

FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Flintham village hall on
Monday 18th March 2024, at 6.30pm

Cllrs. Jacqui Turrell (Chairperson)
Howard Granger (A), Helen Colby, Deb Pennington, Mark Owens

Also present, Cllr Perdue-Horan, Clerk & RFO Emma Goodman, and 3 members of the public.

- 1) **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Simms and received and **ACCEPTED** by the Council from Cllr H Granger.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Colby with regard to the FS&SA
- 3) **Minutes from the meeting held on 15th January 2024** – the minutes were **ACCEPTED** by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.
- 4) **Councillor Vacancies** – The Council **NOTED** that since the previous meeting 2 Councillors had resigned. The time had passed for an election to be held and a notice of vacancy was now displayed on the village noticeboard, Website and Facebook page.
- 5) **Councillor expressions of interest** – none have been received as yet.
- 6) **Actions from Minutes dated 15th January:**
 - a) FS&SA Lease and Cricket Club update – no update was given. The next FS&SA and Cricket Club meeting is scheduled for 19th March 2024. Cllr Turrell will be attending.
It was previously decided that responsibility of the water meter at the Pavilion would be transferred to the FS&SA from 1st April 24, however, Council **RESOLVED** to delay this for now and invoice the FS&SA on a monthly basis for water usage.
 - b) Cemetery Footpath – The Council was presented with 6 quotes for the repair of the path and discussed the pros and cons of whether to repair and relay the existing slabs or lay tarmac noting the longevity of repair and future costs. It was decided that gravel was not an option due to it not being cohesive for users of wheelchairs or pushchairs. The safety of relaying the slabs was discussed with potential growth of tree roots making them uneven in the future, thus costly outlay again. The quotes for relaying slabs did not cover replacing broken slabs should they be damaged when uplifted. These costs could then far exceed the quotes given.
Cllr Turrell proposed and seconded by Cllr Pennington to use Tarmac and quote 1. JC Surfacing £7,596. These offered a substantial sub base and surface, offering better stability, longevity and smooth surface for accessibility of all. This was **RESOLVED** by Council.
 - c) Speed reduction on Inholms Road – The speeding of vehicles on Inholms Road was discussed at the previous meeting. Cllr Turrell communicated this to Parishioners asking for support and had received only 4 emails detailing incidents, however, in order to progress this further, more support is needed. Council discussed the social groups that could be asked including the Cricket Club. Council **RESOLVED** to look into compiling a survey/petition and how best to distribute.
 - d) Play Park repairs – Council **NOTED** the repairs had been completed. Council discussed the options for the next Play Park Inspection, it was proposed by Cllr Turrell to employ Rospa for the inspection, taking advantage of their reduced rate offer if booked in March. This was seconded by Cllr Owens.
- 7) County / Borough Councillor Updates and Questions –

There was no update from Cllr Perdue-Horan.

Cllr Pennington asked about clarification regarding a proposed boundary change where Flintham would move into Newark & Sherwood DC from Rushcliffe. Cllr Perdue-Horan explained this was just for voting purposes and would not affect the administration element of the PC.

8) Finance

a) Schedule of Payments/Reimbursements

Total of reimbursements ££8,581.91 incl vat. were **APPROVED** by Full Council and signed by 2 Councillors.

b) Budget monitoring report was **NOTED** by Council.

Expenditure for January - March £11,516 and Income £428

NatWest Bank balance £22,798

Nationwide Building Society £30,000

c) Update bank signatories – Cllr Colby agreed to be the second Councillor signature.

d) Spending under emergency powers – Council **RESOLVED** to purchase a fireproof document wallet for the burial ground books.

e) Tree Survey – Council **NOTED** that the invite to tender for the Tree repair works had been advertised on the PC website. Council had received 3 expressions of interest. Council discussed the Tender Brief template and the time constraints of the work. It was suggested the work be split into phases of priority. Council **RESOLVED** the proposed timetable on the tender brief.

f) CPRE Nottinghamshire membership – Council **RESOLVED** to join the annual scheme.

g) Asset Register – Council reviewed and **AGREED** the Asset Register. Two benches removed, three benches added.

9) Planning Applications

APP/P3040/W/23/3330938 – NOTED.

APP/P3040/W/23/3330938 Appeal Decision – NOTED

APP/P3040/W/23/3330045 - NOTED.

10) Council email – Council discussed the options for changing the Council email to a .gov email address. Options were presented with costs and recommendations from other councils.

Council **RESOLVED** to go with Cloudnext as the hosting company for emails and Flinthampc.gov.uk. The cabinet office have provided £100 funding towards the creation of a gov.uk email.

11) Biodiversity Policy – Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy to be reviewed annually in July.

12) RCAN – Cllr Turrell updated the Council that the PC, Village Hall and Pavilion are working alongside RCAN regarding grants and community space development. Cllrs Turrell and Pennington will attend an RCAN lead event on the 29th March.

13) Conservation area progress – the Conservation group met and have created a Photography competition. The photos entered will be used in the Conservation appraisal. Prizes were agreed for adults and children for £25 for each category. An anonymous donor provided funding for the prizes. It was **RESOLVED** to communicate the competition with the Flintham Primary school, cubs/scouts, newsletter, website and Facebook page.

Other events taking place in coming months are Village history walks, Dousing and updating of the Conservation literature.

- 14) Madni Trust update – Cllr Turrell read an update from Caroline Saxton. A meeting has been requested with the PC to update them with progress on 20th April.
- 15) D Day Beacon – Cllr Owens presented the Council with quotes for 2 types of beacon, a larger beacon for woodchip or a smaller one for use with gas. Large Beacons: Quote 1. Metal World Engineering £669.40 + vat (4.2m with 1.2m diameter basket) Quote 2. Firebrand £1,250 plain, £1,490 black (3.2m with 1.2m basket) Small Beacons: Quote 1. Bullfinch Gas £490 + vat, (gas fittings included) Quote 2. Tattahome £163.40 (gas fittings not included.)

It was discussed whether an event would be held and **RESOLVED** for Cllr Turrell to speak with the village pub to see if they wanted to hold a fish & chip supper on the same day, which has been suggested nationally. Council **RESOLVED** that the purchase of a beacon would be a nice addition to the PC's assets and could be used for future events. Council **RESOLVED** to purchase a bespoke beacon for a wood fire from Metal World Engineering for £669.40 + vat. Permission has been granted by Sir Robert Hilyard for the usual location to be used on Thursday 6th June, providing the relevant risk assessments are in place.

16) Open session for members of the public

- a) Reduction in speed limit - A Parishioner asked the Council to consider the parking issues when formulating the survey and also include the whole village for responses. To also consider the inclusion of a restriction on a weight limit on the road for trucks. Suggestion of the FRSG to assist with this survey was mentioned.
- b) A Parishioner reported that the Cricket Club would be interested in hosting a D Day event if the pub were not.
- c) A Parishioner requested that if any information was provided to the PC regarding the Madni Trust before the 30th April it could be shared with residents.
- d) It was reported that the Cricket Club grant application to RBC had been successful with £40k granted towards phase 1 of the improvements works, which total a cost of £65k. RBC would only release 6.1% of the funding at a time.
- e) It was reported to Council that the Cricket Club had taken out a 0% loan from Sports England to purchase a roller for £16k.
- f) A suggestion was made that Council consider the location of the current bench dedicated to VE Day as a location to house the beacon when not in use.

17) Reports

Report from Clerk – none.

- a) Reports from Councillors
 - i) Cllr Turrell informed Council that the filming at Flintham Hall had now finished but due to access issues the hedge could not be cut alongside the cemetery. Council resolved to add this to the September schedule as it was now bird nesting season. Cllr Turrell to propose to Ulyetts that FPC do not pay their final months instalment which equated to the costs of hedges not cut.

18) Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – **Annual Parish Meeting Monday 13th May 2024 at 6.30pm The Pavilion and Annual Parish Council Meeting Monday 13th May 2024 6.45pm**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Appendix 1

Update from Madni Trust

Hi Jacqui – this is our update for your meeting this evening:

- Rushcliffe Borough Council issued a s215 Notice to the Madni Trust in September 2023 to complete works (ie construction of the bat building, transfer of the Protected Species Licence, exclusion by lighting of existing buildings and then demolition of the existing structures) within certain timescales and the Borough Council has been actively monitoring compliance.
- RBC is aware of the partial construction of a bat building on the site and has met with the Madni Trust and inspected the works.
- Although RBC have been approached regarding the transfer of the Protected Species Licence, it is understood an application with Natural England has not been progressed.
- The Council is awaiting confirmation that contracts are in place for the demolition of the building to undertake the works in the required timescales (before 30 April 2024) or that any attempts to identify contractors have been made.
- The Trust are in breach of the s215 Notice and the Borough Council is in discussions with the Madni Trust regarding next steps – as this is currently a confidential discussion, further details can not be provided at this point, however, the Borough Council remains fully committed to ensuring compliance with the Notice and the demolition of the derelict structures and will share an update as soon as this is possible.
- The Borough Council has had regular update meetings and discussions with the Parish Council, Ward Councillor, the Flintham Residents Safety Group, and Chairman of the neighbouring cricket club and is planning a further meeting this week.