

NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN CALDECOTE CHURCH ROOMS ON MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 7.34 PM

PRESENT: Councillor C Hawkes (Chairman), Councillors A Bird, J Coutts, G Gilbert, M Hall, P Maudlin, D Milton, H Papworth, J Yatchisin and the Clerk Mrs L Trevena

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors S Mandley, W Momen, J Franklin, District Councillors P Turner, J Davison and County Councillor J Scott.

2. DECLARATION FROM MEMBERS IN RELATION TO PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

Councillor Bird declared an interest in item 14.3

3. OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the Public in attendance.

4. POLICE REPORT FROM PC PATERSON

None.

5. COUNCIL MINUTES

5.1 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH OCTOBER 2008

The minutes of the meeting of Northill Parish Council held on 27th October 2008 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5.2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24TH NOVEMBER 2008

The minutes of the meeting of Extraordinary Northill Parish Council held on 24th November 2008 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

6. CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING

6.1 ICKWELL GREEN TRACK – PUBLIC MEETING (see minute 15 (a) page 240)

A meeting has been arranged for 2nd February 2009 at 7.30 pm in Ickwell Village Hall. County Councillor Scott has agreed to chair the meeting but would like a pre-meeting to know the history of the site etc.

RESOLVED that:

- a) subject to County Councillor Scott's acceptance a working party meeting be held at 7 Caldecote Green on either Monday 5th or 12th January 2009;
- b) Councillors C Hawkes, P Maudlin, J Yatchisin, D Milton, A Bird and M Hall also attend this meeting.

6.2 PARISH PLAN – COPYRIGHT

The Council insurers see no reason why this Council could not copyright the document provided they are sure it contains nothing contentious or has comments which do not reflect the views of Council. Gemma MacDonald at BRCC sees no reason why the Council should copyright the document, no other parish Council has done so with their Parish Plan (one did write 'copyright' on the document but did not register it).

RESOLVED that that this Council does not copyright the Parish Plan.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

7.1 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28TH OCTOBER 2008

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28th October 2008 were adopted.

7.2 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH NOVEMBER 2008

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18th November 2008 were adopted.

7.3 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2008

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 2nd December 2008 were adopted.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

None.

9. FINANCE

9.1 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS MADE

D J Granger Landscapes Ltd	Grounds maintenance	£336.05
Phil Edwards	Repair to Ickwell Green post	£30.00
A R Worboys	Grounds maintenance	£767.39
Caldecote Methodist Church	THINC Hire of hall	£14.00
Mrs L Trevena	Salary + expenses + back pay Nov 08	£1093.33
Caldecote Playing Fields	Hire of Hall	£15.00

9.2 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE

David Granger Landscapes Ltd	Grounds maintenance	£558.13
David Granger Landscapes Ltd	Grounds Maintenance	£158.70

9.3 INCOME

George Squires	Memorial Smith N.P.338	£28.00
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9.4 CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN WITH REGARD TO SALARY INCREASE

Notification received that Employers' side of NJC made a final offer of 2.45% which was not accepted but referred to arbitration. However, both sides decided that this offer should be implemented with effect from 1.04.08 and should the arbitration process result in further adjustment this will be circulated to Councils in due course.

RESOLVED that confirmation be given to the executive action taken with regard to increase in salary.

9.5 TO CONSIDER PRECEPT FOR 2009/2010

Estimates were presented to members at the meeting and are appended to these minutes on page 247.

RESOLVED that this Council request a precept of £40,000 from MBDC for 2009/2010.

10. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:
10.1 PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2009

<p>COUNCIL MEETINGS</p> <p>Public Meeting</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>Annual Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>Monday 26th January 2009 – Ickwell Village Hall</p> <p>Monday 2nd February 2009 – Ickwell Village Hall</p> <p>Monday 2nd March 2009 – Caldecote Church Rooms</p> <p>Monday 30th March 2009 – Ickwell Village Hall</p> <p>Monday 20th April 2009 – Caldecote Church Rooms</p> <p>Monday 18th May 2009 – Ickwell Village Hall</p> <p>Monday 29th June 2009 – Caldecote Church Rooms</p> <p>Monday 27th July 2009 – Ickwell Village Hall</p> <p>Monday 14th September 2009 – Caldecote Church Rooms</p> <p>Monday 26th October 2009 – Ickwell Village Hall</p> <p>Monday 14th December 2009 – Caldecote Church Rooms</p>
<p>HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Monday 12th January 2009 – Time/venue t.b.a.</p> <p>Monday 6th April 2009 – Time/venue t.b.a.</p> <p>Monday 6th July 2009 – Time/venue t.b.a.</p> <p>Monday 5th October 2009 – Time/venue t.b.a.</p>
<p>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Monday 12th January 2009 – Time/venue t.b.a.</p> <p>Monday 6th April 2009 – Time/venue t.b.a.</p> <p>Monday 6th July 2009 – Time/venue t.b.a.</p> <p>Monday 5th October 2009 – Time/venue t.b.a.</p>

10.2 ADOPTION OF MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

A working party had met to discuss the draft model which was circulated to members prior to the commencement of the meeting.

