

NETHER HEYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN:- Mr C. Kiloh

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**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council, held on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 7.30pm
in the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green.**

M Brasset	L Carter - Hirst	S Corner	A-M Collins	L Dilkes
L Eales	P Green	N Haynes	C Kiloh (in the chair)	
Cllr J Kirkbride NCC	Cllr D Harries SNC	G. Ravine (clerk)		8 members of the public

- Election of Chairman & Declaration of Acceptance of Office.** C Kiloh was proposed, seconded and elected chairman. He signed the declaration of office.

- Election of Vice Chairman and Acceptance of Office.** L. Dilkes proposed, seconded and elected vice chair.

- Appointments of committees**

Councillor	Finance	Allots	Planning	JBB
M Brasset				C Kiloh
A Collins				P Green
L Carter Hirst			X	N Haynes
S. Corner		X	X	
L Dilkes	X			D. Banner
L. Eales		X		J Spokes
P.Green				
N. Haynes			X	
C. Kiloh	X		X	
A.Williams	X		X	

- Appointments to outside bodies**

Playing Field Representative L Eales	Arnold Charity. A-M Collins
Youth Club Representatives. L. Eales, L Dilkes	Bliss Charity School Trustees C Metcalfe
Village Hall Representatives. L Dilkes	Footpaths. N Haynes A-M Collins
“Accounts monitors” C Kiloh. A Williams	

- Re-affirmation of Clerk as Proper Officer and Responsible Finance Officer. Resolved.** The Clerk – G Ravine reaffirmed in these roles.

- Apologies for absence.** A Williams. **Resolved.** Apologies accepted. , P Bignell D Harries(SNC)J Kirkbride (NCC)

- Declarations of Interest.** None.

- Insurances** – to assess cover. Policy renewal would come up in October. Asset register to be considered along with insurance at a finance committee meeting.

- Public Question Time.** Eve Matthews reported that Highways personnel had inspected ditches near her house in watery lane and felt that ditches belonging to the Allotment site were in poor condition and needed restoration. Mr Badman from Heyford lane reported 2 recent accidents on Heyford lane, and asked Council to make representations to Highways regarding traffic calming on this awkward stretch of road which has no speed limit. It was hoped Heygates would build a relief road and remove their trucks from the equation.

Mrs Reeves encouraged Council to protest against the Gladmans proposal. Cllr Harries reminded the meeting that this was a public enquiry at this stage, information was on SNC website, and encouraged individuals to write by the deadline of June 1st.

Mrs Reeves thanked Council for help concerning the “Clean for the Queen” project, and reported weed growth in the jitties.

- Minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2016. Resolved.** Minutes were accepted as a true record. Chairman duly signed minutes and agenda.

- Matters arising.** None.

- Planning ;**

S/2016/0586/TCA	22 Furnace Lane	Fell one conifer tree	No Objection
S/2016/0227/FUL	Land Denbrook Weedon Rd	2 x residential dwellings	Refusal
APP/Z2830/W/16/3146908	Land off Weedon Rd	95 dwellings	

Parishioners were encouraged to write in protest against the Gladmans proposal. Leaflets will be sent out to all houses, and suggestions made as to objections with the reminder that responses must be in by June 1st. Council will update its previous response.

- Annual Parish Meeting.** The meeting was felt to have gone reasonably well **Resolved** Minutes accepted as a true record.

14 Reports 1. Lights – No further problems.

2. Roads and pavements. Concerns were raised about the state of the Junction with the A4500. Works were apparently scheduled. There were also concerns about the safety of cyclists participating in the forthcoming women's event.

3. The Green and Play Area. Green felt to be in good condition now that Mr Winstanley had made a start.

Resolved. Mr Briggs, an rpii accredited Play Area inspector to be asked to carry out an inspection at a cost of £80 plus VAT

4. Playing Fields. The PFA had again asked for permanent goalposts to be put on the Green. PFA to be asked to put forward a proposal as to how the posts would be maintained and whether they were willing to take responsibility. Some Councillors were in favour, others that there was no need as children already played football on the Green. Clerk to investigate insurance issues. PFA felt that litter was not being collected, and were willing to bring bags to the village hall car park if space were available in bins.

Grants had been secured for the purchase of the additional land adjacent to the Playing Field. £32,980 from the New Homes Bonus, and £12,902 from the Community Development Capital Grant.

Resolved. Funding to be used for the purchase of land adjacent to the Playing Field.

Mr Smith, the current tenant of the field, had demanded an apology for the references to the sale in the Prattler. No apology was felt necessary, and documents were in the public domain.

