

Norton, Cuckney, Holbeck and Welbeck Parish Council

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

Present:

Councillors S Brailsford, J Cuckson, S Cuckson, M Evans, L-A Morton, J Palmer, G Smith, D Wall, and N Wright.

County Councillor Turner and District Councillor Adams.

Clerk M Welch

37/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors H Reynolds and J Reynolds

A letter of resignation has been received from Councillor Statham-Waring.

38/23 To Receive and record any Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

39/23 To Approve the Minutes of 13th July 2023

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July copies of which had been previously circulated to members were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

40/23 At this point the meeting was suspended for public contributions and/or from The PCSO and County and District Councillors.

Apologies were received from Welbeck who had offered to come to the October meeting instead, councillors agreed to invite them.

District Councillor Adams reported that he was trying to improve communications within the ward, new masts are being looked into and he hopes to do an audit.

County Councillor Turner reported on the devolution deal which has been structured but not fully finalised yet, the mayoral selection commences in the next few days.

Councillor Palmer asked about the possibility of Ben Bradley attending a council meeting, the clerk was asked to send a letter inviting Ben Bradley and Neil Clarke to a meeting to discuss ongoing issues.

41/23 To receive any updates on actions since the previous meeting

a) Noticeboards and bench repairs

The Chairman has not managed to organise the noticeboards as we need the landowners permission and to write to the people opposite for permission. The bench by the church in Cuckney will need permission, we have now received permission for the Holbeck bench. Derek will put the concrete base down but cannot do it for two weeks.

A letter has been received requesting a memorial bench for his wife to be installed in Holbeck. Resolved – Councillors unanimously agreed he should contact the PCC to sponsor one in the churchyard as we no longer sponsor benches. If he wishes to plant a tree in memory of his wife we may be able to assist.

b) Defibrillators

An email received from a resident about a ceremony was discussed and decided against. The clerk was asked to write thanking the resident for their offer explaining that the new council have made the decision not to put up plaques, all councillors agreed.

The Chairman suggested Green Vision could be approached for a quote for the electrics.

Councillor Evans reported on a Community Fund grant aimed at rural communities. Resolved – Councillor Evans proposed we express our interest in providing a defibrillator for each of our villages once the fund opens fully, seconded by the Chairman with all councillors in favour.

c) Playpark – birds

An email from a resident suggesting spikes had been circulated and was discussed.

The Chairman had a quote for flooring for £29975 but funding would be needed. Councillor Palmer explained we do not know the lease situation either. The annual inspection is due soon so it was agreed to wait. Grants may be available from the County Council or Sports England.

d) Review of 3 Action Plan 2016-2019

There has been no feedback from the Newsletter so Councillor Smith offered to prepare a document to be circulated and discussed. Councillor Morton proposed this offer be accepted seconded by Councillors Wright.

e) Jubilee Community Garden in Cuckney – offer of funding

A report from Councillor Wright had been circulated, the Women of Welbeck have invited the garden to apply for funding. Councillor Wright suggested they be approached to make the unsightly alcove better. Resolved – Councillors agreed that Councillor Wright obtain a quote from Derek and apply for the funding.

Councillor Morton had circulated details of mowers Councillor Evans proposed the Hawksmoor one be purchased, seconded by Councillor J Cuckson.

f) HR Committee Meeting

The last meeting was postponed.

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

Councillor Palmer circulated an interim report to councillors explaining that they were not in a position to do this in a short space of time, the lease needs agreeing.

Welbeck will satisfy planners by commencing work, a reply is needed from Nottinghamshire County Council and it was been agreed to extend the decision to January.

h) Street Lights

An email received had been circulated and was discussed. Councillor J Cuckson queried the lights referred to in Welbeck's reply and wondered about having them disconnected. Resolved - Councillor J Cuckson proposed a reply be sent to Welbeck in view of the letter, seconded by Councillor Evans and agreed.

42/23 Financial Report

a) To approve the accounts and budget statements for August

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

b) To approve the payments for September 2023

Payments for September were approved

D Buck £30

S Pemberton £18

L Morton Paper £9.50

Welbeck £60

Salaries £1120.38

N Wright £119 and £247.72

c) Accounts Package

The clerk reported that this would actually cost £72 a year and she has arranged a 3 month free trial as previously agreed. Councillor Evans proposed this be accepted, seconded by Councillor Wright and agreed.

d) First Responders

This had previously been discussed.

e) Audit – Councillors agreed not to opt-out of central procurement.

f) Bank – Account and Signatories

Councillor Evans suggested the council look at other bank accounts paying interest and not charging. Councillors asked the clerk to get details of the HSBC account for discussion at the next meeting.

43/23 To Discuss New Business

a) Welbeck properties

Councillors discussed the sale of properties and the need to reassure tenants. It was agreed that questions from councillors should be sent to the clerk by 1st October to be passed on to Welbeck.

b) D-Day

D-day beacons were discussed. Resolved – Councillor Morton proposed the clerk write to the Chairman of the board of Directors at Langwith Society Charity asking if we can use their beacon, this was agreed.

c) Remembrance

Wreaths and poppies were discussed. Resolved – Councillor E Evans proposed we buy two poppy wreaths details will be sent to the clerk, seconded by Councillor J Cuckson.

Councillors agreed to use the woollen poppies in small areas and to purchase plastic ones for lamp posts, councillors will let the clerk know how many need purchasing.

d) Flag Poles

This was deferred to the next meeting.

e) Open Space Audit

Councillor Smith offered to prepare the information with the clerk then to submit this to Bassetlaw on behalf of the Council, this was agreed.

f) Training

Councillors Morton and Smith had requested places on the training course and have been accepted.

g) Mansfield Local District Plan Review

Councillors had no comments.

h) Bassetlaw Local Plan

Details had been circulated, councillors agreed not to comment.

i) Winter Service

Details have been circulated offering 5 free bags. Resolved – Councillor Morton proposed the clerk write asking for 5 bags for each area, all councillors agreed.

j) Bassetlaw Grant

The clerk reported on the grant linked to the Neighbourhood plan as she has not been able to find a record of the Parish Council applying for it. Councillor Wright clarified that it was VWA that have applied for it and that it should be paid to them and not the Parish Council who have not yet agreed to the car park.

44/23 To review and approve any policies

There were no policies.

45/23 To review and comment upon any Planning Applications received

23/00978/CAT Coppers Budby Road Cuckney – replace tree – there were no objections.

23/00983/RES Welbeck Colliery Reserve matters – there were no objections.

23/01012/FUL Clumber Cottage and Little Cottage Clumber Lane Clumber Park Worksop – oil heating system – there were no objections.

– there were no objections.

23/01025 Cliveden Cottage tree works there were no objections.

46/23 To receive reports from any other meetings attended VWA

There was nothing to report.

47/23 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults

Pot holes are being repaired.

48/23 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

The clerk was asked to put Flagpole, Historical Grants, Parish Council website/emails and Parish Logo on the next agenda.

49/23 Date and time and venue of the next Parish Council meeting – 12th October 2023, 7pm.

In the Education Room at Harley.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.