

BULCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th November 2019 at 7.00pm in Bulcote Farm Committee Room

Present: - Councillors K. Simpson, P. Mountain, N. Leaves and A. Washbrooke

Clerk: - Mrs. A Knowles

In attendance: - District Councillor T. Wendels

1. Apologies

Cllr. Springthorpe and County Councillor Jackson sent their apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2019 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- Clerk confirmed donation of £300 from County Councillor Jackson was received on 1 Oct 2019.
- Cllr Simpson has asked Bev Pearson to update the Planning website regarding the closure of the level crossing and also expressing concern how long it was taking to resolve the Bulcote Farm application. He was notified that she was leaving her post to be replaced by Lisa Hughes who will be dealing with the matter.

4. Public Session

Members of the public did not attend.

5. Report from District Councillor

- Spoke about the amended planning application for Bulcote Farm, decreasing from 72 to 65 properties. Does not think this will be taken to December committee but once confirmed, will attend in support of the parish council. Will be speaking to Lisa Hughes, Head of Planning (who has recently taken over from Bev Pearson) to familiarise her with the application and Head of Planning Matt Lamb, Director of Planning, to re-iterate the councils' objections.
- Cllr Simpson will summarise all the previous comments in a letter to send to Lisa Hughes.
- Cllr Simpson asked if Cllr Wendels could speak to N&SDC regarding the encroaching hedges on the footpath on Old Main Road.

- Cllr Wendels confirmed there is a Parish Council Initiative Fund which was launched at the recent Parish Councils Conference. A sum of money has been awarded to the whole district and any council can apply for a donation – confirmation on how to claim will be sent shortly.
- Cllr Wendels confirmed that N&SDC are offering 50 free trees per parish.

6. Highways and Footpaths

- a. Waste bin will be reimbursed by VIA imminently as per email to clerk on 7 Nov – clerk to chase up. Cllr. Simpson confirmed it will be fitted shortly.
- b. Regarding the creation of the concrete path to surround it, two contractors had come to quote but no response received from one and the other does not wish to pursue with a quote. Cllr Simpson to contact a different contractor.
- c. Old bin to be situated at the church which Cllr Simpson confirmed is on the current bin emptying route.
- d. A resident contacted Cllr Simpson giving concerns about the hedge opposite Holly Cottage. – this had been approved by N&SDC and assurances were made what was being done is best for the village
- e. Cllr Washbrooke commented about the encroaching hedgerow on OldMain Road. Most residents had taken action apart from one, Kingswood. Will ask District Councillor Wendels to chase up with N&SDC as they originally requested action.

7. Planning Matters

- a. Ref: 19/01788/FUL West Wall Old Main Road Bulcote Notts
Householder application to erect a garden shed (retrospective)
Comments regarding the above were sent to N&SDC on 29 Oct 2019
- b. Ref: 15/00784/FULM Bulcote Farm Development comprising
56 residential units (Amended Planning application)
Ref: 17/02325/FULM Bulcote Farm Development comprising
16 residential units (Amended Planning application)

- Letters will be compiled by Cllr Simpson which will be sent to residents, a covering letter and one for any objections that can be sent to N&SDC. These will be distributed by the end of November.
- Contact has been made from John Tootell from Northern Trust who has offered to meet again to discuss. However, the council members feel that as their objections remain unchanged, acknowledgement will be sent stating this and that another meeting would not be required.

8. Community Matters

The clerk has contacted the editor of the Parish Magazine giving updated information of councillors and clerk names.

- McCarthy & Stone Development:
Cllr Leaves visited the site and spoke to Ross Claydon, site manager who referred him to head office. They will give some dates so a meeting can be arranged.
- Cllr Simpson was notified that a man with a shotgun had been spotted deer hunting on farm land and this was reported to PCSO Crowhurst who was to look into the matter. The clerk attended an SNG meeting on 12 Nov where she confirmed it was still being looked into due to a change in police staff.
- An email had been received stating two free trees could be claimed by individuals and also fifty trees per parish.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Leaves confirmed only minor comments had been received. Will be sent to Janet Cheesley for independent examination and confirmed the referendum will be done in the new year.
- Cllr Leaves raised the matter of Bulcote Farms being a polling station at the forthcoming election due to the fact there is no street lighting. Comments have been sent to N&SDC but no response has been received. POST MEETING NOTE – Lighting will be provided.

9. Finance

a. Bills for payment and Clerks salary

Clerks expenses	£ 56.24
Clerks Wages	£ 263.79
Dog bin emptying (April to Sep)	£ 118.56
Grass cutting – Ropers Field	£ 100.00

The clerk confirmed she was now signatory on the account as requested along with Cllrs Springthorpe and Leaves. Has completed another on-line banking form as the previous one had expired due to the time limit from initial receipt.

b. Annual Return.

External auditor PKF Littlejohn confirmed AGAR had been received and was satisfactory although stated the authority had failed to approve the AGAR in time to publish it before 1 July 2019 which the members were aware of as informed by the clerk.

10. Correspondence

Passed to Cllr Simpson

11. Any other business/AOB for which written notice has been given

There was none.

12. Reports from delegates

There were none.

13. Date of next meeting:

Monday 20th January 2020 @ 7.00pm

Approved

Chairman

18th November 2019