

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council held on 2nd May 2017 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Mrs F Pope (Chairman), Cllr Mrs H Sharp, Cllr Mr R Walton, Cllr Mrs Z Powell, Cllr Mr E Stevenson, 1 member of the public

Clerk: Mrs Anne-Marie Walton-Miller

1 Cllr Mrs Pope opened the meeting.

2 Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

3 **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 STREET LIGHTING NEAR NO 1 CHURCH WAY & BUNGALOWS 15 – 18 THE SQUARE

Cllr Mrs Sharp reported that the street lighting issues was resolved approximately 3 weeks ago. She had established from speaking to the contractor who attended that these particular lamps can no longer be replaced and it was suggested that it may be worthwhile putting in a request to KBC to replace all the existing lights now rather than waiting until they fail in the future. In view of the fact that the lighting emitted from these lamps was so poor compared to the new lamps it was agreed that this would be appropriate. Cllr Mrs Sharp also advised that we are able to request renovation of lamp-posts and wanted to canvas the Councillors' views on this. It was agreed by all that Cllr Mrs Sharp would total up the number of lamps before writing to KBC along these lines.

3.2 POTHLES

Cllr Mrs Pope reported that, after some effort, the pot holes in the road outside The Rookery and along the Loddington Road had now been filled. Cllr Mrs Pope reminded all that anyone was able to report pothole issues with the KBC via Street Doctor.

3.3 PATHWAY TO LODDINGTON

Cllr Mrs Pope advised that she had no up-date to report on the pathway issue and agreed to follow this up with NCC.

3.4 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

The Parish Council funded the Village Spring Clean event which took part on 9 April 2017. Cllr Mrs Pope reported a disappointing turn-out for the event with only 6 families taking part however, she did thank all those who supported the event and reported that a number of bags were filled and were subsequently taken to the tip.

It was queried whether the event was sufficiently advertised, Cllr Mrs Pope confirmed that all houses had received a leaflet advertising the event. It was suggested that there needed to be a change of approach to encourage more villagers to take part albeit it was important to maintain the community approach. The timing of the event was discussed and it was agreed that it needed to take place during the springtime before the grass verges got too long.

3.5 FLYTIPPING

Cllr Mrs Powell confirmed that the burnt out car had been removed.

On the issue of tipping generally Cllr Mrs Sharp reported that on her recent visit to the tip a member of staff was canvassing views from members of the public and Cllr Mrs Sharp had expressed her concerns regarding the fact that the tip was closed on a Monday.

4 FINANCE

4.1 The Clerk presented the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017 with an up-to-date financial report. The accounts were approved by Cllr Mrs Pope.

FINANCE REPORT AS AT 2 MAY 2017

The Clerk presented an up-to-date Financial Report noting that the Precept payment of £2000.00 for 2017/18 had now been received. The following accounts were passed for payment:

Cheque no: 100305;	Payee: Marmax	Amount: £474.12
Cheque no: 100307;	Payee: NCALC Subscription	Amount: £204.00
Cheque no: 100306;	Payee: CPRE Membership	Amount: £36.00
Cheque no: 100308;	Payee: AON UK Ltd	Amount: £310.06
Cheque no: 100309;	Payee: Mrs A-M Walton-Miller	Amount: £250.00

4.2 AUDIT

The Clerk reported that an appointment had been arranged with the internal auditor at 2.00pm on 12th May 2017. The Clerk presented the completed Annual return for year ending 31 March 2017 for approval along with an up-to-date Asset Statement which included the new bench. Cllr Mrs Pope signed Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual return document.

5 PLANNING

5.1 PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER KET/2017/0298

The Committee discussed the Application submitted by Mrs Baker to reduce the size of the sycamore tree by 7 metres. No objections were raised. Cllr Mrs Pope on behalf of the Council agreed to contact KBC to confirm that no objections had been raised and would point out that the tree is not located in the village hall boundary but is in the grounds of Glebe House.

5.2 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HIGHWAYS

The Committee reviewed the plans received from Northamptonshire Highways concerning the four footpaths around the village. The Committee reviewed the plans and commented on frequency of use. Cllr Mrs Pope agreed to completed the survey and submit the same to Northamptonshire Highway before the 1st July 2017 deadline.

5.3 DEVELOPMENT AT CRANSLEY RESERVOIR

Cllr Mr Stevenson presented a number of sketches to the Committee on behalf of the owners of Cransley Reservoir outlining their proposals for erecting 5 log cabins in the woods within the reservoir grounds. The Committee reviewed the sketches but all agreed that further details were needed before being able to pass comment.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Correspondence from British Telecom, the telephone kiosk is now the property of the local community who is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance. Cllr Mrs Pope agreed to look into the costs of purchasing and installing a defibrillator to be discussed at the next meeting.

6.2 Correspondence from Northamptonshire ACRE re membership. Cllr Mrs Pope reported that NACRE provides useful advice and support and proposed that the Parish Council join, the annual membership being £35.00. All agreed.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Cllr Mrs Sharp raised an issue regarding speeding traffic through the village suggesting that the limit should be restricted to 20 mph. Cllr Mrs Sharp agreed to look into possible solutions and associated costs. Cllr Mrs Powell agreed she would also speak to Steve Chester at Orton Parish Council who had already implemented this change. It was agreed the matter would be discussed at the next council meeting.

7.2 Cllr Mrs Pope on behalf of the Committee thanked Cllr Stevenson for organising the delivery of the park bench which was now in situ at the park. It was discussed whether the bench should be fixed down and Cllr Stevenson agreed to look into this to ascertain whether it was necessary and possible costs.

7.3 KEEPING THE VILLAGE TIDY

It had been reported that grass cuttings were being dumped by the gateway of the allotments and were spilling into the ditch and concern was raised that this was making the village look untidy and would block the ditch. As each household is provided with a grey bin for garden waste and grass cuttings it was felt that this dumping was unnecessary. It was agreed that this needed to be monitored.

7.5 SEATS

Cllr Mrs Pope reported that she had contacted Paul Noon for an up-date as to when he was going to be able to repaint the village seats pursuant to the quotation he had previously submitted. As yet Mr Noon had not responded. Cllr Mrs Pope agreed to contact Mr Noon again with a view to this work being undertaken before the August yarn bombing event.

7.6 TRANSPARENCY FUNDING

Cllr Mrs Sharp proposed that the Council consider applying for a laptop via the Transparency Funding to assist the Clerk in carrying out her duties. Whilst Cllrs Mrs Pope, Mrs Sharp and Mr Stevenson supported the purchase of appropriate equipment, Cllrs Mrs Powell and Mr Walton were unsure that this was necessary. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Sharp would look into this further for discussion as the next meeting.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING : This was fixed for Tuesday 11 July 2017 at 7.00pm.

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