

NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN CALDECOTE CHURCH ROOMS ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillor J Franklin (Chairman), Councillors A Bird (late), R Brinkley, G Gilbert, M Hall, S Mandley, P Maudlin, D Milton, W Momen, J Yatchisin, and the Clerk Mrs L Trevena

Also present were Central Bedfordshire Councillor C Maudlin and five members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors J Coutts, M Morgan and Central Bedfordshire Councillor P Turner.

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

Councillor Milton declared a personal interest in item 10.2
Councillor Gilbert declared a personal interest in item 10.5

3. **OPEN FORUM**

Standing orders were suspended at 7.31 pm.

Mr Weller thanked the Council for the repair work to Ickwell Green tracks.

Councillor Bird arrived at 7.33 pm.

Mr Weller referred to the letter forwarded to him from the Clerk in response to previous correspondence from him. Mrs Papworth thanked the Council for repairs to Ickwell Green track but pointed out that her property now floods seriously since the work has been undertaken. Mr Allen expressed concern at the ongoing problem of vehicles crossing the A1 at Tingey's Corner and traffic build up at the Sainsbury's roundabout on the A1. He had contacted the local beat officer but had no reply. He had also contacted Carillion, who had agreed to take the matter up with the Highways Agency.

Standing orders were resumed at 7.45 pm.

RESOLVED that the letter forwarded to Mr Weller from the Clerk be copied to all members and the matter be referred to the next Establishment Committee Meeting.

RESOLVED that the Highways Agency be informed of the A1 problems at Tingey's Corner and Sainsbury's roundabout.

4. **POLICE REPORT FROM PC PATERSON**

Constable Paterson was not in attendance.

5. **COUNCIL MINUTES**

The minutes of the Northill Parish Council Meeting held on 27th July 2009, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

6. CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING

6.1 ICKWELL GREEN TRACK REPAIRS (see minute 10.1 page 286)

Councillors Franklin, Maudlin, Coutts and the Clerk each visited Ickwell Green on several occasions and once together to meet with the contractors at the end of the work. Extra work was requested of the contractor by the Chairman to back fill potholes in the area in and adjacent to the tarmac surface (not previously considered or put in the specification). Work has been carried out to a satisfactory standard. However, Mrs Papworth has been extremely concerned about the actual specification and has spoken with the Clerk, the contractor and the Chairman as well as sending several emails to the Clerk and Councillors. The Chairman reported that the work was carried out to a satisfactory standard.

Email from Mr Brian Marshall and letter from Mr & Mrs Ackerman both of Ickwell Green thanking the Council for the excellent work that has been made in repairing the perimeter track.

RESOLVED that the correspondence from Mrs Papworth be referred to the next Highways and Open Spaces Committee meeting in October for consideration.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

7.1 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JULY 2009

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28th July 2009 were adopted.

7.2 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2009

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1st September 2009 were adopted.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor C Maudlin reported that the new Council was working together with Amey towards highways 5 year programme. She asked members to let her know of any highways issues over £10k that could be included in the programme as well as any smaller highway issues. She further reported that the Draft Design Guide for Central Bedfordshire would be out for consultation soon. Councillor Maudlin left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

9. FINANCE

9.1 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS MADE

Ace Pest Control	Wasp next Northill Cemetery	£46.00
D J Granger Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Hedge cutting	£339.25
D J Granger Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Grounds maintenance + extra work	£326.37
A R Worboys Ltd	Grounds maintenance	£613.07
D J Granger Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Extra work – Caldecote Green	£276.00
Adrian Sinfield Contracting	Ickwell Green track repairs	£9085.00
Adrian Sinfield Contracting	Ickwell Green additional repair work	£103.50
D J Granger Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Grounds maintenance + extra work	£317.06
G J Maudlin & Sons	Remove fallen tree Ickwell Green	£57.50
D J Granger Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Extra work – Northill pond/churchyard gate	£282.90
E-On	Electricity – street lighting (3 months)	£20.13
SLCC	Section 7 Clerks Course	£15.00
Mrs L Trevena	Salary + expenses Aug 2009	£996.02
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	One day conference for Clerk	£56.35
SLCC	Membership Renewal	£133.00
D J Granger Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Grounds maintenance	£287.27
D J Granger Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Repaint Northill Church gate & noticeboard & other work	£257.00
D J Granger Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Grounds maintenance + extra work	£296.47

RESOLVED that approval be given to the payments made.

