated the figures of QTR 4 2018/19, as well as the annual FY 2018/19.

Notice of Election forms need to be published on our local website and notice boards on Tuesday, 26th March 2019. Northington Parish Council has a number of 5 Parish Councillors to be elected. All councillors have confirmed their willingness to stand for re-election and will apply.

Philippa Pellereau met AR to inform her of her resignation from Chair for the Village Hall Committee and asked, for AR to hold the e-mail block list of residents and circulate local information of importance to residents. DN offered support with managing the block list and NPC will make this matter an item at the AGM on 14th May 2019.

AR will arrange for the notice of the AGM to be placed in the Oxdrove.

AD had spotted that our Parish appears to have 2 websites, which may cause confusion. AR explained that changes to the website took place in 2016, when HCC no longer offered the free website services due to high competition on the open market. The active website to follow is www.northingtonparishcouncil.uk

JM attended WCC's Local Plan 2036 meeting recently and briefed NPC on the meeting. Further information can be found online (<http://www.winchester.gov.uk>).

9. Any other business

There was no other business.

10. Date of next meeting

AGM, Tuesday, 14th May 2019, 19.30, Swarraton and Northington Village Hall.

Possible general NPC meeting prior to AGM (Tuesday, 30th April 2019, 19.30, venue to be confirmed)

The meeting ended at 20.52.