5. Trees. No report.

6. Allotments. **Resolved.** Quotes to be sought for clearing the ditches at the allotments.

Reminders to be sent out about rents. 10 outstanding. 12 plots vacant.

7. Footpaths. Rights of Way team to be contacted about state of surfaces on jitties, but unlikely to achieve much, due to cutbacks to budgets. Weed growth to be sprayed.

8. Churchyard. Enhancement gangs expected. The north wall has been inspected and a quotation expected for repair work.

9 JBB. Meeting due on Monday May 16th. 6.30 at the cemetery for the annual inspection and 7.30 at the committee room.

10 Canal. No report.

15 **Youth Club roof.** – LD reported that a third quote was still being sought for the roof. Bookings for the club continue to grow. CGD to be asked to remove their bags of cuttings.

16 **Road Safety – Resolved.** Council to make representations to Highways for traffic calming measures on Heyford lane in light of recent accidents.

17 **Defibrillators** – Teachers at Bliss School had asked that a defibrillator be provided for the village subsequent to an incident in the school cottage. Clerk to check costs. Locations to be considered. Decision on whether to proceed deferred until information considered.

18 **SLCC conference report.** – Clerk. New legislation regarding contracts suggested all invoices must be paid within 30 days

19 Correspondence

<i>J Arnold – re Gladman's – comments felt to be inaccurate and Mr Arnold has no official position.</i> <i>Badman – re road safety- noted and acted upon.</i> <i>P Briggs – re play area inspection. noted and acted upon.</i> <i>Highways Agency- re M1 closures. - Noted.</i> <i>O Lawson re defibrillators - noted and acted upon.</i> <i>T Cooper – re grasscutting. - Noted.</i> <i>A Jones re litter pick. - Noted.</i>	<i>E Matthews re flood Watery Lane noted and acted upon.</i> <i>NCC – Get Connected.campaign - Noted.</i> <i>E Parkes – re grasscutting. Noted.</i> <i>RJones Assocs – re flooding. Noted.</i> <i>Police – update. Noted.</i> <i>J Raven re grant from wickes - Noted.</i> <i>SNC re local plan noted and acted upon.</i> <i>J Smith re Prattler article – clerk to reply.</i>
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EMRA – East Midlands Regional Assembly. EMDA – East Midlands Development Agency SNC – South Northants Council NCC – Northamptonshire County Council OSHMC – Old School Hall Management Committee EMRA – East Midlands Regional Assembly. NCALC – Northants County Association of Local Councils. CLASP – Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project. WNJU – West Northants Joint Planning Unit.

19. Financial Matters . a) Bank balances

Parish Council C/ A £46.88	Robert's Field C/A £ 280.13
Parish Council Co-op C/A £76,368.95	Play Area C/A £ 5,230.01

Resolved. Yorkshire bank accounts to be consolidated into one account.

Clerk had been advised that this would be easier than trying to close down Robert's Field and Play Area Accounts.

Resolved. Retired Councillors to be removed as signatories from Co-op account and new signatories added.

b) Accounts for payment Moneys must be paid out in only in pursuance of statutory powers vested in the parish council. The final column on the right details the powers which authorise the payments below:

1	G Ravine – salary including overtime	597	£790.74	LGA 1972 s 112
2	Inland Revenue DB £129.60 GR£165.40 Nics£36.48 Emp NICs 41.40	599	£372.88	LGA 1972 s 112

3	D Booker – salary	598	£194.40		LGA 1972 s 112
4	AH Contracts dog Bins	600	£108.00	£18.00	Clean Neighborhood/Env Act 2005
5	CGD Contractors – grass verges	601	Tbc		Held over
6	Winstanley landscapes Ltd – Green grass.	602	Void due	to name	Change – see 608
7	NH Baptist Church - Room Hire	603	£40.00		Highways Act 1980 S96
8	NCALC – Audit and Subs	604	£695.83		LGA 1972 s 133
9	Eon Streetlight electricity	605	£1534.79	£255.80	Parish C Act 1957 s3Highways Act 1980 S301
10	SLCC – Regional Conference	606	£82.80	£13.80	LGA1972 s143
11	Autela – tax agent	607	£30.00		LGA 1972 s 112
12	Pure Ground Landscapes Ltd	608	£840.00	£140.00	Highways Act 1980 S96
14	Income				
	HMRC – VAT refund		£7750.96		
	NCC Grass grant		£387.16		

Resolved . Payments to be made- with the exception of cheque 601, which will be held over until the next meeting.

21 Items for the next Agenda. Annual General Return. Neighbourhood Plan.

22 Next meeting –June 6th.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35