9.2 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE

None.

9.3 INCOME

Quince	Memorial C.P119 Wagstaff	£28.00
Seamers	Interment C.P133 Buck	£172.00
Squires	Memorial C.P 329a Pond	£28.00
Central Bedfordshire Council	Reimbursement of P3 loan	£300.00
Neville Funerals	Interment C.P.133 Kimpton	£86.00

10. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

10.1 REQUEST FOR NORTHILL & ICKWELL BALL 2010 ON ICKWELL GREEN

Request from Mrs S Murray to request provisional permission to arrange for a ball to be held on Ickwell Green on Saturday 19th June 2010. If permitted the organisers propose to use the same facilities and layout as previous.

RESOLVED that:

- a) permission is granted in principle for Northill & Ickwell Ball to be held on Ickwell Green on Saturday 19th June 2010 subject to compliance with Northill Parish Council Terms, Conditions and Agreement for Hire/Use of Ickwell Green;
- b) no later than 30 days prior to the event a deposit of £1000 is paid to the Council;
- c) marquee and toilet facilities must not be on site before midnight on Thursday 17th June and site must be vacated by noon on Monday 21st June;
- d) playgroup using Ickwell Village Hall to be notified that parking facilities opposite the village hall will not be available for their use on either 18th or 21st June.

10.2 SECTION 19 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS GRANT AID FOR £250 JOINTLY FROM 1ST CALDECOTE & DISTRICT RAINBOWS, 1ST CALDECOTE BROWNIES AND 1ST NORTHILL BROWNIES

Joint application for costumes and props for Gang Show in March 2010 which is being held to celebrate the Guiding Centenary.

RESOLVED that the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 should incur the sum of £250 jointly for 1st Caldecote & District Rainbows, 1st Caldecote Brownies and 1st Northill Brownies.

The above payment leaves an overspend of £450 in the allocation for 2009/2010 Section 19 (Miscellaneous Provisions) grant aid.

10.3 REQUEST FROM MRS HENEGAN, POUND CLOSE TO PURCHASE AMENITY PLAY AREA IN POUND CLOSE, UPPER CALDECOTE

Mrs Henegan asked if she could purchase the amenity play area in Pound Close, Upper Caldecote from the Council. If she is unable to purchase the area then she would like to request that the Council please install some play equipment.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the request to purchase the amenity play area in Pound Close is refused;
- b) the Highways and Open Spaces Committee be asked to consider the possibility of installation of play equipment in Pound Close amenity play area.

Further request from Mrs Henegan to be permitted to block pave the area of grass verge in front of her property.

RESOLVED that the request to block pave the area of grass verge in Pound Close is refused.

10.4 REQUEST FOR SAFETY MEASURES, RAILINGS OR TRAFFIC ISLAND, IN VINEGAR HILL ROAD ADJACENT TO POUND CLOSE, UPPER CALDECOTE

Mrs Henegan has recently been in contact with Highways regarding this issue. Highways have carried out a safety assessment and said that nothing could be done. She is arranging for a petition to be drawn up and would like this Council to support her cause.

RESOLVED that Mrs Henegan be informed that this Council would support some kind of traffic calming measures, eg speed cameras or mini roundabout in Upper Caldecote.

10.5 REQUEST FOR S.137 GRANT AID FROM NORTHILL & DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Notification of Remembrancetide on Sunday 8th November at Ickwell Memorial at 10.15am, Old Warden Memorial at 11.00am and St Leonard's Church, Old Warden 3.00pm. There will also be a gathering on Wednesday 11th November at Ickwell Memorial at 11.00am to observe the Silence to our Fallen.

RESOLVED that under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Northill and District Branch of the Royal British Legion be awarded grant aid of £50.00 to include the purchase of a poppy wreath.

The above payment leaves £325 in the allocation for 2009/2010 Section 137 grant aid requests.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 REQUEST FOR BBQ ON ICKWELL GREEN

Request from Mrs Webber-Cooke for a private bbq plus erection of a gazebo on Ickwell Green on Sunday afternoon 13th September. After consultation with the Chairman the Clerk informed Mrs Webber-Cooke that unfortunately the Council cannot give permission for this private event.

RESOLVED that confirmation be given to the executive action taken to refuse permission for a private bbq on Ickwell Green.

11.2 BOUNDARY COMMITTEE – ELECTORAL REVIEW

This item of correspondence was detailed in an email to Councillors (posted to those not on email) regarding Central Bedfordshire review of council size. This was noted.

11.3 BRCC – NETWORK – JULY 2009

This magazine will be circulated to members.

11.4 BRCC – PLAYING FIELD NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2009

This magazine will be circulated to members.

11.5 BRCC – GREENSANDS RIDGE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Enclosed for members are details of a new £2.4 million grant programme which is available to support the development of rural businesses and community enterprises in the Greensands Ridge area of Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. If Council is interested in receiving a presentation on the programme this can be arranged. This was noted.

11.6* BEDFORDSHIRE BUGLE – ISSUE 5 – SEPTEMBER 2009

This item of correspondence was attached for members.

11.7* CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (NORTH) SITE ALLOCATIONS DPD: SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA CONSULTATION

This is item of correspondence was attached for members it is dated 1st September and requires a response by 23rd September.

RESOLVED that Councillors Hall and Bird in conjunction with the Clerk respond to this consultation on behalf of the Council.

11.8 CBC - LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK 2009 INVITATION

To celebrate this year's Local Democracy Week, w/c 12th October 2009, the Council is running a number of events for the children and young people of Central Bedfordshire. Details of these events and Confirmation Booking Form are attached for members. This was noted.

11.9 CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT – SEPTEMBER 2009

This item of correspondence will be circulated to members.

11.10 CBC – THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Under the above Act, Central Bedfordshire Council, as a new authority is required to consult on the new Statement of Principles. A draft new Statement of Principles (33 pages) has been written and is available on their website www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk. The consultation runs from 7th September to 30th November 2009. Comments should be forwarded to Mrs N Preston, Public Protection, CBC, Chicksands. This was noted.

11.11 HIGHWAYS 5 YEAR PROGRAMME

Email from CBC Councillor Caroline Maudlin was attached for members. The Clerk reported that this information was for the Central Bedfordshire Councillors and not for the Parish Council. The matter has been discussed under item 8.

11.12 CENTRAL BEDFORSHIRE – CHIEF EXECUTIVE UPDATE

Confirmation that the new Chief Executive, Richard Carr, will join Central Bedfordshire on 26th October. Current Chief Executive, Jaki Salisbury, will be leaving at the end of this month. During the interregnum period their Deputy Chief Executive, Edwina Grant, will hold the formal responsibilities of Chief Executive. Arrangements are being made for a get together to wish Jaki well on 1st October at Priory House from 12.00 noon onwards. Further information to follow on this in due course.

11.13 EAST OF ENGLAND PLAN REVIEW TO 2031 CONSULTATION

Email from East of England Regional Assembly circulated to members. This East of England Plan information details closing date for consultation on 24th November 2009, consultation events around the region. Further details can be found at www.eera.gov.uk (follow link 'East of England Plan > 2031'). Councillor Hall had attended a meeting earlier in the month and handed out the Scenarios" from the meeting.

RESOLVED that:

- a) this item be referred to the next meeting of the Planning Committee due to be held on 29th September;
- b) Councillors should access the site and comment on the plan individually.

11.14 MRS GRIFFITHS – UPPER CALDECOTE

Complaint from Mrs Griffiths regarding dog fouling on Caldecote Green.

RESOLVED that:

- a) an article on dog fouling is included in the next Newsletter together with the contact details of the dog warden;
- b) the dog warden is asked to visit the site;

11.15 BRCC – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notification of BRCC Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 7th October 2009 at Haynes Village Hall. Agenda and last meeting minutes can be obtained from the Clerk. This was noted.

12. GENERAL WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT/COMPLAINTS

None.

13. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE PROPOSALS FROM COUNCILLORS

None.

14. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

14.1 Parish Plan Working Party Meeting

The report of the Parish Plan Working Party was attached for members. There were several items that required letters from the Council to other authorities/outside bodies.

RESOLVED that Councillors Bird and Milton email draft letters to the Clerk who will then forward them to the relevant authorities/outside bodies on behalf of the Council.

14.2 BAPTC – Central Bedfordshire Local Strategic Partnership Board

This report was attached for members. This was noted.

14.3 Rural Crime Meeting hosted by Alistair Burt MP

Councillor Yatchisin had compiled this report which was attached for members. This was noted.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 26th October 2009 at Ickwell Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.