

NETHER HEYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: C. Kiloh

**CLERK: G. Ravine. Old Dairy Farm, Upper Stowe,
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Minutes Nether Heyford Parish Council Meeting, Monday 2nd November 2015 Baptist Church Rooms, The Green.

Present

M Brasset	A Collins	S Corner	L Dilkes	L Eales
P. Green	N Haynes	C Kiloh (in the chair)	A Williams	
		G. Ravine (clerk)	Cllr D Harries SNC	6 members of the public

1. **To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absent.** C Everard. **Resolved** Council accepted apologies. Cllr J Kirkbride NCC Cllr P Bignell SNC
2. **To Invite Declarations of Interest.** None
3. **Register Of Interests Update.** None
4. **Public Participation:** Mr Thorneycroft reported that the PFA had a two phase plan to improve the playing fields by building a new pavilion at a cost of c£250,000; the funding programme is in place and should cover the costs. In addition to this a further plan is to purchase a field between the allotments and existing Playing Field. Purchase of this field cannot be secured until 2017, but NHB funding has been confirmed as available, should the Parish Council be willing to support the scheme. Lottery funding should complete the purchase.
Two parishioners expressed disquiet at SNH plans to demolish the garages in Hillside Crescent and build 4 houses. Their concerns included lack of space for parking for those with multiple vehicles.
Mrs Reeves commended the Neighbourhood Watch team and Mr Illot in particular.
5. **To confirm and sign minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2015. Resolved.** Minutes were accepted as a true record. Chairman duly signed minutes and agenda.
6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES;** AC would take on Arnold Trust and School Governor tasks. SC allotments. AW Planning and Finance.
7. **To co-opt a Councillor. Resolved.** To co-opt Mrs L Hurst as a councillor.
8. **REPORTS** 1. Lights –Aylesbury mains had stated that they can usually respond within 4/5 days. NH wanted to know what their minimum length of contract terms were.
2. Roads and pavements. Frustration was voiced that no work had been done in Heyford Lane during the recent road closure. This was apparently because of a gas installation.
3. The Green and Play Area. Clerk had only received one additional quote for Play Area work. One more is needed. A sign had apparently been removed.
As Townsends had not carried out the work requested on the Memorial Green, the Clerk had obtained a quote for £1024 plus VAT for the work, dependent on a site visit.
Resolved. Secure-a –field quote for installation of wooden posts on the memorial green accepted at a cost of £1024 plus VAT.
4. Playing Fields. Council felt that support should be given to the PFA's aspirations.
Resolved. Clerk to write letter of support, for the Playing Field Association's plans, and for reserving £20,000 of NHB money for the purpose of buying a field between the Allotments and the existing playing field.
LE reported that PFA had decided not to position a camera at the entrance, but that signs suggesting the area was under surveillance would be placed.
5. Trees. No reports.
6. Allotments. Tree cuttings from 1 Brookside Close had been deposited on an active allotment. The owner insisted that he had been given permission to do so. This is not the case; permission had been given to use an empty allotment.
Resolved. Clerk to write stating that if the material was not removed within 2 weeks that it would be removed by council and the bill forwarded to the occupants.
If the bill is not paid Council will go to the small claims court.
Carol Hesketh had complained that her allotment had become difficult to maintain due to the encroachment of weeds from adjacent empty plots, and the difficulty of maintaining paths. Clerk to respond.
7. Footpaths. Stile broken near sewage works on Nene Way. Report to Rights of Way team again.
8. Churchyard. PCC awaiting report on wall. Hedge needs cutting. Clerk to instruct CGD to cut church hedge.
9. Canal. NH and MB had attended a trust meeting on 20th Oct. Only Heyford had sent Councillors from villages next to the canal. MB reported that the Trust seems well run and keen to make local contacts. More local co-operation was sought.
10. Joint Burial Board. Met on Oct 19th. NH reported that maintenance costs have increased greatly with work on trees
11. Youth Club. LD reported that the club was doing well. Toilets will be done on Jan 13th. Carpet will then be replaced.
9. **Planning.** Sheepcote. Caravans were still onsite, but it was reported that an injunction was imminent, and then enforcement could proceed.
SNH had contacted Council to gauge opinions regarding the demolition of the garages in Hillside Crescent, and the

building of 4 2 bedroom affordable homes. It was felt that few of the garages were actually used for cars, and that some looked unused and close to dereliction. The area as a whole was unsightly and open to vandalism. **Resolved.** Council supported the proposal, with the proviso that the houses should only go to Nether Heyford residents, and that SNH should try to arrange alternative space.

10. **Bus Shelters.** – It was understood that Skaino would install 300m concrete platforms and the shelter uprights would be inserted into them. It was understood that this would soon happen.
11. **SNH Land transfer** –To discuss transfer of land maintenance. The project seems to have stalled.
12. **Land off Ridgeway Furlong** - Clerk had contacted Land Registry, who had not given any useful response.
13. **Staff Assessment.** The chair confirmed that the staff assessment had been positive.
Resolved. Council approved the positive Staff Assessment.
This triggers a contractual rise in the salary scale to SCP 32.

14 Correspondence

Aylesbury mains - noted	K Arnold NHB offer - noted
C Wickes re stile - noted	D Meakin re Bus Shelters - noted
C Berridge re garages in Hillside Close. - noted	Secure a Field – quotation
C Hesketh – re allotments - noted	SNAYC – invitation. LD and LE to attend.
D Harries re Sheepcote and introduction of CIL - noted	SNC- chairman's Carol Service – distributed.
H Howard re roads -- noted	

SNC – South Northants Council NCC– Northants County Council VPMC – 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.
WNJPU – West Northants Joint Planning Unit. SNH –South Northants homes. NRHA – Northants rural Housing Association. PFA - Playing Field Association.

17. Financial Matters.

a) Bank balances: - Parish Council C/A £46.88. 1/2/14, Robert's Field C/A £ 280.13, Play Area C/A £5230.01 1/11/13Co-op current Acct 10/9/15 £75,314.27

b) Accounts for payment.

NAME	CH NO	AMOUNT	Incl VAT	POWER
1 Void	423			
2 Winstanley landscapes Ltd –replace 415 lost and cancelled	424	£1494.00	£249.00	
3 G Ravine – salary	425	£726.91		LGA 1972 s 112
4 D Booker - salary	426	£241.10		LGA 1972 s 112
5 HMRC DB£60.40 GR£146.40 NI £24.96 Emp NICs £28.15.	427	£251.91		LGA 1972 s 112
6 AH Contracts dog Bins	428	£108.00	£18.00	Clean Neighbourhood/Env Act 2005
7 CGD Contractors – grass verges	429	£660.00	£110.00	Highways Act 1980 S96
8 Winstanley landscapes Ltd – Green grass.	430	£672.00	£112.00	Highways Act 1980 S96
9 Nether Heyford Baptist Church room Hire	431	£30.00		LGA 1972 s 133
10 SNC – Election Costs	432	£39.00		LGA 1972 s 112
11 Admin expenses “petty cash” cheque	433	£220.43		LGA 1972 s 112
12 G Ravine – underpaid Sept	434	£20.00		LGA 1972 s 112
13 Eon - Streetlights	435	£1551.66	£258.61	Parish C Act 1957 s3Hways Act 1980 S301

Resolved. Payments to be made

Finance/Precept meeting date to be confirmed.

18. Items for the next Agenda.

19. Next meetings –Mon Dec 7th 2015.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.58