

Norton, Cuckney, Holbeck and Welbeck Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th October 2023

Present:

Councillors S Brailsford, J Cuckson, M Evans, L-A Morton, H Reynolds G Smith, and N Wright.
District Councillor Adams.
Clerk M Welch

There was one member of the public.

50/23 Apologies

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

51/23 To Receive and record any Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Evans declared an interest in D-Day and Councillors Brailsford, Evans, Smith and Wright for VWA.

52/23 To Approve the Minutes of 14th September 2023

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September copies of which had been previously circulated to members were discussed and then confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

53/23 At this point the meeting was suspended for public contributions and/or from The PCSO and County and District Councillors.

Jack Healy and David Cannie were welcomed to the meeting to discuss the houses and sales. Some tenants have been written to and it was confirmed that properties won't be sold with tenants in them, there are no plans for more letters to be sent out. When asked about the empty properties they explained that everything has slowed down due to Cuckney House. Councillors were asked why they thought residents went to them rather than Welbeck directly and councillors were asked to encourage residents to please approach Welbeck who have a team dedicated to support tenants, all want a good landlord/tenant relationship. Thanks were given to Welbeck regarding a damp problem in a property which was reported as being dealt with really well and another example of good repair was also discussed.

District Councillor Adams saw Cuckney House mentioned on Mr Clarke-Smiths Facebook website. The speed of traffic was discussed on the A60 as there have been further incidents. There has been no reply from Ben Bradley as yet, Councillor Evans will chase this up.

54/23 To receive any updates on actions since the previous meeting

a) Noticeboards and bench repair.

Derek has put the base in the wrong place, Councillors discussed moving it and whether a full concrete base be installed at a cost of £80. Resolved – Councillor J Cuckson proposed this be accepted, seconded by Councillor Evans and all agreed.

Councillor Brailsford reported that a bench in the churchyard put in by the Parish Council is in a bad condition and dangerous. Councillors agreed this should initially be raised with the PCC and then be readdressed.

b) Defibrillators

Councillor Evans had circulated details of a £750 grant available. Resolved – Councillor Evans proposed he apply for the three defibrillators, seconded by Councillor Wright and unanimously agreed.

c) Playpark

The clerk reported that inspection has not yet taken place.

d) Review of 3 Action Plan 2016-2019

Councillor Smith has circulated documents which were discussed councillors agreed she should carry on with the document.

e) Jubilee Community Garden in Cuckney

The Chairman has asked Derek about the work to be done in the garden and will look into it further. Councillor Wright apologised for the late notice for the spooky spectacular to be held in the garden on 19th October.

f) Car Park

The grant application submitted to Bassetlaw by VWA for the car park was discussed in detail and it was confirmed that it will not involve the Parish Council. Resolved – Councillor J Cuckson proposed that for the retrospective work this was the best use of the grant money available to the Parish Council, seconded by Councillor Reynolds and agreed. The clerk was asked to advise Will Wilson at Bassetlaw of the decision.

g) Welbeck properties

All councillors were happy with this and the clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Jack Healy and David Cannie.

h) D-Day

The beacon is not available, the clerk was asked to write to Ross Owen at Welbeck to see if they are planning anything for D -Day now with the holiday lets.

i) Remembrance

Councillors agreed to order 60 lamp post poppies for a donation of £200.

j) Flag Poles

Councillor Evans reported that the Highways Act 1980 section 144 allows flagpoles to be erected on highways. Resolved – Councillor Evans proposed the clerk write to highways requesting permission for a flagpole at the highway junction next to the community garden, this was unanimously agreed.

55/23 Financial Report

a) To approve the accounts and budget statements for September

The accounts and budget statements using the new accounts package had been circulated to councillors and were approved.

b) To approve the payments for October 2023

Payments for October were approved

Salaries	£1120.38
L Morton (Paper)	£13.40
S Pemberton	£18.00
SLCC Membership	£88.50
Bench	£414
Derek (Bench base)	£80
Lengthsman brush	£6.45 plus an 18" large brush head
Strimmer head	£37.89
Printer cartridges	£37.98

An invoice has been received from Eon along with a form for transfer of business. Councillors agreed to ask Councillor Wall to look into this further as it is believed he sorted this previously then the form for transfer should be completed.

c) Bank – Account and Signatories

The clerk had circulated Unity banks interest rates and had been unable to find better. Resolved – the Chairman proposed we stay with Unity bank, add Councillors Evans and Wright as signatories and transfer money except the precept to the Deposit Account, this was unanimously agreed. Councillors thanked the clerk for the transition of the accounts.

56/23 To Discuss New Business

a) Winter Service

It was agreed that Councillors J Cuckson, Morton, Palmer, Reynolds and Wright be snow wardens along with S Pemberton.

b) Planters

Councillor Smith proposed the planters in Norton are looking tired and should be removed and looked at again in spring, all councillors agreed. It was suggested permission be looked into in December ready for new tubs to be planted in spring and also replanting of the Holbeck tub. The Chairman will ask a resident if he can remove them.

c) Empty Houses

This has been dealt with.

57/23 To review and approve any policies

a) Data Protection – this was agreed.

b) Safeguarding – this was agreed.

58/23 To review and comment upon any Planning Applications received

23/01049/COU Change of use from residential to commercial Berberis Lodge Worksop Road Holbeck – no objections

23/01173/TPO Works to tree with TPO fell lime tree – Rowan House, Budby Road, Cuckney – councillors agreed to object as in the previous application because it is a healthy tree although they are open to other options not removing the tree.

23/01174/TPO Reduction of beech tree - Rowan House, Budby Road, Cuckney – no objections

59/23 To receive reports from any other meetings attended VWA

The AGM will be held at the end of the month.

60/23 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults

These have been reported.

61/23 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

Logo, website, Millenium Piece, Christmas Tree Festival.

62/23 Date and time and venue of the next Parish Council meeting –9th November 2023, 7pm.

In the Education Room at Harley.

The meeting closed at 21.14 p.m.