

MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Tuesday September 10th 2024 at 7:30pm

The Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs L King (Chair) J Johnson (Vice Chair) R Fife, Y Greenfield, H Gregory, G Hadjigeorgiou, P Hyde and T Hazard

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) and Cllr S Smith (GBC)

Cllr King took the opportunity to note a lot of work had been taking place throughout August for the Community Garden and the Old School Building. He thanked Chris Maltby and his team for the redecoration and improvement works in the Old School Building and the Parish Clerk for fronting up the process over the summer. He also thanked Councillors for keeping going throughout such a busy August.

24/2273 **Apologies for absence** Cllrs H Chadbourne-Doyle, R Rolls and D Yates

24/2274 **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** - None

24/2275 **Minutes from previous meetings**

- i) Minutes of the meeting held July 9th 2024 – approved as a true record and signed by the Chair
- ii) Matters arising (not covered by the agenda – for information only) – Cllr King to contact Flood Warden.

24/2276 **Opportunity for questions from members of the public (15 minutes)** – No members of the public present

24/2377 **County Councillor's report** – Cllr Adams gave his apologies and provided the following report:

“Village centre update - no change from the below post on the 1st of September:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/TJykMYyfB1ze7Dp/>

Woodside Rd Flooding update: ON THE ACTUAL ROAD BRICKS/STONES/MUD ETC: The team have confirmed that a holding pond has been dug on the farm land above Woodside Rd to prevent this from happening under rainfall and so, with this in place should prevent dispersal onto the highway.

UNAUTHORISED CONNECTION: The unauthorised connection from the land at the top of Woodside which was feeding into the ST Combined Sewer and surface water drain has now been directed to the correct surface water drain and will prevent access water in the system which caused the system to be at full capacity over winter.

Gave £500 out of my grant funding to the Meow cat rescue in Burton Joyce”.

Cllrs responded by referring to the meeting in which a design brief / wish list for village centre development was presented by the Parish Council to senior officers at Notts County council with Cllr Adams present. Apart from a brief discussion which followed some months later, the Parish Council has since not been included in any further developments or discussions. It was noted that working closely and collaboratively was the most productive way to proceed for the benefit of the village as a whole. It was noted with reference to the reply from Cllr Adams that this issue was not about “remits”, but working collaboratively for the greater good. An appeal was made via Cllr Smith to Cllr Adams to share any updated plans for the Village Centre with the Parish Council. Clerk to formally request a meeting with Cllr Adams.

24/2278 **Borough Councillor's report** – Cllr Smith reported that he has been collaborating with the Climate Action Group and highways officers on a wild flowering project and they identified sites on the A612 (Station Road to Colwick, hedgerow side) to be seeded in the autumn. He also attended a recent charity event at the Cross Keys pub.

Regarding Network Rail, he advised that there is another meeting coming up and discussions are now underway following the on-line survey. He remains determined for the Chestnut Grove crossing should not to be closed. Network Rail have cut hedges back to try and improve the line of sight and view of a Risk Assessment has been requested by Cllr Smith.

Carlton Town has received a £3000 football pitch improvement grant from Persimmon Homes. Pride of Gedling Award nominations are now open. Concern has been raised regarding the national policy target of a 45% increase in housing, with a request being made for information on the sites that have been identified and any green belt that may be affected.

24/2279 **Terms of Reference** – Changes to committee Terms of Reference – all proposed changes (marked red) accepted. Clerk to update documents accordingly.

24/2280 **Finance matters**

- i) Bills for Payment for August 2024 – **Approved to pay** (Clarified C Maltby invoice included corridor works as well as Main Hall decoration).
- ii) Late Bills for Payment for August 2024 - **Approved to pay**
- iii) Bank Reconciliation by 2 signatories – **Approved to sign**
- iv) **Approved for Clare Brettell to be added** to Unity Bank and CCLA accounts for access / to set up payments from 1st October 2024, subject to signing of her employment contract.
- v) **External Audit** – Successful conclusion of annual external audit noted. Cllr Hyde and Clerk thanked for all their work in the management of the financial accounts.

24/2281 **Correspondence** - None

24/2282 **Committees:** The following were considered:

- (i) **Amenities:** Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2024 received and noted. Cllrs Hadjigeorgiou and Hyde noted new members of the Garden Holders Association are keen to be more involved with the maintenance and administration of the allotments.
- (ii) **Planning:** Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2024 received and noted. Cllr Gregory to join the Planning Committee.
 - a. **Approved for Cllr Fife to draft letter to MP** regarding planning law changes and circulate to all. To highlight concerns regarding national policy to increase housing – in particular noting the geographical layout of the village with the river one side and the hills and woodlands the other, resulting in any additional housing adversely impacting on existing settlements. Cllr Smith noted the battery energy storage plan is currently paused for expert advice.

Cllr Smith left at 8:05pm

- (iii) **Finance & General Purpose Committee:** Minutes of meeting held on 30th July 2024 received. Noted that the £100,000 'FCC Communities Fund' grant application for the community garden has now been submitted and a decision is due in early December.
- (iv) **Poplars Sports Ground Committee:** Minutes of meeting held 2nd September 2024 received and noted. Cllr Gregory to join this committee. Noted a Fireworks Working Group is meeting 1st October to plan the event.
- (v) **Community Engagement:** Minutes of meeting held 16th July 2024 received and noted.
 - a. **To receive an update on rail crossing liaison and agree actions** - Concerns raised that not enough is being done by Network Rail to mitigate potential accidents or address points raised by the Parish Council and that a meeting has seemingly been organised without the PC's inclusion. Clerk to contact NR to clarify. Cllr Fife reported that the Village Society is writing about the potential closure of the crossing in The Magazine. Agreed that in the report for The Magazine the PC should also state concerns. Public

meeting to enable villagers to give opinions to be considered.

- b. **Carlton Towns Funds consultation survey** – Submission from Parish Council noted. Application for OSB resurfacing and Village Centre to be made following GBC request for formal submission.

- (vi) **Community Garden Committee:** Minutes of meeting held 20th August 2024 received and noted. Agreed to update the boards on the front of the building and to include update in The Magazine report. To include narrative of where we are and that we must now wait for decision on £100k grant before any works can commence.

24/2283

HR Panel

- a. **Approved** for Clare Brettel to be appointed to new (part-time) position of Responsible Finance Officer / Operations Manager, post to commence 1st October 2024. Debbie Leach to be appointed as new Office Cleaner.
- b. **NALC training session booked for 22nd October at 6:30pm** – Noted. To include overview of procedures and processes and 'Civility & Respect' pledge information.

24/2284

Information update: Cllr Johnson noted that Picnic in the Park was postponed due to the rain and that a new date was being explored. Clerk to invite M Payne MP to meet Parish Councillors – may need to be an evening meeting.

Due to the confidential nature of the following section, minutes are recorded separately.

24/2285

Review of correspondence from Old School Trust

24/2286

Update on 'Re-set' meeting of 28th August 2024

24/2287

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed 9:05pm

Signed: _____

Chair of the Parish Council

Date: _____