



Pudding Norton & Testerton Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday 12 November 2020, 6pm, via video conferencing

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

1. Welcome and receive apologies for absence

No apologies received.

2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations

Cllr P Ainger and M Ainger declared a pecuniary interest in item 8.1

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillors a dispensation to participate in the consideration of item 8.1

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 10 September 2020

The minutes were approved without amendment.

4. To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting

The installation of the new parish notice board on Dereham Road has now been carried out.

5. To fill a parish councillor vacancy by co-option

The Council RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Nigel Housden and Mr Tom FitzPatrick onto the Council. The Clerk will arrange signing the declaration of acceptance of office.

6. To receive reports from Local PC, NCC Cllr & NNDC Cllr, if attending

The police newsletter is available to view on the website.

NNDC report from Cllr Nigel Housden

- There is a new dedicated website to report fly tipping.
- Recent reports have been received from residents regarding issues with their electricity bills. Cllr Housden has spoken with them and hopes the issues are now resolved.
- Consolidation of speed limits in the area are being requested to be incorporated into the plans with the proposed roundabout work. Planning consultation should be received by next month.

NCC report from Cllr Tom FitzPatrick to follow.

7. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public

None present.

8. Open Spaces

- Clerk has reported the pot holes outside the main entrance to Park lands to Victory Housing who have identified the problem and have repair works scheduled.
- Clerk has reported the overgrowth in front of the flashing sign on the A1065 bend.

8.1 Parklands update

Clerk had requested that a letter be sent to NNDC to ask residents to keep speed down and use the one-way system properly and refrain from making excessive noise. No response has yet been received from NNDC.

8.2 Consider project for the Parish Partnership Scheme Fund

Clerk has requested Highways Engineer to visit site and recommend and confirm the permitted size a position of the gateways. Clerk will then proceed with application to the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme application as agreed.

8.3 Discuss proposed roundabout in Hempton

Clerk had circulated a copy of the plan with proposed roundabout on Dereham Road crossroads to Councillors. Following discussion it was agreed that the Council will request for the speed limit to be reduced from 40mph to 30mph on Dereham Road, Pudding Norton and for this to be considered and carried out in conjunction with planned works.

9. Planning Matters

Green Lane Estate, Pudding Norton

PF/20/0869 | Proposed clubhouse Tennis Club adjacent Fakenham Sports Centre

PC Comment - neutral. NNDC decision - Approved

10. Correspondence

Clerks & Councils direct magazine.

NCC budget consultation email.

Letter from TT Jones regarding electrical apparatus testing.

NCC boundary commission consultation email.

11. Finance

11.1 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
TT Jones	Street light maintenance	100387	£100.58
Hempton PC	Clerk mobile and stationery expenses	100386	£15.37
Total payments to be approved			£115.95
Receipt from	Description		
NNDC	Precept (2 nd instalment)	DC	£2500
Barclays	Interest	DC	£0.76
Total payments received			£2500.76

- 11.2 To review and approve the budget and set the precept for 2021/22
The figures were discussed. It was considered, following Cllr Housden's suggestion, and AGREED to allow a sum of £200 to cover additional hours anticipated to be worked, by the Clerk, for the merger of Councils. It was AGREED that this cost would be met with existing reserves. The precept was agreed to be set at £5000 which represents no increase.
- 11.3 To consider a new laptop for the Clerk
It was discussed and agreed that a new laptop will be rented from Hughes Electrical at an agreed proportionately split monthly cost of £3.50 approx.

- 12. Receive update on progress with the proposed Merger with Hempton Parish Council**
Cllr Housden has met with Steve Blatch and Rob Henry to progress this. It is expected to take approx a year to complete. Cllr Housden is awaiting further information. Further update to follow.

- 13. To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda**
There were none.

- 14. To note the date of the next parish council meeting**
Next meeting will be Thursday 14 January 2021 at 6pm.
Meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: