

NONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council - Wednesday 6th February 2024 at 19:00

Present: Cllr Louisa Jarred (Chairperson); Julia Plumptre (Vice-Chair); Cllr Clare Delf; Cllr Jane Vurley; Cllr Woods; 13 Members of the Public; Mrs Steph Woods (Clerk)

1. **Apologies and approval of absences:** Cllr Jarred welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Manion (KCC), Cllr Pout and Cllr Manjam (DDC).
2. **Declarations of interest:** None were received.
3. **Resignation of Councillor Perrin:** Sadly, Cllr Perrin has decided to resign from the PC and we would like to thank her for her dedicated service to the PC and local community for the last 10 years. Cllr Perrin is still happy to assist PC with any footpath issues.
4. **Minutes of previous meetings:** The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2024 was approved as true a record, proposed by Cllr Vurley, seconded by Cllr Woods. Signed by the Chairperson.
5. **Public Forum:** Members of the Public in attendance were afforded the opportunity to ask a question or make a statement.
 - It was reminded that submission of minutes to the village must be sent each month by 15th. The PC meeting start time in the magazine is also incorrect and contact details for each PC member is not current so Clerk ensure these are corrected.
 - £550 raised by children from Beech Grove for charity at the recent bake sale. There is also going to be a run for charity and benefit concert to raised further funds for charity. Thanks to all villagers that supported was given.
 - 30th March 2024 Garden Flower Show schedules were given out at the meeting and are on the village noticeboard. Clerk to also post on Facebook.
 - A sad incident in another village with a defib not working was discussed. Cllr Jarred to check maintenance status with both organisations with defib in the village.
 - Motorcyclists on Collery tip was raised as they are potentially not insured and do speed down the roads. Clerk to speak to village Police to see what can be done.
 - Development demolition noise and water leak on Prima site was raised. Cllr Jarred to speak to Roma to see how this can be resolved. The junction of Easole Street and Mill Lane turning lorries has resulted in the road damage. Clerk to report this to Kent Highways. It was suggested to invite the developer to the PC meetings which Cllr Jarred will action.
6. **Finance:**
 - a) **Payments and Receipts:** Bank Balance as of 28th February 2024: £1,599.47 (Current Account) and £10,114.75 (Savings Account) = Total £11,714.22
Payments:
Stephanie Woods - Clerk Salary (Jan 24) - **£264.84**; Hugo Fox – Monthly Website Costs (Feb 24) - **£11.99**; Stephanie Woods – Clerk Salary (Feb 24) - **£383.76**; HMRC – Clerk PAYE – Tax (Feb 24) - **£72.40**; Stephanie Woods – Reimbursement Microsoft 365 Annual Licence - **£59.99**; Stephanie Woods – Reimbursement Stamps - **£6.00**. This expenditure was proposed by Cllr Delf and seconded by Cllr Vurley. ALL AGREED. Cllr Jarred and Cllr Vurley signed the bank authorisation form to remove Cllr Perrin from the PC bank accounts.
 - b) **Direct Debit – HMRC & Hugo Fox:** It was proposed by Cllr Jarred to set up a direct debit for both HMRC and Hugo Fox, which was seconded by Cllr Plumptre. ALL AGREED. Clerk to set up.
 - c) **KCC Members Grant:** A grant request for £1,000 has been submitted to KCC by the PC. It can take up to 12 weeks for a decision.

- d) Grant Requests from Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) and Dover & District Beekeepers: A grant of £300 has been requested by KSS and after some discussion it was agreed to give them a grant of £150. This was proposed by Cllr Vurley, seconded by Cllr Woods and ALL AGREED. A grant of £50 has also been requested by Dover & District Beekeepers and this was discussed at the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Vurley to award the grant of £50, which was seconded by Cllr Woods and ALL AGREED.

7. Planning

- a) New Applications:
- 24/00202 – Rosalie, Easole Street, Nonington – Erection of side extension to existing garage (existing shed to be removed). It was agreed that a site visit by Councillors was needed and comments to be submitted to the Clerk for a formal response to be drafted for DDC.
 - 24/00196 – Field Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Nonington – Erection of side/rear extensions, change of use of two outbuildings to habitable accommodation, alterations to doors/windows, insertion of rooflights and landscaping (2 outbuildings to be demolished). It was agreed that Councillors need more time to review the application and comments to be submitted to the Clerk for a formal response to be drafted for DDC.
- b) Decisions: None. The proposed planning at Adisham was raised and it was announced that CCC have decided to remove the proposed new town from Adisham to Aylesham from their Local Plan. Cllr Jarred expressed gratitude that the PC were able to contribute to this.

8. **Highways and Footpaths:** No developments to date but the HIP is in process. PC will be looking at project costs and meeting with Shepherds Well and other PC's and Cllr Manjam to see if there is a joint project that could have more impact. This will be shared with community before submitting.

9. **Playground, Playing Field and Pond:** Grounds maintenance contract was discussed and it was agreed that if reference from other parish councils were satisfactory and confirmation of schedules was obtained then the PC would proceed with Envisage. This was proposed by Cllr Woods, seconded by Cllr Vurley and ALL AGREED. Clerk to obtain extra information, award the contract and let other submissions know the outcome.

The condition of the goal post on the playing field was raised as they are no longer fit for purpose. It was agreed to remove them immediately and discuss at the next meeting whether to replace. Quotations for other issues raised by the recent RoSPA inspection will be obtained for the next meeting.

10. **Green Day:** This is taking place at 10am on Saturday (9th March 2024) with a BBQ in playground. Waste has been scheduled to be collected after 3pm on Saturday. Risk assessment to be completed, returned to DDC and brought along on the day.

11. **Village hall committee representatives:** Cllr Jarred volunteered to sit on committee. Clerk to confirm this with the Village Hall Committee.

12. Matters arising not on the agenda:

- Volunteers may be needed to help man mend the wall at the cemetery – PCC to confirm if required.
- Speeding of tractors and a quad bike was raised along Vicarage Lane. Clerk to inform the PC for the village to see if anything can be done.

13. **Date of next meeting:** 3rd April 2024 at 7pm in Village Hall, Nonington. There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the public at 20:14.

Please note these Minutes remain as draft until they are approved by the Parish Council at their next meeting on 3rd April 2024.

Future meeting dates: 01/05/24 (Annual & Village Meeting), 05/06/24, 03/07/24, 04/09/24, 02/10/24, 06/11/24 and 04/12/24