

Norton, Cuckney, Holbeck and Welbeck Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th December 2023

Present:

Councillors N Wright (Chair), S Brailsford, J Cuckson, M Evans, C Marples, G Smith and K Wright.

District Councillor Charles Adams.

Clerk M Welch

There were no members of the public present.

75/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors S Cuckson, J Palmer, H Reynolds and D Wall.

76/23 To Receive and record any Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

77/23 To Approve the Minutes of 9th November 2023

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th November copies of which had been previously circulated to members were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

78/23 To receive any updates on actions since the previous meeting

a) Vacancy

There have been no applications, this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

b) Noticeboards and bench repairs/quotes

Details of noticeboards for Holbeck have been circulated and were discussed. Resolved - Councillor Evans proposed we apply for permission and purchase the boards for Holbeck in white with Parish Council in black writing and the logo to be fitted by Noticeboards Online, seconded by Councillor K Wright and unanimously agreed.

We have permission for the bench in Holbeck and can order it, Councillor Evans offered to take delivery, the clerk was asked to place the order and pass his details on to the company.

The bench in the churchyard was discussed, Councillors agreed it needs permission from Welbeck, letters have been sent asking if this has been done but no reply has been received yet. A quote has been circulated for £390 for a larger bench. Resolved – Councillor Evans proposed we purchase a bench the same size and gift it as a replacement, seconded by Councillor Marples and agreed.

c) Defibrillators

Details of the offer have been circulated, it was unanimously agreed to apply for the one for Holbeck, Councillor J Cuckson offered to take delivery. Councillor Evans will contact an electrician working for another council.

The phone box at Norton was discussed as a possible site, Councillor Evans agreed to contact Welbeck for permission. Councillors agreed they would be happy to take on the phone box.

d) Playpark

Councillors Marples and N Wright have walked round the play park and obtained quotes for the pot hole by the roundabout and removal of the zip wire. The annual report suggested

algae and preservative treatment but the manufacturers say not to do it. Resolved – Councillor Evans proposed we accept the quotes for filling in the hole and taking the zip wire away which will be £2900 plus vat, seconded by Councillor Marples. Councillors agreed to re-purpose the chip bark and ask residents what they would prefer in the area, this will be in the newsletter. If additional funding is needed councillors agreed to use CIL money.

Fire damage to a bench top was discussed

The annual report mentioned rotting timbers in equipment installed in 2011 with a 15-year guarantee, councillors unanimously agreed Councillor Marples should discuss this further with the company.

e) Flag Pole

A site map has been circulated to councillors. Resolved – Councillor Evans proposed this be submitted, seconded by Councillor K Wright, councillors would also be happy to support it if it needed to be adjacent to the suggested site.

f) Newsletter

Prices and a draft have been circulated, the Chairman explained that the prices fluctuate monthly but work out about £110 per run for 350 copies which would be bi-monthly.

Resolved – Councillor Evans proposed this be accepted, seconded by Councillor Smith. Councillors asked for the Welbeck emergency number to be published in the newsletter.

g) Parish Council website/emails/Domain and Parish Logo

Councillor Evans had circulated details and suggested Parish on line which is £250-£800, they would transfer items across from our website and set up .gov emails. Resolved – Councillor J Cuckson proposed this be accepted, seconded by Councillor K Wright.

There have been three good submissions for the logo, councillors agreed to wait until January and to run it on Facebook so that residents can vote for their choice.

h) Millenium Piece

Councillor Smith has priced the cherry trees which are £40 each for bare rooted trees that can be planted by February she proposed we purchase them, seconded by the Chairman, councillors unanimously agreed she could buy and arrange to plant them.

i) Snow Wardens

An application has been received from a resident offering to become a snow warden, Councillor Evans proposed he be added to the list, seconded by Councillor K Wright and all councillors agreed, details will be submitted.

79/23 The meeting was suspended for public contributions and/or from The PCSO and County and District Councillors.

District Councillor Adams reported that he has had business meetings across the district to discuss grants, apprenticeship schemes and costs. He has been to discussions about the bike and boot development and Bassetlaws expectations, community infrastructure payments were also discussed. The wedding licence at Cuckney House will provide more jobs.

80/23 Financial Report

a) To approve the accounts and budget statements for November

The accounts and budget statements are now available to councillors and were approved. Councillor Smith asked for help with the accounts package and Councillor Evans offered go through it with her.

b) To approve the payments for December 2023

Payments for December were approved

Salaries £1224.95

EON £363.08

Printer maintenance £13.44

N Wright Mower £236.47

LA Morton Newsletter £179.02

M Welch Expenses £29.95

M Evans WIX £16.80

c) Bank – Signatories/ Bank Card

The Chairman has been confirmed by the bank as a signatory, the other two are still being processed.

Councillor Evans proposed we obtain a bank card, the clerk had reservations. Resolved the clerk was asked to apply to Unity for a bank card and if not possible to set up a small account with Lloyds, seconded by Councillor K Wright.

d) Precept

Details have not been received from Bassetlaw yet so it will be discussed at the next meeting. Councillors asked for Newsletter, noticeboards in Cuckney, defibrillator and events to be added and training increased.

e) Clerk's salary payments

The clerk asked to change the standing order payment to manual, councillors unanimously agreed.

81/23 To Discuss New Business

a) Events advisory group

The Chairman proposed we set up an events advisory group with a couple of councillors and villagers to arrange events for D-Day, well dressing, remembrance and other events, seconded Councillor K Wright and all agreed. Councillor N and K Wright offered to be representatives and councillors not at this meeting will also be asked. Councillor Smith asked for terms of reference for this group, Councillor Evans agreed to write these.

b) Training

Details of training courses have been circulated and Councillors Marples and K Wright would like to attend the new councillor course, Councillor N Wright the Chairman course on 29th January and Councillor Marples the Finance course for councillors on 25th January. Resolved – Councillor Evans proposed these places be booked, seconded by Councillor J Cuckson and all agreed.

82/23 To review and approve any policies

a) Document Retention Policy – Councillor Evans proposed this be accepted, seconded by Councillor Brailsford and agreed.

83/23 To review and comment upon any Planning Applications received

There were no new applications.

An email update was discussed.

84/23 To receive reports from any other meetings attended VWA

The VWA have an Abba night arranged.

85/23 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults

There are lots of pot holes around, Councillors reported that the hole in the pavement has been filled today.

86/23 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

Correspondence has been circulated.

CIL details have been received.

87/23 Date and time and venue of the next Parish Council meeting –11th January 2024, 7pm. in the Education Room at Harley.

The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.