

**Minutes of North Cotes Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th July 2021
at 7.30pm at North Cotes Village Hall**

Present: Councillor Hicks, Councillor van der Horst, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Brearley, Councillor Annett. Councillor Shipman, Councillor Daniel McNally, and one member of the public

Apologies: Councillor Shipman and District Councillor McMillan

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
2. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 2.1 **Rural Safety Partnership – Speed Watch Scheme Update** – No further updates or news.
Action: Parish Clerk to contact scheme organisers and find out about training.
Action: Parish Clerk to Purchase 6 x 30mph speed limit signs.
 - 2.2 **Church – update** – No update from the church as it is still currently closed. The grass is becoming an issue. Parish Council to look at including grass cutting in next years precept.
 - 2.3 **Village Hall – update** – A new committee had met up and plans were starting to be made. It was looking like the electrical work wasn't going to be cheap. Three quotes would be obtained. Quotes for Windows were also being obtained. It was agreed to get the goal posts removed from the field to make way for new regulation posts. **Action:** Cllr Hicks to speak to the farmer or local engineering company to help with getting these removed.
 - 2.4 **Trust Houses** –A new fence was due to be fitted in August to Trust House No 3 and a skip had been hired to removed all the rubbish that had been tipped behind the fence by previous tenants.
 - 2.5 **Overview of Crime – update** – It was noted that there had been a few burglaries, one where jewellery was then found dumped in a hedge. It was also noted that there had been a van theft
3. **CORRESPONDENCE** –

No correspondence had been received.

4. FINANCE

- 4.1 Cheques** – The following Cheques were approved:
Parish Clerk Wages – Cheque No: 339
AG Smith – Auditor – Cheque No: 340

5. AOB

- 5.1 Holten Le Clay Junior Football Team/Playing Fields** – Dave Allen attended the meeting. Mr Allen is the manager of Holten Le Clay Junior football team. The team are currently the only team that use the field. Mr Allen currently pays for the field to be cut and marked. He requested that the old football posts be removed and he would purchase new ‘regulation’ posts that would allow his team to use the pitch to play in league games. Mr Allen has some great ideas for getting the pitch back into use including dug outs/changing rooms etc. Mr Allen also requested a ‘team building camping event’ for his team players and family. This was approved by the Parish Council for the team to camp on the field. **Action:** Parish Clerk to place a notice on the Board re the event.
- 5.2 ELDC Shared Services** – Cllr McNally informed the council that ELDC would be moving to shared services with South Holland District Council and Boston Borough. Whilst each council will continue to be independent, the three councils will work collectively, supported by a shared management team.
- 5.3 Litter Picking** - Cllr McNally informed the council that litter picking kits would be available to borrow from local libraries.
- 5.4 Waste Management** - Cllr McNally informed the council that as of the 1st September, there would no longer be a booking service at the Waste Recycling plant, you can just ‘turn up’.
- 5.5 Horseshoe Point** – It was noted that the bin at Horseshoe point was full and overflowing. It was requested that the situation is kept an eye on.

The date for the next meeting - was fixed as Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm at The Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm