

**BULCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.00 pm in  
Bulcote Farm Committee Room**

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

**Clerk: - Mrs. A Knowles**

**In attendance: - County Councillor R. Jackson, District Councillor T. Wendels**

**1. Apologies**

Cllr. C. Springthorpe sent his apologies.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters arising from previous Minutes**

None

**4. Public Session**

Members of the public did not attend.

**5. Report of the District Councillor/County Councillor**

**a. Bulcote Farm**

The District Councillor Tim Wendells reported that N&SDC had not received any further correspondence from the applicant, Northern Trust. He expressed his disappointment to Bev Pearson (Planning) regarding the amount of time this was taking, and requested that a deadline be given to them and if no reply, once again the application be taken to committee recommending refusal. He confirmed the earliest committee would now be held in Sep 2019.

The District/County Councillor Roger Jackson confirmed:

- Notts CC finances are being very stretched due to the number of children being taken into care and foster homes have to be found for them. A campaign is underway for people to apply to be foster carers.
- A new machine for the repair of potholes to commence beginning of August 2019.
- Roundabout proposals for Lowdham (A614) have been delayed until 2022/23 because of the construction of the Gedling A.R.
- Re-iterated that N&SDC now has a graffiti cleaning squad, which is free of charge, due to the Cleaner, Safer, Greener campaign.
- There is going to be a limit to the amount that will be cut on grass verges.
- N&SDC have now employed four enforcement officers who will deal with fly-tipping, etc
- There was a complaint about a hedge on Old Main Road but this has now been sorted. – A subsequent visit by Councillor Washbrooke revealed that two properties still had boundary hedges overhanging the footpath

- Councillor Jackson offered a fund grant of £300 towards the paving of the bench and waste bin area to avoid damage occurring to the waste bin in the future by Highways.

## **6. Highways and Footpaths**

### **a. Waste Bin:**

Cllr. Simpson confirmed that the waste bin at the end of The Spinney had been damaged yet again by Highways mowing the verge. Has finally received a reply from VIA - Holly Coleman (Insurance Team) who is investigating and an outcome is awaited.

Cllr Leaves suggested moving the bin or purchasing a more robust one and Cllr. Simpson suggested that paving be made surrounding the bench and bin. Cllr. Mountain to obtain a quote for this work.

### **b. Neighbourhood Plan:**

Cllr. Simpson confirmed that proposal has been made to protect the trees on the strip off The Ridings. N&SDC have put forward an application for a T.P.O. .... awaiting outcome.

### **c. VIA:**

Have proposed a 50mph speed limit on the A612 Nottingham Road between Bulcote & Lowdham. This decision has been given full support by all councillors but ideally would prefer a lower limit of 40mph. The Parish Council had been seeking a reduction to this for many years. Cllr. Mountain suggested that the new speed limit be strongly signposted. Cllr. Leaves requested mobile speed cameras when scheme is introduced.

## **7. Planning Matters**

### **Planning applications**

**a. Ref: 19/01247/FUL The Manor House, Old Main Road, Bulcote, Notts**  
Construction of a domestic tennis court with surround fencing.

After some discussion, a vote was taken: 2 for support of the proposal and 2 abstentions. The councillors felt the application did comprise and weakens part of the developing Neighbourhood Plan, being one of the key village views as stated in the Bulcote Conservation Area Report 2001. However, full support is to be given if sympathetic natural screening is provided rather than a fence. This will be noted in the comments section on the N&SDC application form which will be completed and returned by the clerk.

b. Bulcote Farm:

Cllr. Simpson to correspond with Bev Pearson from N&SDC about the continued delay and express disappointment on how long this is taking despite the objections from B.P.C., Historic England, Highways and Planners.

## **8. Community Matters**

### a. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Leaves confirmed the consultation period has now expired. The first draft, to include any changes, will be done shortly which will then be examined by N&SDC before it goes to referendum

### b. Ropers Field & Hedges:

Cllr. Mountain confirmed the grass has been cut on Ropers Field and a new gate post fitted. However, work cannot be done on the hedges until the end of August because of the birds ... matter ongoing.

Field needs weedkilling – Cllr. Mountain to obtain quote.

Cllr. Simpson suggested possibly planting a wildflower meadow as previously discussed ... ongoing.

### c. CIL

Cllr. Leaves asked if there was a deadline for spending with funds from a CIL donation from the Tall Trees planning application ... clerk to enquire.

## **9. Finance**

### a. Bills for payment and Clerks salary

Audit fee	£ 48.00
Clerks expenses	£126.15
Grass cutting	£100.00
Insurance	£291.20
New gate post fitted	£100.00

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the months of April, May and June of £529.16 were approved. Bank statements from 29 March to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were produced for inspection.

The clerk confirmed she was awaiting the mandate form from Cllr. Springthorpe to enable him (and Cllr. Leaves) to be signatures on the bank account which needs to be returned to the bank along with the application for On-Line banking so any payments can therefore be made immediately instead of waiting till the bi-monthly meeting for a cheque to be signed.

### b. Approval of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 and the Annual Return.

The clerk confirmed that the internal auditor had approved all accounts and signed off as required but the following recommendations had been made:

- Agendas are to be retained with the minutes, the minutes required to be initialled on all sheets
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- The bank balance/reconciliation should be reported to the council at least quarterly.
- Two councillors' signatures required on all expenses voucher to verify their authorisation.

These will now be sent to PKF LittleJohn, LLP, the councils' external auditor, who after contacting, had given B.P.C. an extension to return them.

**10. Correspondence**

None

**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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 @ 7.00pm**

**Approved**

**Chairman**

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**