

FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the parish council held in the Sports Pavilion, Monday July 15, 2019 at 6.30pm

Couns. David Cartledge (Chairman)

Debra Pennington, Sue Clayton, Scott Miller, Edward, Howard Granger

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were none

2] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 28, AND JUNE 5, 2019 were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman

3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

CO-OPTION TO THE COUNCIL; Mr Howard Granger of Mill Close Farm was proposed for membership of the council by the chairman and agreed by all members and welcomed to membership. He signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and took part in the rest of the meeting.

4] CLERK'S REPORT

There are the two vacancies on the council which are now to be advertised in the normal way.

The clerk said the council had not received the £180 yet for the grave space sale. The chairman said he would contact the family concerned and if the payment was not received the reservation for the grave space would not be registered.

5] REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

There were no reports. Coun. Bailey had given apologies.

6] NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Coun. Pennington proposed and Coun. Clayton seconded that the council go ahead with the intention of publication of a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. It was agreed to help publicise the fact the council were planning to progress the publication of a Plan by presenting a stall at the Septemberfest.

Coun. Pennington would complete an application for funding for the clerk to forward as necessary to submit the application, saying she understood at present grants were still available.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Nottingham County Council advised they had purchased the VIA shares held by Cornwall County Council.

Rushcliffe Borough Council were repeating the two tree offer to residents, and ten to parish councils. The chairman suggested the council plant a tree to mark the 75th anniversary in May next year to mark the ending of the Second World War with a second suggestion that a public seat be purchased. The clerk was asked to submit a request for the Borough council to seek provision of two Crab Apple trees and two Field Maples. An application was also to be submitted to the Merryweather Trust at Southwell for two apple trees.

Rushcliffe Borough Council are still seeking a tree warden to be appointed in the village.

Notts CPRE advised of the markings for the parish council entry into the Notts Best Kept Village competition, saying that domestic properties in regard to general maintenance, gardens and hedges were good. But other obvious efforts for the benefit of the competition could be better.

Emma Simpkin of Midlands Rural Housing asked for support from the council for a village walk to look for possible exception sites for affordable housing. The clerk was to point out to her there was planning permission for 95 houses on the site of the former Islamic School and the fact that a previous Housing Needs Survey that had been carried out had never been reported back to the council so they were not aware of the results.

Ross Pierrepont of Tallents solicitors said he understood Browne Jacobson has been reinstructed on behalf of the Madni Trust and they had provided their amendments to the draft contract and transfer regarding the exchange land adjacent to the former Islamic school. The documents needed to be reviewed by a property lawyer. Mr Pierrepont said he felt they were moving in the right direction and he had received recently from Eversheds the draft transfers to effect the transfer of the land acquired by compulsory purchase.

Mr Pierrepont said he suspects the sudden influx has probable something to do with Madni wanted to make a start on their development for up to 95 houses which the parish council was aware is running out of time.

8] PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised that the planning application by St Augustines Church for a new level access path by lowering the existing entrance access had been withdrawn.

9] SPORTS GROUND AND PLAY PARK

The chairman reported the old cabin alongside the sports field was planned to be removed and a new one elsewhere provided if the necessary permission was obtained from Sir Robert Hildyard.

Coun. Miller presented reports on the checks he had carried out on the play equipment on both the Coneygre and Pavilion sites. There were some minor works including some damage and vandalism to the Spring Seat on Coneygre. The rabbit hutch dumped on that site was still there and was being vandalised.

10] ENVIRONMENT.

The question of damage to surfaces on the playing fields and play areas by moles was raised. Members discussed the condition of the bike shelter on Coneygre and some damage that had been caused to it. It was felt the damaged perspective on the shelter need not be replaced. Notts County Council were to be told of this.

Parking near the village school was again raised with concerns expressed on the dangers that at times exist. The clerk was asked to make a request for one of the three camera cars now operated by the County to pay a visit to the area concerned at Flintham.

The clerk was asked to order a new wire bin to place in the Cemetery. Fouling of footpaths in the village by dogs was a continuing cause of concern.

Tony Buckingham's request to be put on the tender list for the council was approved. The chairman was given sanction to have the former telephone box on Main Street in the village repainted at a price of £175.

11] SEPTEMBERFEST

The council confirmed a need for a drinks licence from 1pm to 10-30pm.

12] FINANCE --

a] accounts to pay were accepted as presented and approved.

The meeting agreed that funds in the Nat West Current account be reduced to £10,000, transferring the balance to National Savings.

13] NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

There were no problems with the website. The clerk was to check if the chairman's report had been placed there.

14] ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS FROM COUNCILLORS – AUGUST 29

A question was to be asked to check a suggestion that RAF Syerston might be used for activities normally carried out at Tollerton airport.

15] PUBLIC SESSION

No public were present.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-40pm.