

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT

FERNHILL HEATH BAPTIST CHURCH

On Monday June 1st at 7.30 pm

PRESENT:

Cllr M Sainsbury (MS)
Cllr A McManus (AMM)
Cllr S J Routledge (SJR)
Cllr P Philips (PP)
Cllr P Maybury (PM)
Cllr Meg Farmer (MF)
Cllr Margaret Drinkwater (MD)

County and District Cllr L Duffy (LD)
8 members of the public.
The Clerk to NCPC.

1. Apologies

There were apologies received and accepted from Cllr K Savage (KS), Cllr J Carter (JC) and County Cllr A. Miller (AM).

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

- 2.1 Register of interests; Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- 2.2 There were no declarations of personal interests in items on the agenda.
- 2.3 There was one declaration of a prejudicial interest from Cllr PP (agenda item 6.2) who left the room at the appropriate time in the meeting.

3. To confirm the minutes of the annual meeting of 18 May 2015.

The minutes were approved and signed accordingly.

4. To consider any matter arising from the minutes

Cllr MF is still investigating the provision of white gates at the entrance to the village of Fernhill Heath.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting of the Council was closed to allow members of the public to comment on any items on the agenda and bring up any matters that they wished to bring to the attention of the Council. The Council meeting was re-opened at the end of the public question time.

5 The Brum

- 5.1 No councillor had any matters to raise with regard to the Brum.

- 5.2 To discuss progress re improvements to the Brum recreation ground – new equipment/redesigning the playground.
There was nothing to update the Council with regard to this project.

6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.

- 6.1 Update on any highways actions from the last meeting.
As Cty Cllr AM was unable to attend, there were no updates on the following issues;
- Pelican crossing at Dilmore Lane
 - Proposed traffic lights at Hurst lane
 - Alternative pick up points for school bus on the A38.
 - Issue of parking on the A38, especially outside the entrance to Okeys Lane.
 - Resurfacing of Butchers Walk.
- 6.2 Public path stopping up and diversion order for footpath 530, North Claines Worcs.
This was agreed by the parish council with association to planning permission W/14/01584/PP.
The council agreed that they had no additional comments with regard to this order and were happy for it to proceed.
- 6.3 Additional comments with regard to highways, footpaths or lighting.
It was noted that there were potholes on Dark Lane (off Jacobs Ladder and Egg lane)

7. Correspondence for information only.

- Parish matters magazine from Wychavon.
- Calc updates
- Information from NALC on The Local Government act (religious observances)
- Email from B Hollis re Dilmore and Kennels planning applications.
- Information re the Wychavon strong communities event for Cllrs, 9th June 2015.
- Thank you letter from the Over 60's club for the parish council donation of £200.

8. Planning

8.1 Planning applications for decision

W/15/01232/PP
Badgers Bend
Bevere Green
Bevere
Worcester
WR3 7RG
Single storey rear extension.
NCPD had no objection to this application.

W/15/01067/CU
Lyftors Lodge
Firs Farm
Ombersley Road
Bevere
Conversion of barn to residential dwelling. Proposed new garage.
NCPD had no objection to this application

AB/15/01271/AB
Oak Farm
Ombersley Road
Bever
WR3 7RH
Replacement agricultural building for farm storage.
NCPC had no objection to this application

W/15/01065/PP
Upper Tapenhall House
Dilmore Lane
Fernhill Heath
WR3 7RX
Conversion of barn to games room and accommodation.
NCPC had no objection to this application with the proviso that the applicant complies with the conservation comments provided by Wychavon.

W/15/00996/PN
Worcestershire Hunt Kennels
Kennels Lane
Fernhill Heath
WR3 7RZ
Residential development for 87 new dwellings. Resubmission of application.
NCPC objected to this application based on the following points.

- NCPC objected to the original application.
- Wychavon refused the original application and the appeal for the original application is still underway.
- This plot does not form part of the SWDP and the local five year land supply.
- NCPC has already been subject to many approved planning applications.
- The access to this plot is unsuitable.

W/15/01151/PP
8 Northfield Close
Fernhill Heath
WR3 7XB
New conservatory to rear elevation.
NCPC had no objection to this application

15/000018/CM
Severn Trent Water Ltd
Fernhill Heath terminal sewage station
Proposed erection of 2.2 metre high fencing in association with new underground pumping station.
NCPC had no objection to this application

8.2 **Planning decisions returned by the parish council before this meeting.**
None

8.3 **Planning decisions received from Wychavon *District Council - WDC* (decision in **bold**) NCPC decision in italics.**
None to date of agenda

8.4 Neighbourhood Plan Committee

8.4.1 Update on progress

8.4.2 The Council debated on the need for a strategic impact assessment as recommended by Cass Associates and considered any associated costs incurred with this assessment.

Two quotes have been received for this work and Wychavon have agreed to pay for the work.

The Council approved the need for a strategic impact assessment and agreed that this assessment should go ahead.

The Council agreed that the neighbourhood planning committee (NPC) could consider which company they wished to provide the work and to inform Wychavon accordingly.

The NPC will update NCPC at the July meeting

9 Report from District and County Councillor.

9.1 Report from Lynne Duffy, District and County Councillor for NCPC.

- It was noted that the new councillors were settling in.
- The new homes bonus scheme is currently being decided upon and Wychavon are awaiting the outcome.
- Lynne Stevens is the parks officer at Wychavon and may be able to help with the procurement of a playground for the parish council.
- LD will supply an article for the parish magazine about herself.

10. Newsletter

- 10.1 The newsletter is to be printed in the middle of June.
AMM to provide a piece re the neighbourhood plan progress.
SJR to provide a piece re the playground progress.

11 Finance.

11.1 Cheques for payment at the Council meeting.

Clerk – Clerks salary for May 2015	£702.19
HMRC – Tax and NI for the Clerk for May 2015	£8.74
Top Cut mowing services for May 2015	£4,232.40
Top Cut mowing services for May 2015 – Lengthsman charge	£594
Cass Associates Invoice 1147/09	£3340
Go Kart Party For fun for all day	£475
NPower Parish lighting	£639.25
Andy Loos Toilet facilities for the fun for all day	£152.40
The above payments were all approved.	

11.2 Youth project- “Why don’t we”

The parish council was approached by the Children’s Kayak charitable Trust to provide a donation towards a minibus for youth based activities across Wychavon. The minibus is to be supported by the parish councils of Wychavon.

The parish council agreed that they should like to support this Trust with a donation to be agreed at the next meeting. The Clerk is to check that this is a registered charity.

12 The parish council has been approached by the Arts Development Officer of Wychavon.

Around £2,500 arts contribution has been received by Wychavon because of the development in Bevere, and the Arts development office would like to know if there are any suitable arts projects that could benefit from this money in the area.

The Council agreed to publish a piece in the parish focus to see if any parishioners had any suggestions.

13 Parish Maintenance - There were no items for consideration.

14 Do any Councillors have any items for consideration?

There were no items for consideration.

15 Dates of the next Parish Council meetings.

6th July

7th September

The meeting was closed at 20.50 hrs

Dated 9 May 2015

Abbreviations

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

NPC – Neighbourhood planning committee

MS - Cllr M Sainsbury

AMM - Cllr A McManus

SJR - Cllr S J Routledge

PP - Cllr P Philips

PM - Cllr P Maybury

MF - Cllr Meg Farmer

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JC – Cllr John Carter

KS – Cllr Kevin Savage

LD - County and District Cllr L Duffy

AM – County and District Cllr A Miller

Cllr – Councillor

Notes of Public Question Time

Members of the public raised the following points;

- It was noted that the issue of the “overgrown” gardens encroaching on the pavement is ongoing. LD is to discuss with AM on his return from holiday.
- A parishioner noted that there were hedges from Agatha Gardens encroaching onto Okeys Lane. Cllr AMM noted that a neighbourly discussion should be the first action.
- It was noted that the Fernhill Heath development opposition group is taking a planning consultant to the SWDP hearing on 5th June 2015.