

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT

FERNHILL HEATH BAPTIST CHURCH

On Monday April 1st 2019 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT:

Cllr M Farmer (MF)
Cllr M Drinkwater (MD)
Cllr B Hollis (BH)
Cllr J Carter (JC)
Cllr A McManus (AMM)
Cllr P Philips (PP)
Cllr T Butler (TB)
Cty Cllr A Miller (AM)

- 1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.**
There were no apologies received for the meeting.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
 - a) Register of interests; Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 - b) To declare any other Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None received.
 - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. PP declared an interest in a piece of land that was available for purchase to the Council.
 - d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.
Councillors who have declared an interest must leave the room for the relevant items as per the code of conduct and the North Claines Parish Council standing orders.
Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may be a criminal offence. There were no declarations received.
- 3. To consider the approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 4 March 2019.**
The minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned for public question time

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents were invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for further consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself unless the Chairman allows. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

4. **Progress reports from the previous minutes and any matters arising for information**
5. **The Brum**

Opportunity for Councillors to raise matters with regard to the Brum and report on actions from the previous minutes.
JC noted that in his opinion the Brum was a mess and needed some work.

 - 5.1 Report on the Bunnies on the Brum event. MF noted that the event was all set to go ahead on Saturday 6 April 12 -2pm.
 - 5.2 Rospa report had been received and there were 3 areas that needed attention and Top Cut had been notified.
 - Gate for play area was not soft closing and needed attention.
 - The basketball hoop needs some attention at the base.
 - The goal posts are a bit wobbly and need attention.
 - 5.3 The lease for the Brum recreation ground was received and will be signed at the next meeting.
- 6 **Highways, Footpaths and Lighting. Appendix B**
 - 6.1 Update on any highways actions from or since the last meeting.
 - It was agreed that a meeting with relevant people from Highways (Kieron Hemstock, Gerry Brienzas replacement, Adrian Tuck etc.) and the parish council should be set up by A Miller. A Miller was awaiting a date from AMM.
 - 6.2 Opportunity for Councillors to raise any matters with regard to highways, footpaths or lighting.
 - AM noted that the new traffic lights at Hurst Road/A38 were to be scheduled for the summer holiday. Street works will be coordinating to ensure that notices will be given to residents and that a final meeting was still awaited.
 - Dilmore lane widening issue – still with the legal team but was in the final 28 day phase. The land in question has had ownership resolved. If no satisfactory agreement is reached, then enforcement action will go ahead and the developer will widen the road.
 - Light 005 – Western Power are to visit and rectify supply and lantern.
 - A38 from the SPAR to Agatha Gardens – the road is in a poor condition after the recent works.
 - WCC log 678422 – asked for the removal of a stanchion that was surplus to requirements.
7. **Correspondence for information only.**
 - WCC – Members update
 - Calc updates for February and March 2019
 - NALC information on local authority publicity
 - Workplace pension increase
 - New salary scales for clerk from NALC
 - Community grants scheme community engagement programme
 - Clerks and Council direct magazine
 - Wychavon interested in becoming a Councillor information
 - Timetable of proceedings for Thursday 2 May 2019 – election
 - Shane Cusack – parishioner writes re the speed of vehicles in Lower Town
 - WCC new lengthsman scheme contract 2019-20
 - MFG solicitors terms and conditions and contract for the land purchase for NCPC.

- Peter Hamilton terms of engagement for outdoor pre-feasibility study and final document.
- Peter Hamilton terms of engagement for 35-37 Station Road and final document.
- St John Baptist Church magazine for April 2019
- Rospa report for the Brum March 2019
- SNT Droitwich Town West Mercia crime report for Feb and March 2019

8 Planning

8.1 Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Peter Hamilton had prepared and submitted a report into the acquisition of land in North Claines Parish with reference to the neighbourhood plan. Two areas of land had been considered to this effect.

The report recommended the purchase of the land at Sandy Way for the future benefit of the parishioners and the fulfillment of neighbourhood plan desired outcomes.

8.2 Planning applications for decision

19/00676/HED

Oak Farm

Ombersley Road

Bevere

Worcester

WR3 7RH

Hedgerow removal

Objection - NCPC noted that they agreed with the WWT that a survey needed to be performed before this could be actioned.

19/00261/ADV

Fernhill Heath Care Home

Grange Lane

Fernhill Heath

Worcester

WR3 7UR

External illumination to sign already approved 18/01022

No objection.

19/00503/FUL

Dilmore Lane Landfill site

Dilmore Lane

Fernhill Heath

Erection of agricultural building for storage of machinery and fodder.

No objection.

8.3 Planning application decisions by Wychavon.

8.3.1 Approved

19/00096/HP, Appledore, Danes Green, WR3 7RU – side office and utility extension

19/02675 Martinbrook Farm, Lower Town, Claines WR3 7RY

Proposed change of use of an agricultural building to Class B2 or B8.

19/00398/HP 11B Morton Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UB.

Single storey rear/side extension.

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9 Report from County Councillor.

9.1 Report from A Miller

AM has donated £1000 towards costs of the land purchase and £500 towards the marquee-stall hire for Fun on the Brum. The Parish Council noted their thanks to Tony.

AM noted that there had been some random vandalism in the parish and it was suggested that neighbourhood watch groups needed to be revisited.

10. Newsletter and website

10.1 Update on the newsletter. The next newsletter will go out in May after the Council has been re-elected and will include a piece on the purchase of the land.

10.2 Update on the website. Atif has spent 2 sessions with the clerk and the website should be up and running soon.

11 Finance.

11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting – (see appendix D) were all approved. It was noted that a finance meeting would be held before the next meeting and 10am on May 7th was agreed.

11.2 Monies received.

Worcestershire County Council (from A Miller)

£1500

12 Purchase of land

The Parish Council has received new information on two plots of land available to buy in the parish and an outdoor feasibility study into the purchase of land for the community has been undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council by Peter Hamilton Planning.

The Parish Council has been advised to proceed with the purchase of the land (to be known as Sandy Way) off the A38. The Council voted to proceed with this action.

The solicitors MFG in Worcester have been contracted by the Parish Council to proceed with the purchase of land on behalf of the Parish Council.

Wychavon have approved the use of s106 monies for the purchase of the land and the Clerk is in the process of ensuring the funds are available for this purpose and has transferred the monies held at WCC to the Parish Council main bank account for easy access. Further details will be discussed at the meeting of the Finance Committee in May 2019.

13 Parish Maintenance

This is an opportunity for Councillors to raise matters re parish maintenance. Litter-picking dates are to be arranged.

14 Elections

The Council is to be re-elected on 2 May 2019. Any Councillors or members of the public who wish to join the Parish Council must return nomination forms by 4pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019. Forms are available from Wychavon. A seminar on the election process is to be held in the Civic Centre on 28 Feb 2019.

15 Councillors additional items for consideration.

Nothing was raised.

16 Dates of the next Parish Council meetings.

May 13th 2019 and June 3rd 2019

Abbreviations

AM – County and District Cllr A Miller

AMM - Cllr A McManus

BH – Bob Hollis

Cllr – Councillor

JC – Cllr John Carter

LD - County and District Cllr L Duffy

MD - Cllr Margaret Drinkwater

MF - Cllr Meg Farmer

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

NPC – Neighbourhood planning committee

PP - Cllr P Philips

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council

FOTB – Fun on the Brum

Public Question Time

S Routledge asked NCPC if there had been any action re the **speed limit in Bevere**.

Cty Cllr A Miller noted that Barrie Barnes at WCC had been tasked with looking at the safety of the road in question and will provide a report at the next Parish Council meeting. AM also noted that he would look into a flashing “Slow down” sign for Bevere Green.

S Routledge also noted that the **dog waste bin in Bevere** was full. The Clerk noted that WCC operated on a “when a bin is full – it will be emptied” premise and she had reported the bin as full. It is anticipated that the bin will be checked more often by the contractors and thus emptied more frequently – but to ensure this happens, the Clerk suggested locals report the bin as needing emptying via the WCC site as soon as possible.

T Foxall noted that the **public open space (POS) in Cherry Tree Park** was paid for by residents. It was noted that the residents felt this was unfair and would like Wychavon to adopt the POS.

County Cllr Miller noted that the management company (set up by Bellway) who looked after this POS were not willing to relinquish the management of the space.

The Parish Council agreed that they would discuss this matter at their next meeting under the following agenda item “Do the Parish Council wish to send a letter supporting the residents’ concerns with regard to the ownership/management of the Cherry Tree Park open space, to Wychavon DC?”