

NORTHWOLD AND WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Council
Thursday 2nd January 2022
7.30pm to 9.30pm
Northwold Village Hall

PRESENT: Chairman C Anderson, Vice Chairman M. Winter, A Bennett, G. Gillett, G Rayner A MacMullen, Mrs Pauline Andre Clerk.

Borough Cllr T Ryves.

One member of the public

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS

No longer objecting to material used in planning application now under item 10 on the agenda. Under 18 on agenda to discuss issue of bowls club. From last meeting questions to Liz Truss will be discussed when she responds to our invitation.

2. TO RECEIVE AND AGREE APOLOGIES

T Macmullen, H Hogen **ACCEPTED**

3. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES AND REPORT MATTERS ARISING OF PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting held on the 1st December 2022 **APPROVED** and Extraordinary meet held on the 19th January 2023 **APPROVED**.

4. REPORTS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

None

5. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION REQUEST (for items on the agenda)

None

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Member of public stated Church Lane of A134 two large ruts appearing where cars are trying to pass. **ACTION** Clerk to contact Highways to request an official passing place to be created.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Cllr Tom Ryves – Initial budget proposed today for the borough, Stoke Ferry Precept £37.99 they are smaller than Northwold and their overall budget is around £15K Northwold is £51 with a precept of £21K which is below the average. Government to give funding to provide housing for Ukrainian families in the County.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. FINANCES

9.1 Agree accounts and payments to 31st January 2023 **AGREED**

9.2 TSB current account transferred on the 11th Jan to Lloyds Clerk and Chairman now have full access to online banking. Charities trustee account in process should be open in 3 weeks.

10. PLANNING

10.1 22/0751/F 16 Methwold Road 22/0181/F

Our current position is we are objecting based on the material being used. Email received stating materials proposed in planning application are of mixed render brick and flint and is within the Design and Access statement. Given this our objection should be removed. **ALL AGREED Clerk to advise planning objection withdrawn.**

11. LAND AND PROJECTS

Tree in Hovells Lane on Sports Field, Ravenscroft instructed to carry out a survey but Ivy to be removed from trunk 1.5m high first. Arrangements have been made for this and once completed survey will take place.

12. HIGHWAYS AND STREETLIGHTING

12.1 SAM2 No Update

12.2 Cllr Andrews reports Highways have been out 6 times in last 10 days to address speeding from Whittington Hill through Brookville and down to Methwold.

13. PARISH FACILITIES

13.1 Green projects – no reports to be removed from future Agendas

13.2 Northwold & Whittington in Bloom No Updates

13.3 Drax – prices are not acceptable EDF will not accept Whittington connection.

ACTION Clerk to obtain price for changing meter connection and if EDF would then accept and report to Ofgem.

13.4 Agree new policies – Equality & Diversity proposed by Chair to accept and seconded by Cllr Andrews **ALL IN FAVOUR** Social Media - To be discussed at next meeting.

13.5 - Defibs - Clerk confirmed that both defibs have now had a software update.

Whittington had to go back to warehouse for this to be done but replacement left and will be swapped back over. Concerned no signage at Whittington Cllr Rayner previously raised possibility of moving to Whittington garage Cllr Peake formally asked by council to give his permission for this to be moved to garage Cllr Peake gave his permission. **ACTION Clerk to investigate costs of moving defib.**

13.6 Kings Coronation – Cllr A Macmullen agreed to coordinate groups, the coronation is on Sat 6th the King wants Monday bank holiday 8th to be a day of volunteering. Chair has had two suggests a village scarecrow and an outdoor picnic and concert on the 7th. Cllr Winterton suggest unveiling of the Orchard at the same time. Cllr Macmullen to put a posting on Facebook. Cllr Tom Ryves confirmed there is some funding available.

13.7 No other matters

14. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

No updates

15. CEMETRIES

15.1 Cllr Gillett reports the fence between the allotments and cemetery have disappeared. Chair suggest we would need to put up a post and rail fence. Member of the public reported that

there is asbestos (4th allotment along from school lane). Chairman will access as specialist removal will be required. **ACTION** Clerk to obtain quotes from licensed companies.

16. SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

16.1 No updates or maintenance work required Cllr
Gillett states they have their AGM next week.

17. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Mobile Post Office
Update from Cllr Bennett on his meeting with Highways
Cllr Gillett to discuss updating the Northwold & Whittington website

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18.1 Quote from Bowls club to replace sleepers at a cost of £2400. **ACTION** Clerk to chase response to our questions if they have had any other quotes and what is their membership numbers.

18.2 Chairman said as we have not had a response from Liz Truss it would be pointless spending our time to discuss possible questions for her.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETINGS

2nd March 2023 and 6th April 2023 Chairman raised that on the 4th May, The Village Hall will be used as a Polling Station. **ACTION** Clerk to check with Church Warden if Whittington Church available for May meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm