

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on November 10th 2011.

Present: Cllrs. Betts (Chair), Humphreys, Lineker, Biggs, Daw and Preece.

Apologies: Cllr. Straw. Cllr. Cranswick (RBC).

Declaration of interest: None

Acceptance of minutes of the meeting of the 13th October 2011. These were agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising:

Parish Council Forum: Cllr. Humphreys reported on the forum. The topics were Electoral boundary review (boroughs, Parish, Towns), Olympics and Diamond Jubilee celebrations and Fire & Rescue services. Bingham is to continue as a retained fire station.

Correspondence:

Developing a Nottinghamshire approach to Localism: How Parish councils can work with Local Councils. Likely to be law in December 2011. More consultation in the New Year. Cllr. Daw asked if the grass cutting of the green in Sutton could be included in the PC's budget instead of Notts highways. Clerk to investigate cost.

Nottinghamshire Police future estate: The number of front desk manned police stations is to reduce from 42 to 19 in the current review. However everyone in Nottinghamshire will be within a 20 minute journey or 8 mile radius of a police point. Cllr. Suthers explained that they are looking for new premises in Bingham.

Update on the removal of trees Sutton Lane: Cllr. Betts had received a phone call from NCC that the dead trees would be removed this month. These trees would not be replaced at the same time but will be identified for a replacement at some time in the future. Cllr. Preece raised concern that most of the horse chestnut trees were diseased and we would lose most of them over the next few years. Should this become a project? Opinions to be sought.

Cemetery:

Cllr. Straw has written to Severn Trent to find out costs of supplying a water supply - no response to date.

Village Hall:

Gas contract - Clerk confirmed that a better price had been secured with Eon on a 1 year fixed price deal. 11.75p per day and 3.75p per KWH from Jan 2012.

A booking request has been received for the Belvoir Challenge. Cllrs agree to the booking and to the hire of portaloos as long as this is at their expense.

Events Committee:

Cllr Betts reported that approx 25 people attended the open forum. A further meeting to be arranged for the 16th November. A discussion took place on how the Olympics should be marked and possible inter village competitions/races with Orston & Barnstone/Langar.

Winter road conditions: Salt had now been delivered. Cllr. Humphreys as snow warden to be the point of contact.

Cllr. Suthers left the meeting.

Parish Plan: It was reported that the Parish Plan steering group will be winding down their work and will eventually cease to exist. Cllrs. acknowledged the work and achievements of the Parish Plan Group and confirmed that the PC is committed to carrying out the remaining goals that it has adopted from the Plan. Cllr. Humphreys will take the lead on the village sign project and will liaise with the signmaker and members of the steering group. Cllr. Lineker to take on responsibility for delivering the Welcome Packs. The establishment of an Allotments site is a longer term project for the PC

Christmas trees: Granby Motors and the Lineker family kindly agreed to sponsor this year's trees.

Finance: Current account balance: £5852.72 Bank Reserve Acct Balance: £9176.32

Parish Clerk & Caretakers salaries: - The clerk left the meeting while a discussion took place. It was agreed that the clerk should be moved to SCP 17 £8.747p. Caretaker's salary to be agreed following appraisal and a review of hours.

Accounts Approved for payment.

S Foster (windows)	£ 10.00	
Hempsteads	£351.40	plus £70.28 VAT.
L R Mees	£33.71	plus £6.74 VAT
RBC (election costs)	£40.74	
A Coy (exps)	£32.71	plus £6.56 VAT
K Smith (exps)	£7.42	plus £1.48

Councillors' reports:

Following a response from Highways Department regarding our concerns over the motorway style barriers that have been erected on Plungar lane, Cllr Biggs asked if we could request a copy of their assessment especially as we have requested that the 30 mile sign be relocated beyond the Whipling bridge.

Cllr. Biggs reported that tents and livestock hutches had now appeared on the land on Barnstone Lane. Cllr Cranswick to be informed.

Date and time of next meeting: 8th December 2011 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.10 p.m.