

## NETHER HEYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes Nether Heyford Parish Council Meeting, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Baptist Church Rooms, The Green.**

**Present**

S Corner	AM Collins	L Dilkes	L Eales	P Green
M Brassett	N Haynes	C Kiloh (in the chair)	A Williams	
Cllr Bignell SNC.		Cllr Harries SNC.	G. Ravine (clerk)	2 members of the public

1. **To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence.** Cllr A Brown NCC
2. **To Invite Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. Register of Interests Update. None.
4. **Public Participation.** Mr Illot reported that Community Speed Watch had been in touch again, but that there were not enough volunteers at this stage. He also reported that Bugbrooke Medical centre were telling patients that they needed to get blood samples taken at the general hospital when it appears that it can still be done at Bugbrooke. Mrs Reeves reported that the jitties were untidy.  
Cllr Bignell SNC reported that SNC had had a very successful peer revue exercise.
5. **To confirm and sign minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Resolved.** Minutes were accepted as a true record. Chairman duly signed minutes and agenda.
6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES;** None.
7. **To co-opt new Councillors.** No candidates. It was felt that due to constant unfounded criticism, and ill-informed speculation, from some quarters in the Prattler that the Parish Council had a poor reputation with some parishioners. It was felt that the PC were failing to ensure villagers were accurately informed of the achievements and successes of the Parish Council. The ability to work calmly, and sensibly with Local Authorities, and various official bodies to ensure the wellbeing and safety of parishioners: land purchase to improve sports facilities for the village, and Bliss School, had gone unnoticed, as had the complexities surrounding varied ongoing developments within Nether Heyford.
8. **REPORTS**
  1. **Lighting.** Light no 28 on Weedon Rd reported working again.  
Clerk had asked for an overview on lighting improvements and energy saving. Aylesbury mains would attend a meeting to explain current developments to Council. There were various forms of finance available towards the replacement of energy wasteful lights with PLL lighting that cost significantly less to run.
  2. **Roads and pavements.** Generally in poor condition.
  3. **The Green and Play Area.** The Green in reasonable condition. A bench on Bugbrooke Rd had been damaged. Bin outside Play Area damaged. Work on the swings had begun.
  4. **Playing Fields.** No report.
  5. **Trees.** A Cherry tree branch had broken opposite the school. STS to be contacted. The memorial Green Oak had been inspected by STS and was not felt to be diseased. It would be monitored.
  6. **Allotments.** Rent night confirmed at the Youth Club on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 5.30 – 7.00pm. LE and SC to revise Terms and Conditions for sending out with bills. The 12 allotments taken out of commission would be fully cleared and the land “ripped”. Advice would be taken on weedkillers and wildlife friendly procedures, as well as on how to plant and run a community orchard. SC suggested offering refreshments at the rent night with a view to talking to plot holders who might be willing to form a working party. Clerk to write to the plotholder who is expanding a shed.
  7. **Footpaths.** Gate on the footpath from Church lane by Rice’s field rotten. Clerk to report to Rights of way team.
  8. **Churchyard.** Wall to be repaired after Christmas.
  9. **Canal.** MB had reported various issues to the trust.
  10. **Joint Burial Board.** Meeting scheduled provisionally for Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.
  11. **Youth Club.** All going well. Numbers increasing.

**9 Planning.**

S/2017/2801/FUL	River Farm Watling Street	Demolish existing agric building & erection of replacement.	No Objections
S/2017/2753/FUL	10 Church Lane	Single storey rear ext. 1 <sup>st</sup> floor side ext, incl new dormers.	No Objections
S/2017/2633/TCA	Sunnyside 8 The Green	T1 Conifer - Fell	New
S/2017/2590/FUL	20 Wakefield Way	Dormers both sides. Part 2 storey, part 1 storey rear ext.	Pending
S/2017/2515/FUL	Land Rear Denbrook Weedon Rd	Two new dwellings	Pending
S/2017/2484/MAF	Land E of Middle St	Change of use – agric. land to equestrian paddock/ stable block.	Pending
S/2017/2147/FUL	24 Manor Park	Convert garage to habitable space, new detached garage.	Refused

**Resolved.** Comments to be passed to SNC.

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| 10. | <p><b>To consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding the Precept for 2018/19.</b><br/>It was felt that cost of a scroll memorial for the fallen from the World Wars could be taken from reserves, as no costs had been put forward.</p> |
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**Budget figure. Resolved:** It was agreed that the Council's budget for 2016/17 would be £ 72,670 This would be made up of Precept, Income of £2,200 and any shortfall made up from reserves.

**Precept amount. Resolved:** It was agreed that the Council's Precept request would be £70,000, which is a 6.7% decrease from last year.

<b>Suggested Precept 18/19</b>			
<u>Parks /Open Spaces</u>		N Plan	<b>3000</b>
Play Area	<b>2500</b>	Tax Agent	<b>300</b>
Green Mowing	<b>3500</b>	Burial Board	<b>5500</b>
Churchyard/parks	<b>2500</b>	S137 Payments	<b>1000</b>
Playing Field Grass Etc Grant	<b>1750</b>	Church Clock	<b>250</b>
Trees	<b>2000</b>	Youth Club	<b>5500</b>
Seats, bins, signs + Misc	<b>500</b>	Vandalism/Maint	<b>250</b>
Linkman +	<b>4500</b>	Highways - verges	<b>3500</b>
Dogbins – emptying.	<b>1500</b>	Public Lighting	<b>10000</b>
<u>ADMIN misc</u>		Allots	<b>4000</b>
----Clerk salary	<b>13500</b>	Flood alleviation	<b>0</b>
Website - fee/Training maint	<b>750</b>	Prattler - Grant S137	<b>incl</b>
Training	<b>750</b>	Total Expenditure	<b><u>72,670</u></b>
Office/tel allowance	<b>1320</b>	Income	<b><u>2,200</u></b>
NCALC/SLCC	<b>750</b>	<b>Precept</b>	<b><u>70,470</u></b>
Insurance	<b>1200</b>		<b>Apr-18</b>
Room Hire	<b>350</b>	<b>Gen reserve (anticipated)</b>	<b>73,500</b>
Audit Fees	<b>500</b>	<b>Lights</b>	<b>15000</b>
Stationary/petty Cash	<b>1000</b>	<b>Gratuity</b>	<b>3500</b>
Election Expenses	<b>500</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<b>3000</b>
		<b>Anticipated year end balance</b>	<b>95000</b>

11. **Finger Posts** – Clerk had contacted NCC, still waiting for response on costings
12. **Neighbourhood Plan** – SC reported that the writing of the plan had begun; that there would be no allocation of sites within the plan; that there would be further consultations on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Feb; and that there would be an evening event. Documents had been discovered confirming the status of sections of the village green.
13. **To discuss sharing a PCSO.** It was felt that there should be further consideration of this, although neighbouring villages were not going ahead immediately. The annual cost would be a share of approx. £34,000.
14. **Staff Assessment.** – report had been passed to the chair. Deferred.
15. **Lights on the Green, Furnace Lane etc – Resolved** – to install a light on the Green on the central area.  
**Resolved.** – to install an additional light on the junction of Furnace lane and Hillside close.  
Clerk to facilitate a meeting with Aylesbury mains to decide on the best position for these lights.
16. **Community Safety partnership event. Towcester. Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>.** CK felt a worthwhile event. SC felt it showed how the community could help agencies protect the vulnerable, and Emergency Planning information very valuable.

#### 17. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Balfour Beatty & Police - re light in Winston Close- noted  
Bugbrooke Med Pract. – acknowledgement. noted  
S Devlin – re planning meetings. noted  
J Harrison – Re Holocaust day noted  
NRHA – newsletter. E-mailed.- noted  
NHS Communication with the Local Community

Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments - Notification of external auditor appointments for 17/18 financial year. noted  
SNC Peer challenge – invitation, & Y Rees report  
Stock signs – speed signs -, E-mailed  
Trading Standards budget consultation noted

CIL Community Infrastructure Levy. SNC – South Northants Council. NCC– Northants County Council VHC – Village Hall Management Committee EMRA – East Midlands Regional Assembly. HSC – Heyford Sports Club. NCALC – Northants County Association of Local Councils. CLASP – Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project. WNJP – West Northants Joint Planning Unit. SNH –South Northants homes. NRHA – Northants Rural Housing Association. PCC Parochial Church Council. PFA - Playing Field Association. NHB New Homes Bonus. NP Neighbourhood plan. JCS – Joint Core Strategy. WPD (Western Power Distribution). SNC –South Northants Council. EA Environment Agency.

#### 16. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/Financial Matters.**

a) Bank balances: - Yorkshire Bank Parish Council 1/11/17 £114,466.43 b) Accounts for payment.

	NAME	CH NO	AMOUNT	Incl VAT	POWER
1	Simons and sons grounds maintenance - Grasscutting	1925	£1092.00	£182.00	<i>Highways Act 1980 S301</i>
2	G Ravine – salary	1926	£748.30		<i>LGA 1972 s 112</i>
3	HMRC DB £67.40 GR £167.00 NI£30.74 Emp NICs £35.33	1927	£300.47		<i>LGA 1972 s 112</i>
4	D Booker - salary	1928	£270.10		<i>LGA 1972 s 112</i>
5	AH Contracts Dog Bins	1929	£108.00	£18.00	<i>Clean Neighbourhood/Env Act 2005</i>
6	Simons and sons grounds maintenance - Grasscutting	1930	£168.00	£28.00	<i>Highways Act 1980 S301</i>
7	Aylesbury mains – light maintenance.	1931	£76.80	£15.36	<i>Highways Act 1980, s. 301</i>
8	Nether Heyford Baptist Church – room hire	1932	£90.00		<i>LGA 1972 s 114</i>

9	Stowe Tree Services – churchyard hedge	1933	£110.00	<i>LGA 1972 s. 215</i>
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Pension £16.84

**\*Resolved.** \* Payments to be made.

**13. Items for the next Agenda.**

**14. Next meetings** – Tuesday, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 20 48.*