

Norton, Cuckney, Holbeck and Welbeck Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2023

Present:

Councillors S Brailsford, J Cuckson, S Cuckson, M Evans, J Palmer, H Reynolds, G Smith, D Wall and N Wright.

Clerk M Welch

There were two members of the public present.

66/23 (a) Election of Chairman

Councillor Palmer nominated Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Evans. Councillor Reynolds nominated Councillor J Cuckson, seconded by Councillor S Cuckson. There was a vote and Councillor Wright was elected as Chairman.

63/23 Apologies

There were no apologies.

Councillor N Wright proposed a vote of thanks to Lee-Ann for her service and commitment to the community.

64/23 To Receive and record any Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Evans declared an interest in staff pay.

65/23 To Approve the Minutes of 12th October 2023

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th October copies of which had been previously circulated to members were discussed. Councillor Evans stated he had not agreed to purchase the poppy wreaths, the minutes were then confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

66/23 To receive any updates on actions since the previous meeting Election of Chairman

a) **Election of Chairman** – Councillors had agreed to move this to the top of the agenda.

b) Vacancies

Two applications for co-option have been received. Resolved – Councillor Evans proposed that Conor Marples and Kelvin Wright be co-opted onto the council, seconded by Councillor Palmer and agreed.

c) Councillor responsibilities

Play area – Councillor Palmer explained he used to do the regular checks when he lived near the play area. Councillor Marples offered to take this responsibility on.

Benches – The bench needs ordering for Holbeck and delivery arranged, the clerk will check the current price and the price of bolts which would need fitting, The clerk was asked to check if Bassetlaw can arrange fitting.

Salt – This has been delivered as requested. Councillor Palmer is happy to transport this and refill the bins, there was discussion on storage for any remaining salt. It was reported that lockable salt bins are also available.

Mower – Details will be passed on.

d) Noticeboards and bench repair.

The quote for noticeboards had previously been received although permission still needs to be obtained and the order placed, the clerk will check the current prices.

e) Defibrillators – offer

Councillors discussed the email received offering a defibrillator for Holbeck. Resolved – Councillor Wall proposed if the defibrillator has a cabinet we accept the offer asking for clarification of the details and this was unanimously agreed.

f) Playpark – quote

The quote previously obtained for £29,975.13 was discussed. Councillors C Marples, J Palmer and N Wright agreed to look into this further, the clerk will pass on details of other companies.

g) Review of 3 Action Plan 2016-2019

This was deferred.

h) Jubilee Community Garden in Cuckney

The previous chairman had been speaking to Derek about the area on Bakers Lane, the chairman will check the current position on this.

i) Car Park – Committee to present all the options with their recommendation

Councillor Palmer reported that the meeting has not been held yet as there is still no response from education, the committee will chase this up.

j) D-Day

The clerk has received a reply saying nothing has been arranged by Welbeck.

Councillor Palmer proposed the Chairman write to Mrs Alison Parente, this was unanimously agreed.

k) Remembrance

The poppies on the street lights have been put up and councillors agreed to take them down and store them afterwards.

The clerk was asked to try and obtain two poppy wreaths for Sunday, Councillor Marples will lay the wreath at the church.

l) Flag Poles

The reply received had been circulated and councillors asked for a further letter to be sent specifically referring to the power under the highways act and asking the county council to put it up.

m) Newsletter

The newsletter was discussed in detail, Councillor Evans proposed we ask Lee-Ann to do the next edition and that she should be paid for the 16 hours, seconded by Councillor Reynolds and agreed. The Chairman offered to edit and collate a newsletter but it would need to be printed, details will be obtained and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

n) Street Lights

A reply from Welbeck had been circulated and the clerk was asked to complete the transfer forms.

The meeting was not suspended for public contributions and/or from The PCSO and County and District Councillors.

67/23 Financial Report

a) To approve the accounts and budget statements for October

The accounts and budget statements had been circulated to councillors and were approved.

b) To approve the payments for November 2023

Payments for November were approved

Salaries	£2012.94
L Morton	£12.16
Welbeck	£60.00
Play Inspection	£132.00

c) Bank – Signatories

The forms have been submitted and the clerk reported a problem with Councillor Wrights form which has now been resolved. Councillor Evans proposed Councillor Marples also be added as a signatory, this was agreed.

d) Salaries – Details received from NALC have been circulated and it was noted that the first salary point has been removed putting the handyman on SCP 2. Resolved – Councillor Wall proposed the new rates be backdated to April as recommended, this was unanimously agreed.

68/23 To Discuss New Business

a) Historical Grants

This is no longer applicable.

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

This was discussed and will be looked into and discussed further at the next meeting. Councillor Evans will get quotes and in the meantime Councillor Evans offered for the renewal payment to be taken monthly from his card and he will reclaim it.

c) Millenium Piece

Councillor Smith reported how beautiful the garden is and suggested we put in one or two more trees. The tree applied for previously for the jubilee was never received and the clerk was asked to chase this up. Councillor Palmer proposed the tree be replaced, Councillor Smith offered purchase another tree to be planted in the garden, this was agreed.

d) Christmas Tree Festival

Councillor Reynolds has a tree and decorations that can be used this year. Councillors agreed to give publicity to the event, Councillor Palmer will do a notice for Facebook.

69/23 To review and approve any policies

a) Training and Development Policy – Councillor Evans proposed this be accepted, seconded by Councillor Palmer and agreed.

70/23 To review and comment upon any Planning Applications received

There were no applications.

71/23 To receive reports from any other meetings attended VWA

The VWA have had their AGM and are reapplying for charity status. There is a small fundraising group and there are plans for three major events next year.

72/23 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults

A hole by the grit bin and two faulty lights have been reported.

Councillor Palmer was disappointed in the response from Ben Bradley as we have already had meetings with the district councillor. Councillor Evans reported that Ben Bradley has offered to attend a joint meeting with Nether Langwith. Councillors agreed that another letter should be sent explaining that we have had meetings with Nigel Turner and VIA they are already involved.

Councillor Palmer reported on the increase in fly tipping around the Parish and proposed a letter be sent to Stephen Brown, councillors agreed, Councillor Palmer will draft the main points and send them to the clerk.

73/23 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

Correspondence has been circulated.

74/23 Date and time and venue of the next Parish Council meeting –14th December 2023, 7pm. in the Education Room at Harley.

The meeting closed at 20.50 p.m.