



NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

17th October 2022 at 7.00 pm at the Social Centre Bell Lane Northchurch HP4 3RD.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon Clarke Chair

Michela Capozzi

Beryl Edwards

Gordon Godfrey

Neil Pocock

Susan Rees

Lara Pringle

ALSO PRESENT:

County Councillor Terry Douris

Proper Officer Mrs. U Kilich

40/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and accept apologies for absence

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Capozzi to accept the apologies of absence received from Cllr Somervail for the reasons stated in his email. Unanimously agreed.

41/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare an interest linked to any item on the agenda

No declaration of interest were received.

42/22 Public Participation allowed 15 minutes

There were no members of the public present.

43/22 MINUTES

a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 5th September 2022.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Godfrey to approve the Minutes of 5th September 2022 as a correct record and, as such, be duly signed by the Chair.

b. Matters arising from previous meetings that are not included as an agenda item below

Further to item 36/22 a. in the minutes of 5th September 2022, the Clerk will be arranging a zoom meeting for later in October for all councillors to attend a briefing of the contents of the EMR presentation so they have time to consider

the proposals and come to the formal EMR FC meeting in November with comments and thoughts.

44/22 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillors.

Report from County Cllr Douris

- a. The proposal to formalise the crossing on A4251 is pending. However, C/Cllr Douris noted that this would be a protracted process and he could not give an indication of what the outcome might be.
- b. Cllr Somervail had indicated the possibility of having a pedestrian crossing on the New Road, however, he has since expressed that New Road may not be an appropriate place for a crossing.
- c. Herts County Council recently had an LGA Peer Review with both elected members and senior officers from other authorities to look at what HCC does and how well it performs. As it involved representatives from HAPTC he anticipated that there would be feedback due to the course to HAPTIC.
- d. C/Cllr Douris, upon a request from Cllr Pringle through the Chair, undertook to ascertain the current status of the outcome of the Motion at Hertfordshire County Council in 2018 with regard to the traffic and safety issues following a petition presented at that meeting.

C/Cllr Douris left the meeting at this point.

Report from Borough Cllr Pringle

- a. The St Mary's Primary School governor with responsibility for travel safety has contacted me to ask for support with the school's bronze travel plan. They wish to have a co-ordinated approach. I have explained that HCC passed a motion to review road safety in Northchurch in 2018, which has yet to be implemented, and that we should co-ordinate with HCC as well as the Go20 group and the NPC road safety working group to ensure that we have the best plan for our residents. My aim is to get an engineer from HCC to visit Northchurch to view the ground.

45/22 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Berkhamsted Citizens Newsletter October 2022
- b. Dacorum Environmental Forum Minutes 15/09/22
- c. Rialtas (finance software) has been sold off, there will be no impact on support for the RFO.
- d. Street lights have been adopted by Herts County Council, before an invoice is submitted they are carrying out "snagging" work
- e. Upper site allotment gate code changed from 30th September 2022

46/22 F&GP COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATION

There were no recommendations from F&GP due to the meeting being cancelled.

47/22 CLERKS REPORT

- a. HAPTC training on Councillor Safety on Webinar
- b. HAPTC training on Scribe (Finance Software)

48/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To review Year to Date Summary Report, Bank Reconciliation, and Management Accounts for September 2022.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Clarke to approve the YTD Summary and Bank Reconciliation. Unanimously agreed.
2. Cllr Capozzi proposes to award £600 to Northchurch United Charity following their annual application for food bank.
Cllr Rees asked to amend the wording from “food bank” to support the vulnerable residents of Northchurch, seconded by Cllr Capozzi.
Unanimously agreed.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Pringle to award £600 to NUC. Unanimously agreed.
3. Cllr Capozzi proposes the approval of a maximum budget of £150 to repair the torn graphic on the skate ramp and provide a protective cover.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Pringle.
Unanimously agreed.
4. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve the £250 donation request for the British Telecom high-speed fibre survey on Lyme Avenue.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Clarke.
Unanimously agreed.
5. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve a quote to lift the crown of Lime in the car park of Northchurch Rec to approx. 9ft from the ground, quote circulated on 30th July 2022.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Clarke to accept the quote. Unanimously agreed.
6. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve a quote to reduce the height of the conifers on the rec ground, the quote was circulated on 16th September 2022.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Clarke to accept the quote. Unanimously agreed.
7. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve Risk Assessment for NPC.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Clarke to approve the Risk Assessment. Unanimously agreed.
8. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve the quote for the grass mats and mesh circulated on 2nd September 2022.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Clarke to approve the quote for the grass mats and mesh. Unanimously agreed.
9. Cllr Clarke proposes to award £1,600, to Bulborne Enhancement Study. Previously approved £5k, with new information available, NPC has decided to award 5% of the Precept, (Berkhamsted Town Council is awarding 5% of their Precept which is £15,000).
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Godfrey award £1,600 to Bulborne Enhancement Study. Unanimously agreed.

49/22 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. A further grant of £300 to NUC should be considered in November
- b. Cutting back the bush on by Cricket Club
- c. St Johns building in Northchurch (Baptist church find out if they know)

50/22 The next meeting will be held on 28th November 2022 at 7.00 pm Social Centre Bell Lane Northchurch HP4 3 RD

The meeting concluded at 19.50