**Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Christie Hall**

**Held on Thursday 6th July 2023 for the purpose of transacting the business detailed below.**

**Present:**

Cllr M Beuttell (Chair) Cllr I Turner Cllr M Riddington

Cllr M Bradshaw Cllr J Wright Cllr E Engel

Parish Clerk Charlie Newman

9 members of the public were present.

**Business Discussed**

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| **1** | **Opening of meeting.** Cllr Beuttell welcomed everyone to the meeting. |
| **2** | **Apologies for Absence.** To receive and accept apologies for absence – Cllr Price |
| **3** | **Declaration of Interest in Business to be Transacted.** To receive declarations of interest – person and/or prejudicial and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda.  |
| **3.1** | Cllr Bradshaw – Planning Permission for 45 Church Lane |
| **3.2** | Cllr Wright – Reference to Local Plan |
| **4** | **Public Forum.** To allow any member of the public to address the council.  Time limited to 10 minutes:   |
| **4.1** | **Yellow line painting** **on Old Great North Road.** Cllr Beuttell walked the route that day and has informed the meeting that it is expected to be completed in the next 2-3 weeks.  |
| **4.2** | **Local Plan.** Parishioners and Cllrs encouraged to monitor submissions with input requested in due course. With no further actions required at this stage |
| **4.3** | **Speeding** **and traffic management.** Large volume of traffic through the village above speed limit. Other villages in the area have speed management furniture e.g. speed bumps chicanes. Cllr Beuttell explained that putting in traffic management measures is costly and takes time but options will be explored during a walkaround with new Local Highways Officer**Action:** Cllr Beuttell to discuss line painting and traffic management options throughout the parish with Local Highways Officer**Action:** Cllr Beuttell to request the recent statistics of the police who attended to do speed camera observations in to the village.  |
| **4.4** | **Bridge Closure.** Various parishioners noted that there has been a lack of communication about the planned closure of the bridge. Some parishioners had received a letter to notify them of this. Expecting the fallen wall at the bottom of the bridge to be restored during this work.  |
| **5** | **Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Minutes of 18th May 2023 meeting were approved and signed (normal and annual minutes).  |
| **5.1** | **Matters arising from above minutes.** |
| **5.1.1** | **Action:** Cllr Beuttell to continue to investigate noticeboard options |
| **5.1.2** | **Update:** Children’s play area. Proposed land for play area in Stibbington is owned by HDC.**Action:** Cllr Beuttell to continue exploring viability |
| **5.1.3** | **Pura fuels appeal rejected.**  |
| **5.1.4** | **Overgrown hedges.** Cllr Beuttell walked the affected area with a resident and noted that shrub growth is preventing pedestrian access. Deadfall branches also noted in the Roman Drive area which should also be assessed to see what can be done. **Action:** Cllr Turner to write to residents concerned to come to a resolution. |
| **6** | **To authorise the Following Orders for Payment:** |
| **6.1** | Charlie Newman – Clerks time and expenses - £173.95 - payment authorised |
| **6.2** | Clerk Training Course - £250.00 – payment authorised |
| **6.3** | Internal Auditor - £150.00 - payment authorised |
| **6.4** | Wansford Parish Council – Coronation contribution - £750 - payment authorised |
| **7** | **Planning Applications (New):** |
| **7.1** | 45 Church Lane Stibbington Peterborough (ref 23/00983/HHFUL). No objection |
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| **8** | **Correspondence from residents:**Parishioner not in attendance sent correspondence with reference to grass cutting, the mast, oak tree, book swap shop and queries about defib codes. **Action:** C Newman to draft respond to parishioner on these points.  |
| **9** | **General Correspondence:** |
| **9.1** | Paddleboards, inflatables and non-motorised vessels on the water. Signs have been erected at river access / egress points which highlight the need to be a licence holder to use such vessels. **Action:** Cllr Beuttell to share more signs for other areas other than the Wansford bridge  |
| **9.2** | Concerns over breach of planning permission at 81 Elton Road. HDC in contact re planning |
| **9.3** | No further action taken to support Campaign to Protect Rural England |
| **9.4** | **Community Ownership Fund.** A call to all residents to consider if there are any worthy applications for this fund. Please share with Parish Clerk for further consideration |
| **9.5** | Parishioners have reported that some form of rubber belting on New Lane (Nr. Old Petrol Station) has been left but ground maintenance teams continue to work around the waste instead of removing it. **Action:** Cllr Beuttell to highlight during village walkaround with new Local Highways Officer. |
| **10** | **Questions from Councillors:** |
| **10.1** | Cllr Turner – Incident observed in the days prior to Parish council meeting whereby a resident refused to reverse on the bridge when met with on-coming traffic. It was reported that the resident left and locked the vehicle which therefore led for the bridge to be blocked. Safety concerns for access by emergency services were raised.  |
| **10.2** | Cllr Turner – Complaints made regarding fire in the Yarwell area – not natural waste due to dark black smoke. Further investigations will be made |
| **10.3** | A smashed drain has been observed by Church lane by old bus stop. **Action:** Cllr Engel to visit and follow up |
| **10.4** | Cllr Beuttell - shared news that as of April 2024 HDC are introducing an annual charge for green bins at a cost of £57.50 a year. Various concerns were raised about the introduction of this charge including. Unable to pay monthly, those without green bins would likely end up putting green waste in black bin, queries on how the collected green waste would be disposed of by HDC, potential to increase fly tipping. |
| **10.5** | Cllr Engel – Confirmed that he is in the process of applying for large poppies for remembrance day displays throughout the village.  |
| **11** | **Date of Next Meeting:**Cllr Beuttell thanked everyone for attending – next meeting scheduled for Thursday 7th September 2023 in the Christie Hall commencing at 7pm.  |