

**Minutes of North Cotes Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th January
2015 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Councillors A Hicks, W van der Horst, A Marsh, C Bayne, P Armstrong, L Canfield-Newens.

Apologies: Councillor Bridges.

Members of the Public: 2 representatives from the Cherry Park Estate and D Hydes from the village hall committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read, signed and approved.

Matters Arising:

1. Tetney Lock Road – these works have now been completed and it was noted that there was a vast improvement. It was agreed to write to the Highways Department and thank them for the works and to also determine when the white lines will be reinstated. It was also agreed to ask if there would be any more works scheduled for this area, as there are still some very uneven areas.
2. Horseshoe Point – we have still received no reply to our letter sent on 11.11.14.
3. Smart Wind – A representative from Smart Wind will be at the Tetney Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 15.1.14 – Councillor van der Horst will attend.
4. Lynne Canfield-Newens has now completed the forms from ELDC to state that she is now a co-opted member on North Cotes Council.
5. Councillor Bayne has completed the forms for HSBC to become the new signatory on the accounts. These will be returned to the bank.
6. Village Hall – solar panels – the representative present explained that it would take some time to get together all the information required for this grant.
7. Village Hall – newsletter – it was reported that they had not yet got a final estimate of the contribution that would be required for this circular but they estimate at the moment that it would be in the region of £300.
8. WW1 Bench – the vicar had stated that he would need to speak to his superiors re placing a commemorative bench within the churchyard.

Police.

The local police officer was present and reported the following: -

Re the stopping of traffic, around the War Memorial, during the two minutes of silence on Remembrance Day. He stated that there were only a finite number of staff available on the day and obviously priority has to be given to the areas of greater traffic. He suggested that we write to Sgt Willoughby to

ask what staff may be available this year stating that we had problems last year and he will advice back.

He stated that there had only been 5 minor incidents within 1500 meters of the village hall. There had been 6 minor incidents within 1500 meters of Kenneth Campbell Way. On a wider scale he stated that rural burglaries were still an issue and residents should take all necessary precautions. The thefts of overhead copper cabling appear to have stopped at the present time.

Correspondence

1. Energy Savings Scheme – the council felt residents would be better searching for their own best deals.
2. LCC – Minerals and Waste local plan – the council have read this letter and stated that should the issue of fracking ever arise they would strongly object.
3. Restorative justice – It was agreed to invite someone to our next meeting to ascertain exactly what this involves.

Finance:

1. The annual precept forms have to be submitted by 25.1.14. It was agreed that this year the council would request £4,000, as there may be additional costs this year such as contributions to the village hall.
2. A cheque was signed for £28.50 for the clerk as reimbursement for the flowers purchased for retiring councillor Rhodes.
3. It was agreed that a sum of approx £400 should be made available to the Clerk for the purchase of a new laptop computer.

AOB

1. The primary school head had asked that the council could help in trying to get Sea Lane included into the salting route. There are now seven buses daily that use this road, six of which are school buses. On two occasions prior to Christmas two companies had refused to negotiate this road causing chaos as parents had to bring there children down to the village in their own cars to catch the waiting buses. It was agreed to email Tony Bridges to ask for his suggestions on this matter because we have tried every year for many years and failed to get this road included.
2. The two representatives from Cherry Park reported that a resident on Fitties Lane has applied for planning permission to run a cattery with eleven pens from his residence. They asked for our help and it was stated that as many residents as possible should go on line to object. It was also stated that the covenant for the estate states that no business can be run from a property. North Cotes Parish Council would also post an objection quoting this covenant and also that the unadopted roads would not be suitable for the increased traffic and parking.

3. Councillor Hicks and Councillor Armstrong would try and come up with ideas of how to spend the £500 donation from a resident for the sites and types of shrubs or trees to be planted in time for the next meeting.

The date for the next meeting was fixed as Monday 9th March 2015 at 8.00 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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