



Pudding Norton & Testerton Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday 8 July 2021, 6.30pm, The Gallow

Parish Councillors present: Patricia Ainger (Chairman), Vivien Woods, Nigel Housden (District & Parish Councillor). Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk), there were no members of the public.

1. Welcome and receive apologies for absence
The Chairman welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from Michael Ainger. Pamela Brett (Vice Chairman). Apologies accepted.
2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations
Cllr P Ainger declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.1. It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Ainger a dispensation to participate in the consideration of item 7.1
3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 6 May 2021
The minutes were approved without amendment.
4. To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting
There were none.
5. To receive reports from Local PC, NCC Cllr & NNDC Cllr, if attending
Cllr Nigel Housden (District Councillor)
The Parklands site will be going up for sale. An offer was received back in 2019, but by then covid 19 had an effect and delay on proceedings. The offer last received was from an organisation that has other mobile home sites, which are run well. Cllr Housden has proposed that NNDC revisit this original offer, however due to guidelines the sale must be promoted on the open market again. Cllr Housden had also suggested holding a residents' meeting to highlight any issues or concerns that could then be resolved prior to a sale.
Councillors agreed it would be a good idea to meet to go through the process and possibilities. Clerk to circulate a letter to Parklands residents to gauge interest. Clerk to liaise with NNDC members and request that decision makers attend the meeting. Clerk to confirm contact details with Cllr Housden.
Cllr Woods suggested that any tenders could be pitched to the residents and councillors, and then following the residents meeting to meet with the preferred purchaser.
It was also discussed that if residents formed a limited company they could be considered as a potential buyer if residents were interested in doing this. Cllr Housden and the Clerk to mention this option to NNDC in the first instance.
6. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public
There were none.

7. Open Spaces

7.1 Discuss any issues and receive update on the Parklands

The Clerk will request that the Parish Council and / or residents receive advance notification of contractors or NNDC officers attending site in future.

NNDC Letter

A letter has been circulated to Parklands residents informing them that NNDC are seeking to sell the site. A contact number has been made available within the letter, for residents that may have questions or concerns. Please see item 5 above.

NNDC Report below:-

From looking it appears that the following has been carried out since April:

May 2021

- No.29 had a faulty electricity supply which our electrician attended. However, no major fault was found, and the electricity was/is working normally.
- Our contractor visited to repair a residents shed.

June 2021

- The drain at the laundry block was blocked. This was cleared.
- Laundry block gutters were cleared.
- Our contractor visited following reports of a water leak. This was repaired. There could be a second visit required to undertake further repairs.

7.1.1 Streetlight at the top car park update

No update received.

7.1.2 Traffic mirror update

No update received.

7.2 Discuss any issues and receive an update on the Green Lane Estate

7.2.1 Receive update on the potholes.

The potholes have now been repaired.

7.3 Village Gateways update

7.3.1 Agree a letter to distribute to parishioners notifying them of the village gateways.

The invitation to bid has now been received.

Clerk has drafted a letter to residents for the information and consultation regarding the Village Gateways. The letter will be delivered by hand.

It was also discussed and agreed that the road traffic act should be changed to allow a speed reduction on Dereham Road. This would also benefit other rural roads nationwide.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 To receive results of applications

PF/21/0855 | Fakenham Sports Centre, The Racecourse, Pudding Norton

Raised deck to existing outside seating area.

PC comment – Supports | NNDC decision – Approved.

8.2 To receive and consider new applications
PF/21/1430 | Barn At, The Hall, Dereham Road, Pudding Norton, Norfolk
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9. To receive and consider correspondence
 Letter from Barclays bank regarding changes to their T&C's – made available to view.
 Letter from NNDC regarding selling the Parklands site – discussed in item 5.

10. Financial matters

10.1 To approve the payment of accounts list
 The Council RESOLVED to approve the payments list (below)

Pudding Norton Parish Council payment of accounts list (Payments to be made by cheque)			
Payment to	Description	Chq No.	Payment
J Bond	Salary (Apr – Jul)	100404	459.76
Hempton PC	Clerk mobile, laptop, stationery expenses	101405	24.23
Fakenham Sports Centre	Hall Hire	101406	20.00
Total payments to be approved			£503.99
Receipt from	Description		
Barclays Bank	Interest	DC	0.14
Total payments received			£0.14

11. Receive update on progress with the proposed Merger with Hempton Parish Council
 Following an email from Rob Henry, the merger may not be formalised until 2022 or the 2023 elections. Clerk to organise a meeting with NNDC to discuss this further and request the merger is finalised by the end of 2021 as originally estimated.

12. Consider and agree archived documents to be stored at the Norfolk Records Office
 Following discussion, the Council RESOLVED to archive historic documents at the Norfolk Records Office. Clerk to action.

13. To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda and note the date of the next meeting
 Next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 September 2021 at 6pm.
 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: