

Egmanton Parish Meeting

Village Hall – 8.00 pm 2nd March 2017

Minutes - unadopted

In attendance

Officials:- John Smith, Acting Chairman, DC Sylvia Michael

Members of the public

Mr & Mrs J Tate, Mr J Bower, Mrs J Smith, Mr J Oliver, Mr & Mrs S Rayner, Mr & Mrs Cheyney, Mr C Banks, Mr K Stainforth, Mr P Lowe, Mr D Berry

Apologies

Mr A Banks, Mr & Mrs R Allison, Mr S Bunnell, CC Bruce Laughton, Mr & Mrs K Taylor

Approval of minutes of meeting held on 2nd February 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising

Planning had been approved for Rotherwood (see previous minutes)

Safe Neighbourhood Group – Mr J Bower would represent the village at the next meeting.

Correspondence

The clerk reported that he had 5 separate items of correspondence. Given this volume, he would list the subject headings and anyone interested in the detail could collect the correspondence from him or receive the relevant email by forwarding. Some of the items (e.g. those dealing with consultations) had been placed on the village notice board and on the official village website.

1. National Plant Monitoring Scheme
2. ROC conversation
3. Notts Warm Homes on Prescription Project
4. Portland College – donations sought
5. RCAN – Neighbourhood Plan

Planning: Construct external chimney to front elevation of bungalow, Bailey Cottage, Main Street

The Chair read details of the application and the plans were on view at the rear of the hall. Voting was 13 in favour, nil against and no abstentions. The clerk would report to NSDC accordingly.

Dog nuisance – next steps to take

The chair referred to three elements of the complaints on dog nuisance.

First was fouling. He read an email from Val Brown of NSDC on her patrols in the village. She had placed two green vinyl signs on Laxton Road and gave a contact telephone number to report offences. Taking photographs was suggested.

Secondly, noise pollution from barking. The chair read his letter sent to a resident as directed at the previous meeting. No response had been received. The owners of the second property subject to complaint were present at the meeting and entered into a frank exchange of views. Nine dogs reside at the property. It was explained in mitigation that after acquiring the premises, advice from the police had been to have two dogs as guards and that the planning authority requested the removal of an established hedge, which would have provided a degree of deafening. On this aspect of noise, the chair was asked to contact NSDC Environmental Services seeking advice.

Thirdly and on perceived danger from dogs at the two premises (knowing that recently, a dog of the Doberman breed had entered the highway), the chair was asked to arrange for the police authority to be notified in some appropriate way.

Need for and siting of new waste bins

The chair referred to the minutes of the last meeting and noted that the village could place a bin on Holme Lane and Wood Lane without seeking further permission except for notifying the Right of Way section on NSDC. He had priced a specific “dog litter” bin at £179 plus VAT and a further £88 for 500 bin liners. This type of bin was of metal construction and standing on metal posts and a ground fixing plate. Help would be needed for the installation. After discussion, the chair was asked to contact NSDC to establish if a emptying service was available and also if they supplied new liners at that point. Given this information, a decision would be taken at a future meeting.

Roads into the village – entrance and speed signs

The chair referred to an email from Mike Keeling of ViaEM. On speed signs, the one on Tuxford Road would have a lifespan of no more than 8 weeks. Even so, a resident objected to the positioning and this will be referred. A second speed sign will be fixed on Laxton Road before the end of April 2017. A third will be located on Weston Road at a date to be determined.

The requested Entrance Sign on Laxton Road has been ordered.

Positioning existing 30mph signs near street lights is more problematical but will be considered for the draft 2018/2019 programme.

Flood alleviation scheme – latest news

The chair referred to an email from David Sisson of TVIDB on the partially collapsed bridge on land adjoining the village green. The bridge owner intends to clear the debris (bricks) and TVIDB had offered support to secure the long term future of the structure. DC Sylvia Michael confirmed that phase 2 of the main project was progressing well.

Decommissioning of telephone box

The chair reported that the telephone box was to be taken out of use and he was to be contacted by BT who would offer it to the village for a nominal £1. The meeting agreed to its adoption. Further discussion took place on whether a defibrillator might be purchased for siting in the box. DC Michael would contact Caunton regarding possible sources of finance from their experience.

AOB

The chair reported that no expenses other than rent of the hall were expected before the next meeting. He also read an extract concerning criticisms of solar farm installations.

The next meeting and the AGM will be held on 27th April 2017 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.11 pm.

Signed chair

Date