

NONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council - Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 19:00

Present: Cllr Louisa Jarred (Chairperson); Cllr Julia Plumptre (Vice-Chair); Cllr Clare Delf; Cllr Jane Vurley; Cllr Woods; 15 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. No apologies were received.
- 2. Declarations of interest: Cllr Vurley declared an interest in agenda item 7b.
- **3.** Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2024 was approved as true a record, proposed by Cllr Delf, seconded by Cllr Plumptre. Signed by the Chairperson.
- **4. Public Forum:** Members of the Public in attendance were afforded the opportunity to ask a question or make a statement.
- One resident asked if there was anything the PC could do to help his next-door neighbour who he deems to be vulnerable resident. Cllr Plumptre said the Trust may be able to offer assistance and Cllr Jarred offered to help with new computer through her employer.
- Overgrown hedgerows were raised along Mill Lane to Greystones. Old court Hill has an obscured street light and the flooding at the corner of farthing gales was raised. Clerk to report all to KCC Highways/DDC.
- A Halloween Walk through village for village children (accompanied by adults) is being organised. A map of houses participating will be publish on Facebook. It is for village children and adults only.
- Mud on footpath by village hall was raised. Recent road works have raised the road so water runs down path. Clerk to contact DDC.
- The village magazine was discussed and the PC will look to see if they can support a replacement.
- The church wall along Church Street was raised again. Clerk to chase DDC to see if they can repair.
- The PC expressed their thanks to Jenny and Barry for all their hard work over the time of the magazine.

5. Finance:

Payments and Receipts: Bank Balance as of 27th September 2024: £985.40 (Current Account) and £19,434.45 (Savings Account) = Total **£20,419.85**

Payments

Hugo Fox – Monthly Website Costs (Sept 24) - £11.99 Stephanie Woods – Clerk Salary (Sept 24) - £366.96 Littlewood Hire – Handheld Speed Gun - £2,079.54 HMRC – Clerk Tax - £271.26 Envisage – August 2024 Grounds Maintenance - £210.00 Stephanie Woods – Mileage - £33.30 Nonington Village Hall – Hall Hire (May – Sept 2024) - £76.50 These payments were proposed by Cllr Plumptre, seconded by Cllr Vurley. ALL AGREED.

It was proposed by Cllr Woods to transfer £1,500 from the savings account to the current account which was seconded by Cllr Delf. ALL AGREED.

- b) SID replacement battery was discussed and the quotation from KCC was circulated to Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact KCC to see if the equipment must be purchased through them as there is an expensive admin charge applied. If not the Clerk to get extra quotes. If it must be purchased through KCC then Cllr Woods proposed to go ahead with KCC which was seconded by Cllr Vurley. All agreed.
- c) The six-monthly finance figures were circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed they would look at this in detail after the meeting for a decision on the precept amount at the November meeting.

6. Planning

- a) Existing Application: 24/00348 Transmitter Mast Land North of Beauchamps Update This planning has been withdrawn with applicant claiming it is due to public reaction. They also thanked everyone for attending the meetings etc.
- 7. Highways and Footpaths
- a) HIP clerk is in the process of asking for new locations for the SID.
- b) Speed Gun Certification given to Clerk. KCC funding has now been agreed for the camera. The Police coordinator has suggested body camera for safety.
- 8. Playground, Field and Pond
- a) Pond Area including NIB Wild Garden It was agreed that the PC will take on the maintenance of the NIB wild garden.
- b) Trees Clerk to check with DDC Planning whether permission is required to cut back the trees and arrange quotations from tree surgeons.
- **9.** Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 7pm in Nonington Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the public at 20:11.

Please note these Minutes remain as draft until they are approved by the Parish Council at their next meeting on 6th November 2024.

Future meeting dates: 04/12/24