

**Minutes of North Cotes Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm at The New Tribes Mission**

**Present:** Councillor Hicks, Councillor van der Horst, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Brearley, Councillor Shipman, Councillor Ball, District Councillor McMillan.

**Apologies:** Councillor Daniel McNally, Village Hall Committee Chair.

**1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

**2.1 Precept 2023** – It was noted that the Precept 2023 was due to be submitted by no later than 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023. It was unanimously agreed that due to the current unpredictable financial climate the Precept would remain the same at £9000. It was also agreed to hold funds for a potential donation for the village hall should it require it in the coming year. It was hoped that we might be able to reduce the precept in 2024. **Action:** Parish Clerk to complete and return the Precept form.

**2.2 Community Grant** – The community grant was discussed. It was agreed that the Village Hall was in desperate need of a new lockable outside notice board. It was noted that there was also a notice board down that the camp that also might need replacing. **Action:** Cllr Brearley to find out who owns the camp notice board. **Action:** Parish Clerk to find out prices for a new notice board and to submit the Community Grant form to District Councillor McMillan.

**2.3 Rural Safety Partnership – Speed Watch Scheme Update** – No further updates or news. **Action:** Parish Clerk to chase for volunteers.

**2.4 Village Hall – update** – The Chair of the Village Hall Committee had sent her apologies. An update was provided by the Vice Chair of the committee. It was noted that the Bingo event in December had proved successful with the event raising £188 after expenses. Another Bingo event was planned for February along with a tabletop sale. The Parish Council agreed that now the Committee was up and running successfully and compliant that the bank accounts be handed back over to the Committee. **Action:** Parish Clerk to arrange the necessary paperwork for the accounts. The Snooker Club was still a contentious issue with the room currently still being locked by a representative of the club. As no proof of a lease had been received by the committee it was agreed that the club no longer had any rights to the

room. **Action:** Parish Clerk to draft a letter to the representative giving him 28 days produce the lease, or to return the keys/unlock the room and vacate. After 28 days the Parish Council will instruct a locksmith to change the locks. It was noted that there was still a leak on the previously fixed roof. **Action:** Parish Clerk to contact the contractor that fixed the roof and ask for a repair.

**2.5 Church – update** – It was noted that there was no update on the church with regards to how the church would now be run. It was also noted that the church had held a few events in December, so this was a promising start to keeping the church up and running. **Action:** Parish clerk to contact representatives of the church group and request an update.

**2.6 Overview of Crime – Fly Tipping:** It was noted that there had been some incidents of fly tipping recently down at Sheep Marsh Lane. These have been reported, cleared and investigations were underway with potential prosecutions. District Councillor Mossop had requested that North Cotes Parish Council go ‘halves’ with him on installing a surveillance camera for Sheep March Lane. It was unanimously agreed that this was a good investment. **Action:** District Councillor McMillian to liaise with District Councillor Mossop, with District Councillor Mossop to provide quotes. To discuss at the next meeting.

**2.7 Poors Land Trust Houses - Update** – It was noted that all houses were currently tenanted and up to date with rental payments. It was noted that one of the houses would be vacant from the end of January and will be available to rent from end of February. **Action:** Parish Clerk to advertise vacancy on all of the North Cotes Facebook pages and on the notice board. **Action:** Parish Clerk to provide application forms for prospective candidates and a tenancy agreement for successful applicant.

### 3 CORRESPONDENCE

None had been received.

### 4 FINANCE

**4.1** The following cheques were authorised:  
Clerks Wages – Cheque No: 359

### 5 AOB

**5.1 Youth Council** – It was noted that a potential way to get the youngsters of the village involved was to create a Youth Council. The suggested range for the council would be 12-18. It was noted that they could hold

zoom meetings to relieve the need of meeting in person. And that they could feed back to the council their ideas. **Action:** Parish Clerk to advertise Youth Council and get feedback from Facebook pages.

- 5.2 Planning:** N/127/02064/22 It was noted that several objections had been listed against this planning application. There was concern that the applicant was using land that did not belong to him.  
N/127/02132/22: It was agreed that this application could be good for the village and replacing the dilapidated old grain dryer with new houses would make the village more aesthetic and make people want to live here.
- 5.3 Noise:** It was noted that Garfield Cottage was playing loud music until late evening sometimes 11pm and that rubbish was becoming a problem. **Action:** Parish Clerk to write to Garfield Cottage requesting this issue to be sorted.
- 5.4 Rubbish:** It was noted that there was significant rubbish build up at one of the flats on Lock Road. **Action:** Parish Clerk to write requesting it to be cleaned up.
- 5.5 Leaves:** It was requested that Highways be contacted to send a road sweeper to collect the leaves from the road by St Nicholas Church as these were becoming a nuisance. **Action:** Parish Clerk to contact Highways.
- 5.6 Elections:** It was noted that District Councillor Elections would take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. As in previous years the Village Hall would be the Polling station for North Cotes. **Action:** Parish Clerk to liaise with ELDC and Village Hall re booking arrangements.
- 5.7 Electric Charging Ports:** It was noted that Lincolnshire would be getting 40 more Electric charging ports for electric cars, however none of these would be in the immediate area.
- 5.8 Green Waste:** It was noted that the Green Waste subscription had been increased to £50 for 2023/24.

**The date for the next meeting - was fixed as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm.  
The meeting will be held at North Cotes Village Hall.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm**