

NETHER HEYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes Nether Heyford Parish Council Meeting, Monday 4th February 2019, at
7.30pm
in the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green, Nether Heyford**

Present

C Kiloh (in the chair)	M Brasset	S Corner	L. Dilkes	L Eales
P Green	N Haynes	D Musson	A. Williams	
Cllr P Bignell SNC	G Ravine, Clerk	Cllr D Harries, SNC		12 members of public

1	To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence. A-M Collins. . Resolved. Apologies accepted by Council. Cllr A Brown. NCC
2	To Invite Declarations of Interest. None. .
3	Register of Interests Update. None. .
4	Public Participation. Alwyne Wilson introduced herself as the new chair of the Village Hall. Tom Dodd spoke about problems experienced by residents of Bliss Close with the maintenance of the public spaces, or buffer zones. Residents were paying a considerable amount for maintenance which they do not feel is being carried properly or with any reference to the costs they are incurring. Any requests to see the contracts are rebuffed, and it seemed that the agreements were in perpetuity with no right to appeal or withdraw. He was concerned to know what had passed between Council and the developers on this issue. It was felt that safety issues were a concern of the Parish Council, even if other issues did not. Cllr PG reported that there were similar maintenance contracts in place in Bugbrooke, but that they were being properly handled. It was suggested that there might be breach of contract. Parishioners expressed concerns about lack of lighting on the Green, and in Church St.
5	To confirm and sign minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2019. The Council Resolved to accept the minutes as a true record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes and agenda.
6	Reports: . A. Lights. Clerk had been in contact with Aylesbury mains with a view to siting new lamps and using them as a trial for cheaper and more environmentally friendly lighting. Lights in Rolfe Crescent and Bliss Close to be reported. Resolved. Chair and clerk to attend a lighting seminar on behalf of Council. Clerk to receive appropriate overtime and expenses. B. Roads & Pavements - The installation of a 20mph speed limit was raised. This was felt to be an aspiration for next year, although it could be applied for under NHB. The annual "Spring Clean" would be taking place on March 30/31 st . Clerk had contacted Matthew Clarke at Keir/Highways who was still searching for a quote for a finger post for the church. He had also advised that renovation of the direction sign on the green would probably cost £1500.

C. The Green & Play Area - No problems identified at present.
Resolved. Chair and Clerk to attend a course on Play Area inspection on 6th April. Clerk to receive appropriate overtime and expenses.

D. Playing Fields. Resolved. Council voted to support the application for funding towards a netball and basketball court.

E. Trees - Resolved. Stowe Tree services quote to pollard 8 trees on the green for £1890 was accepted.

It was established that there are no TPOs on trees on the green, and it was felt very important that the work be done as quickly as possible.

F. Allotments – Rent night took place on Jan 24th. All but 8 rents collected. SC suggested a reminder letter at the end of the month. AW suggested setting up online payments with monthly instalments.

G. Footpaths - No problems other than the weather.

H. Churchyard - NH reported that there would be a PCC meeting this week. LE expressed concern that rampant ivy and Russian Vine might damage the newly restored North wall.

I. Canal - NH reported a leak from an Anglian Water inspection box at bridge 32 on the canal.

J. JBB - Meeting to be arranged as soon as possible.

K. Youth Club - LD reported 38 children registered; more helpers needed. Urban Safari would be presenting “exotic” animals on April 1st.

L. Defibrillators. - Both checked and in working order. Lock repaired.

7 Planning Matters

S/2019/0131/T CA	11 The Green	Field Maple - remove to ground level.	Info only
S/2019/0098/F UL	17 The Green	Replace asbestos cement roof panels on garage with Onduline corrugated panels. Requires removal of lean-to greenhouse (to be rebuilt). Replace garden shed with log cabin style.	No Objections
S/2019/0184/T CA	25 Manor Park	Reduce lowest limb of oak tree by approx.. 4 m	Info only
S/2018/2611/F UL	Land Behind Denbrook.	Weedon Rd Erection of single dwelling	Refused.
S/2019/0042/ OUT *	Plot off Winston Close - 74 Furnace Lane	Outline - 4 new detached 2 bedroom properties with associated landscaping and extension to Winston Close road.	No objections
S/2018/0091/F UL**	Land Rear 4B The Green	Detached dwelling.	Gone to appeal

*. It was **Resolved** to offer **no objections** to this development in outline form as it was felt that these properties were what the village needed, rather than 4/5 bedroom properties. Concerns were raised that the proposed development was outside the village confines, and to support it was a bad precedent. It was hoped that there would never be a road connecting Winston Place and ridgeway Furlong, although a footpath was desirable, and it was hoped the land between could be protected.

** Applicant had appealed against policies R1 and H12 being applied. SC reported that Council's previous objections had been reiterated.

8 Bliss Close maintenance issues. It was felt that at this stage the issue did not involve the Parish Council, as the Council referred to in the House deeds was almost certainly SNC. Such maintenance contracts were becoming common and similar conflicts were arising all over the country, and causing concern in Government. SC felt this was not an issue for Council, and AW felt the residents

	would have to take legal advice. The Clerk was instructed to write express concerns on safety issues, and the Chair expressed sympathy and support on behalf of Council.
9	Neighbourhood Plan - SC reported that it was hoped to have a draft finished by the end of March.
10	Risk Assessment – Annual review. Clerk had distributed copies of both Health and Safety and Financial Risk Assessment documents. Resolved. Financial Risk Assessment re - adopted. Resolved. Health and Safety Risk Assessment adopted, with one revision regarding water troughs.
11	Revue of the Internal Audit. – Clerk had distributed copies of a document. Resolved. Revue of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit document re - adopted.
12	New Standing Orders - Deferred.
13	New Financial Regs - Deferred.
14	Disciplinary and Grievance Policy - Deferred.
15	SLCC regional Conference - Clerk reported that a new Code of Conduct was in preparation, due the inadequacies perceived in the existing Code. The issue of cyber insurance was raised, and there were sections on “journalistic” writing, wellbeing and managing local change. All the published notes have been sent round. Resolved. Clerk to attend an SLCC course on Insurance on March 7 th at Bugbrooke, and to receive appropriate overtime and expenses.
16	Correspondence.

S Boutle - re Spring Clean.. - Noted CPRE - Litter Heroes 2019 -Circ. - Noted J Dixon - re Tennis Club - circ. - Noted H Howard - re Weedon Rd “speeding”.- circ - Noted T Dodd re Bliss Close. - Noted, referred to above. Letter re LGR consultation. - circ. - Noted	NALC - Open Letter. - circ. - Noted NALC - CE bulletin. Circ. - Noted Police - meeting with Commissioner - circ. - Noted SNC - Sarah Burns re NHB grant - Clerk to confirm PC support for PFA application. South Northants Local Plan Part 2 Submission- circ - Noted G Thorneycroft - re Playing Field NHB - - Noted
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Circ.- Circulated by email: EMRA- East Midlands Regional Assembly, HSC Heyford Sports Club, JCS Joint Core Strategy, CLASP Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project, WMJPU Wet Northants Joint Planning Unit, SNH South Northants Homes, NRHA Northants Rural Housing Association, PFA Playing Field Association - NHB New Homes Bonus, NP Neighbourhood Plan, SNC South Northants Council.

A) Bank Balance: Yorkshire Bank Parish Council 01/01/2019 £91,374.89 B) Accounts for approval

	NAME	CH NO	AMOUNT	Incl VAT	POWER
1	G Ravine - salary including overtime.	2080	£802.04		<i>LGA 1972 s 112</i>
2	HMRC DB £70.40 GR £213.40 NI£44.04 Emp NICs £50.65	2081	£378.49		<i>LGA 1972 s 112</i>
3	D Booker - salary	2082	£281.95		<i>LGA 1972 s 112</i>
4	DNH Contracts Dog Bins	2083	£263.50	£52.7 0	<i>Clean Neighbourhood/Env Act 2005</i>
5	Aylesbury Mains ltd - light maint	2084	£55.20	£9.20	<i>Highways Act 1980 S301</i>
6	Aylesbury Mains ltd - light maint	2085	£173.52	£28.9 2	<i>Highways Act 1980 S301</i>
7	Nether Heyford Baptist Church - replaces 2065. Wrongly made out	2086	£100.00		<i>LGA1972 s114</i>
	Pension Ee £25.61 Er £21.34		£46.95		<i>LGA 1972 s 112</i>
	*Denotes invoice received after agenda published				

Resolved. Payments to be made.

15 **Items for the next Agenda.** Finger posts. Standing Orders, Financial Regs and

	Disciplinary Policy.
18	Next meetings - Monday, 4th March 2019

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25pm