RESOLVED that the model publication scheme under Freedom of Information Act is adopted.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW – NOVEMBER 2008

This item of correspondence will be circulated to members.

11.2 CLERK’S & COUNCILS DIRECT – NOVEMBER 2008

This item of correspondence will be circulated to members.

11.3 BEDFORDSHIRE BUGLE – NOVEMBER 2008

This item of correspondence is attached for members.

11.4 MR WELLER – ICKWELL GREEN TRACK

Correspondence received from Mr Weller regarding Ickwell Green and Caldecote Green was circulated to members together with the Clerk’s reply sent after consultation with the Chairman. Further correspondence had been received from Mr Weller and this was noted.

11.5 MR ASHCROFT – ICKWELL GREEN TRACK

Correspondence received from Mr Ashcroft regarding Ickwell Green was circulated to members together with the Clerk’s reply sent after consultation with the Chairman.

11.6 MBDC – MID BEDS TWISTER

Notification that Mid Beds Twister (Youth Group) are organising a fun gameshow to raise money for Moggerhanger Hospice on Wednesday 17th December from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm at MBDC Offices. Tickets £1 to watch and £2 to take part. Contact Katy on 01462 611008 or email katy.stafferton@midbeds.gov.uk.

11.7 BCC – TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

Notice of three separate road closures that will take place on Budna Road, Northill which extends from the junction with Thorncote Road west to the junction with UC162/St John's Road and Thorncote Road, Northill which extends from the junction with Budna Road to the junction with Bedford Road during 3 November 2008 to 23 October 2009. Two days between 3 November to 31 December 2008; one day between 1 May to 30 June 2009; and one day 1 July to 31 August 2009. Specific dates and times will be issued on site closure near the time.

11.8 MBDC – PRECEPT 2009/10

Notification that precept figures must be with MBDC by 16 January 2009 (earlier than usual due to creation of Central Bedfordshire Council).

12. GENERAL WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT

It was noted that once again Biggleswade Road, Upper Caldecote had not been included on the salting route.

RESOLVED that Highways be asked to include Biggleswade Road, Upper Caldecote on the salting route due to the fact that it is a school bus route and there is a steep incline to/from the A1 at the end of the road.

13. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE PROPOSALS FROM COUNCILLORS

None.

14. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

14.1 COMMUNITY PLAN (THINC ACTION)

Councillor Papworth reported that the document, whilst having been adopted by this Council, was still in the process of being proof read before going to print. A change had been made to the map and quotes had been obtained for printing costs. It was still hoped that the document would be ready for circulation early in the New Year.

14.2 COUNCILLOR LIAISON MEETING

It was noted that the recent meeting of this group may possibly be the last one and that County Councillor Scott should be thanked for the organisation of these meetings.

The request for a weight limit throughout Northill Parish would be reconsidered under the A603 review and it was hoped that it would take place before the end of March 2009. Bedfordshire Traffic Police and BCC were looking into various issues in Moggerhanger and Willington. District Councillor Davison had reported that MBDC were looking into the possibility of a post van calling at local villages.

14.3 P3 STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2008 were circulated to members.

14.4 BROOM QUARRY LIAISON GROUP MEETING

Work in the Gypsy Lane area has been slowed down and is currently four months behind schedule. The extractions are nearing completion in our area and will be moving onto Broom south around the summer/autumn of 2009. Restoration works to Gypsy Lane should commence with tree planting in February 2009. Vehicle movement violations have reduced and continue to be monitored. The Broom South site is being equipped with more sophisticated monitoring systems to give greater control to the

problem, with the main entrance to the site being via Broom crossroad junction with the B658.

15. **“RESOLVED THAT UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 AND IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED, IT IS ADVISABLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW WHILST MATTERS PERTAINING TO EASEMENTS AND ICKWELL GREEN TRACK ARE DISCUSSED.”**
Nothing further to report on either matter.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Monday 26th January 2009 at Ickwell Village Hall.