

**GREENS NORTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM AT THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, TOWCESTER ROAD**

**PRESENT;** Cllrs C. Bowmer (Chair), P. Agness, S. Hiscock, S. Pittom and Cllr Mrs J Docking. Also present Mrs L. Paice, Clerk and five members of the public

1	<b>APOLOGIES</b> were received from Cllrs J. Golcher and Mrs S. Shepherd Cross (away). Cllr C. Dodd was absent from the meeting. Apologies were also received from Cllr C Manners, District Councillor.					
2	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> were noted.					
3	i) No <b>DISPENSATION REQUESTS</b> had been received. ii) A <b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> was made by Cllr Agness on issues relating to the Village Hall. iii) Members were reminded of the <b>REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS</b> following any changes, within 28 days of the changes.					
4	The number of seats vacant for <b>CO-OPTION TO THE COUNCIL</b> remained at four. Six applications had been received for co-option, one subsequently being withdrawn leaving five applications for four seats. All applicants had been invited to attend the meeting and the two present were invited to speak and did so giving details of their background and interest in applying. The members considered that co-options should only be made once applicants had attended a meeting and outlined their interest as none was known to the Council. Having given consideration to the two applicants present, Simon Devonald and Iain Farr, both resident in Duncote, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> and unanimously agreed that they be co-opted to fill two of the four vacant seats. Other applications would go forward to the next meeting when those concerned would again be invited to attend and speak if they so wished.					
5	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the <b>MINUTES</b> of the Meetings of the Council held on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019, having been previously circulated, be signed as a true record in line with Standing Orders.					
6	<b>ISSUES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISH TO RAISE</b> – None were raised There was no report from the <b>COUNTY or DISTRICT COUNCILLOR</b> .					
7	<p><b>PLANNING 7.1</b> There were no <b>APPLICATIONS</b> to be considered</p> <p>7.2 <b>PERMISSIONS</b> – 7 New Road</p> <p>7.3 <b>REFUSALS</b> - None.</p> <p>7.4 <b>OTHER PLANNING MATTERS</b> – a) An e mail from a resident regarding activity on the land to the rear of Falcon View/Benham Road between Blakesley Hill and Bradden Road was noted and would be monitored. Cllr Golcher would be asked to feedback to the next meeting on activity on the land at 18 Blakeley Hill if he considered there were any concerns.</p> <p>b) Notice from West Northants JPU regarding first stage new Plan preparation exhibitions was noted.</p> <p>c) Details of the next CPRE Planning Roadshow were advised and any member wishing to attend should contact the Clerk</p> <p>d) Details of SNC consultation in regard to electronic planning suggestions had been circulated. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that SNC be advised that the Council wished to continue consultations in paper form.</p>					
8	<b>FINANCE –8.1a)</b> To approve payment of the following accounts:					
	Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
	2990	£1794.47 ) £142,65 ) <b>£1937.12</b>	23.77	Linda Paice	Salary Christmas Lights	LGA 1972 s112 LGA 1972 s144
	2991	£106.24		HMRC	Tax and NHI	LGA 1972 s112
	2992	£33.38		Mat Webber	Underpayment on chq 2973	Open Spaces Act
	2993	£164.05	27.34	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
	2994	£180.00	30.00	Play Inspection Co.	Annual inspection	LGA 1972 s14
	2995	£2344.20	390.70	CGM	Urban mowing	Open Spaces Act
	2996	£456.00	76.00	HAGS	Zipwire repairs	LGA 1972 s14

2997	£10822.37	1803.73	Wicksteed Leisure	Lay equipment – NHB grant	LGA 1972 s14
2998	£20.00		SNAST	Membership	LGA and Rating act 1997 s31
2999	£32.00		GNCCA	Room Hire	LGA 1972 s111
3000	£25.00		Keith Rippon	Annual licence payment	LGA 1972 s144
3001	£25.00		Brian Goring	Annual licence payment	LGA 1972 s144
3002	£2300.00		A Brown/ J Garnor	Fireworks display	LGA 1972 s144
3003	£500.00		Greens Norton Parish Council	Unity Trust account deposit	LGA 1972 s111
3004	£384.00	64.00	Nick Burbidge Contracting	Pocket Park gate removal	Open Spaces Act
3005	£2004.91		Came & Company	Insurance renewal	LGA 1972 s111
3006	£794.64		Mat Webber	Jubilee Garden and handyman works	Open Spaces Act
3007	£197.40	32.90	DNH Contract	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
3008	£52.00		Sue Ingram	PF works	Open Spaces Act
DD	£140.27	6.67	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act
DD	£137.43	3.87	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act

8.1b). It was further **RESOLVED** that the following payments be made under Financial Regulation 6.5:

Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
3009	£22.65	3.78	TBS	Handyman materials	Open Spaces Act
3010	£16.32		Anglian Water	Allotment water	Allotments Act

As only one authorised signatory was present the cheques would be counter signed as soon as possible after the meeting as most payments covered a two month period.

8.2 To note any **RECEIPTS** - None

8.3 To note the Council's bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 as standing at £86334.57

8.4 Papers to open Unity Trust Bank account needed to be completed in order that the account can quickly be opened. This would avoid issues of shortage of mandated signatories. Members not present at the meeting would be asked to sign the documentation as a matter of urgency by arrangement with the Clerk.

## 9 **REPORTS:**

9.1 **HIGHWAYS** – i) The large already marked pothole at the bottom of School Lane would be highlighted as being an urgent issue.

ii) Updates on previous reports were noted.

iii) A complaint regarding missed verge mowing in Duncote had been addressed with the Contractor.

9.2 **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** – i) The problematic gate on the bridleway by the Pocket Park had been removed and approved by Rights of Way. The Pocket Park volunteers wished their concerns regarding this giving possible access to cattle to be recorded.

9.3 **LIGHTING** – i) No faults were reported..

9.4 **TREES** – i) A resident next to the Butchers Arms and bordering the village green had asked for some lower branches of a large tree to be cut back to improve his access to light. The Clerk would speak to an arboricultural specialist for advice.

ii) Concerns were expressed regarding the status of a large tree on Mill Lane by The Hall. Concern on this had been previously raised and its condition was clarified as being due to disease affecting horse chestnut trees. Its safety had been previously confirmed.

	<p><b>9.5 PLAYING FIELD</b> – i) Regular weekly inspections continued with no concerns being raised.  ii) The Clerk would follow up with the village handyman a date for installation of the safety signs by the entrance gate which were considered a matter of urgency.  iii) The Chair updated members on the position with Towcester Town Football Club usage of the field. A revised Agreement had been circulated which was accepted by the members and would be taken to a meeting the following day for signature.  iv) The new play equipment was now fully installed  v) Submission of a New Homes Bonus Grant application towards resurfacing of the carpark was noted</p> <p><b>9.6 POCKET PARK</b> –i) The written report was noted. The proposal for South Midlands Newt Conservation Partnership was detailed by the Chair and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the proposed agreement be duly completed. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that funding coming to the Council in future years as a result of this agreement would be earmarked for use by the Pocket Park group as required.</p> <p>ii) <b>9.7 VILLAGE GREEN - D</b>)Parking signs were now in situ on the green but as expected issues of access were still arising from time to time. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk and Cllr Mrs Docking work with the management at the Butchers Arms to decided further ways in which the issues can be raised with pub users.  iii) An electrician would be needed to do work in connection with the planned Christmas lighting of the trees, Cllr Pittom to advise a suitable contractor.</p> <p><b>9.8 JUBILEE GARDEN</b> - i) Concerns had again be raised by residents regarding tree overgrown into gardens adjoining the site. The Clerk would check the agreement with CGM on progress with ongoing works. It was clarified to members that the Garden was not owned by the Council but leased from NCC for 99 years from August 2001</p> <p><b>9.9 OTHER REPORTS</b> – i) The <b>TELEPHONE BOX</b> conversion was awaiting works by the village handyman which would be followed up by the Clerk.  ii)There had been no further contact on <b>CCTV CAMERA</b> locations from MJY Security. The Chair would make contact  iii) An update was given on the latest position with the disposal of the Village Hall  iv) The fireworks planning group was yet to meet.  v) The storage space in the building at the Community Centre had now been sorted out. Village Show Society boards were stored in there and the British Legion had clarified that the market stalls were no longer required. They would be asked to make arrangements for their removal if they were not of interest for Blakesley bonfire event which the Clerk would clarify.</p>
10	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> – i) There was no tabled or other correspondence.  ii) Advice had been received from SNC of the impending removal of the Royal British Legion Club from the Asset of Community Value listings, the registration coming to the end of its term on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Other similar notices were expected for other registered assets. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that all such listing be submitted for renewal.  iii) Notice of the NCALC AGM on October 5<sup>th</sup> had been received. No members indicated at this time a willingness to attend.  iv) SNC was undertaking a review of Polling Stations and would be advised of the imminent closure of the Village Hall and the availability of the Community Centre going forward.  v) Information from Citizens advice highlighting usage by village residents was noted and a contribution would be considered at the time of setting the budget for 2020-21  vi) The CPRE Green Clean event details was noted.  vii) Contact had been made by Ability Community Transport in relation to approaches made to them by some villagers. They would be invited to attend and present at the next meeting</p>
11	<p><b>CONSULTATIONS</b> - Details of a consultation on Northampton Town Centre Parking Proposals was noted  <i>The position on co-options having changed since the start of the meeting no closed session was required</i></p>
12	<p><b>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA</b> – None requested</p>
13	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b> there being no meeting in August.  There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm</p>