

## Meeting Minutes of Nordelph Parish Council

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6.30pm held at Nordelph Village Hall, Birchfield Road, Nordelph

Parish Councillors present: Councillor Capsey (Chairman), Councillor Lyus, Councillor Gray, Councillor Venn and Councillor Favell also present Borough Councillor Rose, County Councillor Dawson and two members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Thomas, Borough Councillor Spikings

### MINUTES

#### 1 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. For the purpose of the Minutes it can be recorded that due to illness the Clerk was not present and Councillor Capsey took the Minutes for this meeting.

#### 2 To consider and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received as above and the reasons for such approved.

#### 3 To declare pecuniary interests & consider any requests for dispensations

No pecuniary interests were given and no requests for dispensations had been requested prior to the meeting.

#### 4 Open Forum for public participation (15 minutes only);

- a) A resident was present to report recent anti-social behaviour in the village surrounding the riding of an electric bike on the main roads around the village. The resident confirmed that the matter had been reported to the Police.

#### 5 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the last meeting as a true record and these will be signed by the Chair at the December meeting.

#### 6 Parish Matters

- a) It was resolved to officially co-opt Jan Patch onto the Parish Council as a councillor.
- b) It was noted that the £13,720.00 applied for to the Borough Council for repairs to the railings along the riverbank has been successful. £15,000.00 has already been secured from Norfolk County Council with a £500.00 contribution from the Precept. Clerk to contact the preferred contractor carrying out the work to confirm the price quoted is still valid and to arrange a meeting to progress things.
- c) The Nordelph Arts & Crafts Group has applied for funding for some Christmas lights for the bridge. Mains power is not an option so solar or battery lights are being investigated. Thanks to be recorded to Councillor Dawson who offered to donate a voucher for a prize for the event that is running alongside the switching on of the lights; a competition for the children of the village to design a bauble for the Christmas tree.

#### 7 Finance

- a) It was resolved with all in favour to approve the outstanding payments as listed below:

September & October 2024 Payments List					
Supplier	Price	VAT	Total	Type of payment	Description of service/supply
Nordelph Village Hall	18.00	0.00	18.00	TRF	Hall Hire
Emneth Design	23.95	0.00	23.95	TRF	PC Service charge / glitch with laptop / shared 50% with Emneth PC
sse	137.84	6.90	144.74	DD	out of contract rates for energy for August 2024
Graham Barker	960.00	0.00	960.00	TRF	M5 & M6 grass cutting charges
Clerk expenses	98.80	0.00	98.80	TRF	Sept & Oct Clerk Expenses, mileage, mobile, broadband, elec etc.
Clerk Wages	352.80	0.00	352.80	DD	M6 wages
	<b>1,591.39</b>	<b>6.90</b>	<b>1,598.29</b>		

- b) It was resolved for Councillor Capsey to arrange for a wreath for the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday.
- c) The Current Account balance at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024: £7,498.35.
- d) Income received since last meeting: £0.00.
- e) It was noted that the contract for electricity for street lights had been renegotiated after some difficulty as many suppliers are no longer offering unmetered supply contracts to micro businesses (which is what the Parish is classified as). A 2-year contract has been agreed at 29.78p per kWh for

the *dusk to dawn* supply and 27.29p per kWh for the *dawn to dusk* supply: total annual cost expected to be circa £187.58.

f) It was resolved with all in favour to approve expenditure of £200.00 to clean the war memorial. The contractor will need to use the electricity and water supply from the Village Hall.

**8 To receive a report from the Borough Council**

- The development of a further 1,100 homes in West Winch has started but funding for the new bypass is an issue.
- Further funding has been announced for Special Constables.

**9 To receive a report from the County Council**

- Footpath 7 is still with the Legal Department.

**10 To consider any planning matters since last meeting:** no report.

**11 To discuss any cemetery/churchyard issues**

- A resident had requested to put a cover over the bench in the cemetery; it was resolved to approve this but the cover must be dark green or brown.
- Councillor Dawson has offered to help with the purchasing of some bat boxes; Clerk to progress.

**12 To consider Playing Field issues**

- The grass cutting contractor had reported a large amount of dog waste on the playing field when it was last cut.

**13 To consider any Village Hall matters**

- Various events are planned over the coming months; for further information relating to village hall matters contact the Village Hall Committee directly via email at [villagehallnordelph@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallnordelph@gmail.com)
- The Village Hall Committee has been successful in obtaining some funding from the Borough Council via their Community Infrastructure Levy fund.

**14 To note any general correspondence since last meeting:** no report.

**15 To note any correspondence or report any issues relating to the Police**

- An incident on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 with a speeding vehicle travelling at about 90mph along Birchfield Road during school drop-off time had been reported to the Police.
- Two incidents of eggs being thrown at a residential property along the High Street have been reported to the Police.

**16 To consider Agenda items for the next meeting**

- To note any progress with repairing / replacing the railings along the riverbank
- Councillor Patch to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and a Register of Interests form
- To note any progress with lights for the bridge
- To note prices for hedgehog/bat boxes for the cemetery
- To consider 2025/2026 budget figures
- Speeding

**17 If required to consider excluding the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed<sup>1</sup>:** no report.

**18 To note the date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 at 6.30pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed..... Date .....

<sup>1</sup> Personnel issues, tenders for contracts, legal proceedings