

NONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council - Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 19:00

Present: Cllr Louisa Jarred (Chairperson); Cllr Julia Plumptre (Vice-Chair); Cllr Clare Delf; Cllr Jane Vurley; Cllr Woods; Cllr Manion (KCC); 11 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. Thanks for attending green day were given with special thanks to Beech Grove for providing the lovely food. Apologies were received from Cllr Pout and Cllr Manjam (DDC).
2. **Declarations of interest:** None were received.
3. **Minutes of previous meetings:** The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2024 was approved as true a record, proposed by Cllr Vurley, seconded by Cllr Woods. 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.
 - A request for grant funding was sent to Clerk but has not been received yet. Organisation asked to resend to Clerk for discussion at next meeting.
5. **Finance:**

Payments and Receipts: Bank Balance as of 29th March 2024: £865.33 (Current Account) and £10,244.75 (Savings Account) = Total **£11,714.22**

Receipts
Rent – Field, Church Street (six monthly) - £130.00
Unity Trust Bank - Interest - £69.41

Payments
Hugo Fox – Monthly Website Costs (Mar 24) - £11.99
Stephanie Woods – Clerk Salary (Mar 24) - £383.76
Grant Award – Dover Beekeepers Society - £50.00
Grant Award – Kent & Sussex Air Ambulance - £150.00
Hugo Fox – Monthly Website Costs (Apr 24) – 11.99

These payments were proposed by Cllr Vurley, seconded by Cllr Delf and ALL AGREED.

With regards to the recent grant award to Kent and Sussex Air Ambulance, Cllr Vurley raised that the PC should only consider local village organisations and charities for grants only.

6. 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). No objections.

Clerk informed the meeting that a planning complaint has been made to DDC by a resident in Church Street regarding further development in the field to the left of the junction with Butter Street. The PC has been copied in on this complain.

7. Highways and Footpaths:

An email has been received by Cllr Jarred regarding cutting back trees on Holt Street and is awaiting DDC response.

8. Playground, Playing Field and Pond:

The goal posts have now been removed and all are happy with the new contract grounds maintenance contract since first cut.

9. Annual Meeting

1st May 2024 – all councillors agreed to supply nibbles and Cllr Plumptre will supply the wine.

10. Matters arising not on the agenda:

- Two enquiries have been received regarding increase in precept and Cllr Jarred will respond.
- Dog poo bin next to pond was raised as constantly overflowing. Clerk to contact DDC to see if a bigger bin can be installed.
- Coursing is being undertaken in Parish so Clerk to speak with Kent Police PC.
- Light by mini roundabout at junction of Easole Street is on permanently so Clerk to report to DDC.
- Pond NIBS area and rose arch has garden waste piled there – Cllr Jarred to investigate and resolve.
- Ways of communicating better with residents like email alerts was discussed.

11. Date of next meeting: 1st May 2024 at 7pm in Village Hall, Nonington.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the public at 19:26.

Please note these Minutes remain as draft until they are approved by the Parish Council at their next meeting on 1st May 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