

# NONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 19:30

**Present:** Cllr Julia Plumptre (Vice-Chair); Cllr Clare Delf; Cllr Charmaine Perrin, Cllr Jane Vurley; Cllr Woods; Cllr Steve Manion (County), 9 Members of the Public; Mrs Steph Woods (Clerk)

## 1. Apologies and approval of absences:

Cllr Plumptre welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Jarred (Chairman).

## 2. Declarations of interest:

None were received.

## 3. Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was approved as true a record, proposed by Cllr Perrin and seconded by Cllr Woods and signed by the Vice Chairman (Cllr Plumptre).

## 4. Public Forum:

Members of the Public in attendance were afforded the opportunity to ask a question or make a statement.

Two points were raised:

- A resident from Mill Lane raised that East Kent Recycling are still going through village and at fast speeds. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Jarred as she has been in contact previously with EKR. Residents were also asked if they can note every time this happens and note the registration/time of day (if possible) and then let the Clerk know.
- Nonington Speedwatch raised that the locations of the new KCC speed signs are not fixed so can be moved at any time. The sign in Vicarage Lane was damaged recently and they had to buy replacement post and have asked the PC to reimburse this. Clerk to email radar stats to chairman of Nonington Speedwatch.

## 5. Finance:

Payments and Receipts: Bank Balance as of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023: £4,073.57 (Current Account) and £10,045.21 (Savings Account) = Total **£14,118.69**

### a) Payments

Already paid as agreed at last meeting:

Stephanie Woods – backdated working from home allowance - £50.00

Stephanie Woods - Clerk Salary – September 2023

Unity Trust – Service Charges – 16.04

HMRC – Clerk Tax/NI – September 2023

To be agreed and paid after this meeting:

Ricky Edwards – Strimming Aug 2023 - £238.75

## Receipts

Unity Trust – Interest - £45.21

The expenditure above was authorised (proposed by Cllr Perrin, seconded by Cllr Woods and agreed by all Councillors present).

- b) Bank Standing Order – Wages – paying the Clerks wages by standing order was discussed in line with the Financial Regulations 2018 and to be reviewed every two years. Cllr Vurley proposed that a standing order was set up for monthly payment by SO for the wages, this was seconded by Cllr Perrin and agreed by all Councillors present.

## **6. Planning**

### New Applications

- a) 23/00803: Gooseberry Hall Cottage , Sandwich Road, Nonington - Conversion of garage/store and extension to site (including change in roof) to create holiday let (amended description) – this application was discussed and it was agreed that the PC are neutral with no further comments to make.
- b) 23/01027: Birchfield, The Wrong Turn , Pie Factory Road, Barfreestone, Kent - Change of use from micro pub to dwelling – this application was discussed and it was agreed that the PC are neutral with no further comments to make.
- c) 23/01100: Field Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Nonington - Erection of 2 outbuildings with alterations to paths and fencing (3 outbuildings demolished) - this application was discussed and it was agreed that the PC are neutral with no further comments to make.

## **7. Highways and Footpaths:**

### a) Radar Data

Data for September 2023 was read out by Clerk. There were 30508 vehicles with the maximum speed being 65 mph and the average speed was 24.33 mph. The possibility of the speed limit along Holt Street and Easole Street being reduced to 20 mph especially. Cllr Manion suggested that with the prima development, this could strengthen the PC's argument for the limit reduction. It was also suggested that the PC should ask the developer for funding towards road improvements.

The need for weight restrictions along Mill Lane was raised and needs to be included in the revision of the HIP.

### b) Bikes in Woods

It has been reported that cars are doing this as well as motor bikes. Cars are also using the field as well. Clerk to raise this with the local Rural Police Officer/s.

## **8. Playground, Playing Field and Pond:**

- a) Clerk confirmed that the quotes for the works identified in the RoSPA inspection should be ready for the next meeting for further discussion.
- b) Grass Cutting/Maintenance – Ricky who carries out the strimming in the village, on behalf of the Parish Council, has informed the Clerk that he has had to increase his costs recently and this will be reflected in future invoices.

**9. Matters arising not on the agenda:**

- Nonington Speedwatch are requesting some funding from PC towards a hand-held device. This will need to go onto the next agenda for discussion. Cllr Manion informed that the PC could ask for some funding towards this from his budget on behalf of the Nonington Speedwatch. He will send details to the Clerk.
- Clerk to update on the donation of the red oak tree for the park.
- Dates for future meetings – dates of the meetings for 2024 to be agreed and hall booked. Start time and frequency of meetings also to be discussed.

**10. Date of next meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm in Village Hall, Nonington

There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the public at 20:12.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....

**Please note these Minutes remain as draft Minutes until they are approved by the Parish Council at their next Parish Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.**

Future meeting dates: 06/12/23