

NORTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON

Thursday 9th May 2024 - 7.15 pm at The Parish Hall, Northbourne

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1. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

NPC Cllrs Dan Edelman (Chair), Eileen Rowbotham (Vice-chair), Michaela Hubble, Mark Pays, Heidi Kemp.

DDC Cllr Kenton and KCC & DDC Cllr Manion

Clerk – Cathy Skinner

Apologies received from Cllr Jacquie Brett

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

a) Declaration of any councillor's interest in agenda items other than those registered at previous meetings. b) Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests and Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests (other than those previously disclosed), and a reminder to think of any changes to the DPI Register held at DDC, such as a change of job or home. c) Voluntary Declaration of other non-significant interest.

NONE

3. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

Limited to items on the agenda, a maximum of 15 minutes in total

NONE

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th APRIL 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record: proposed to accept by Cllr Rowbotham, seconded Cllr Kemp. **ALL AGREED.**

5. REPORTS FROM:

a. District and County Councillors

Cllr Kenton

In Dover, the Roman Painted House is now under DDC control and will be run by volunteers, it is planned to apply for heritage lottery funding. More artifacts will be brought in as the site is expanded. The Maison Dieu is nearing completion of the restoration programme made possible by £5m of grant funding.

Port Health remains the responsibility of DDC and is funded by them in the future the facility may move to Sevington near Ashford, but DDC may still be responsible for basic health checks. DDC's budget would be OK without possible impacts of Port Health.

Green waste bins have now been rolled out; Cllr Kenton believes that subscriptions for the service have been maintained at previous levels.

A few modifications have been made to the Local Plan; any further changes will only relate to legal changes of which little is anticipated.

Cllr Manion

KCC are encouraging the uptake of vaccinations for whooping cough in light of recent reports that cases are increasing. Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children are still an issue for KCC who have now met with Government Ministers, the aim is to share these children around the country.

Potholes, there has been a slight decrease in the rate at which they are repaired but Cllr Manion strongly encourages everyone to report them when seen.

b. Chair

Dan Edelman reported on the resignation of Bob Brewin and thanked him for the work he undertook for the parish.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing with more meetings planned for the committee.

Northbourne Paish Council now has a government domain: Northbourne-pc.gov.uk,
Our website is now:

www.northbourne-pc.gov.uk

Parish council emails have also changed in line with the domain name, this provides the council with enhanced security.

c. Vice-Chair

Eileen Rowbotham reported that residents have asked if a sound enhancing system could be used at parish council meetings to help those who find it hard to hear proceedings. Planting of trees has also been suggested, also donating bee bombs to parishioners could also help wildlife.

6. REPORT FROM CLLR ROWBOTHAM FROM KALC AGM RECENTLY ATTENDED

6 parishes were represented at the meeting and received presentations from 2 District Councillors who discussed Planning issues and traffic generation.

7. D.DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

a. To agree the format of the event

b. To agree purchase and location of a commemorative tree

c. To discuss and agree invitees, if required, to a planting ceremony.

The church have confirmed that they will not be holding a separate event on 6th June, Cllr Edelman advised that the parish council do not have any funds available to organise a separate event although it has been mentioned that a group of parishioners will be lighting the beacon in the evening. Cllr Rowbotham has invited Lord Northbourne to plant a tree at Almonry Meadow, however after discussion it was felt that isn't the best location. It was agreed to ask the church if a tree could be planted within their grounds. The Clerk will contact the benefice office to enquire. It was also suggested that the church may provide refreshments in the church room.

8. DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY FOR NPC

Proposal to initiate discussions from Cllr Rowbotham.

It was suggested that the community would like to be involved in environmental projects. Cllr Pays commented that we could encounter problems as we don't have much land or a budget to make an impact. Low key initiatives such as the unmown strip at Almonry Meadow, No Mow May and support for the RSPB Wildlife Rangers have all been welcomed. Cllr Edelman

commented that this strategy would also fall with the NDP, it was agreed to allow this to develop.

9. AFFILIATION TO KALC

Proposal from Cllr Rowbotham to re-consider the decision not to maintain membership of KALC and to identify budget.

It was agreed that this will be considered for next year's budget.

10. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a. To receive the finance report

After payments, the balance at the bank is: £17496.35.

- b. To approve payments:

Clerk £422.82

Hugo Fox £ 11.99

Ionos £ 3.60

The finance report and payments were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Pays, seconded by Cllr Hubble **ALL AGREED**

- c. Completing changeover to .gov domain email, councillors to sign the GDPR declaration. **DONE**

- d. Insurance -valuation of the Pavilion, currently listed at £17,000-to agree a revision and amendment to the asset register.

It was agreed that the insurance value should be increased to £30,000 proposed to be accepted by Cllr Pays, seconded by Cllr Hubble **ALL AGREED**

- e. ICO - Model publication scheme/FOi to agree adoption of the ICO model.
It was proposed that the model be adopted, proposed by Cllr Edelman, seconded by Cllr Hubble **ALL AGREED**.

- f. KALC have developed a parish charter in conjunction with DDC which has been circulated to all Dover parishes. Cllr Edelman proposed that NOC support this charter, seconded Cllr Pays **ALL AGREED**

11. RECREATION AREAS

Almonry Meadow - Pavilion refurbishment update and to review the works required.

Work continues with offers of practical help from the community, further update at the June meeting.

12. PLANNING

West Street Farm, Finglesham. Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Comments are invited in respect of appeal.

The appeal was noted but no further comments required.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2015

Next meeting 13th June 2024

Cathy Skinner - Clerk/RFO

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