

LOWICK & SLIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 7.00pm at The Germain Rooms Lowick

Present: Councillors S Gardner (Vice Chair), D Chipchase, L Blow, D Campden, P Anstee

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Clerk) , NNC Cllr W Brackenbury

	Cllr S Gardner chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr W Childs			
21.09/423	To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllr W Childs, Cllr A Fenton			
21.09/424	Public participation session None			
21.09/425	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. Cllr S gardner eclared an interest in item 21.09/437			
21.09/426	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 Resolved: Approved and signed by the Chair			
21.09/427	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only No response to request for replacement Flood Warden			
21.09/428	In response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first meeting of the council after the council meeting at which the delegation was put in place. Resolved: All in agreement			
21.09/429	To receive a report from North Northamptonshire Councillors Cllr Brackenbury gave an update on the current situation at NNC and encouraged Cllrs to particiapate in the Scrutiny consultation currently taking place			
21.09/430	To receive and approve the Balance of Accounts/Bank Reconciliation Resolved: The balance of accounts and the bank reconciliation were approved and signed by Cllr Childs			
21.09/431	To examine and approve the Bank Statements Bank balance stands at £14618.54 and includes £3167.63 Pocket Park funds. Resolved: Bank statements approved and signed by Cllr Childs			
21.09/432	To approve and authorise payment of the following invoices			
	Cheque	Payee	Item	Amount Power to Pay
	100511	N A Phillips	July/August Salary additional hrs	£117.60 LGA 1972 s112

	100512	N A Phillips	July expenses	£21.63	LGA 1972 s111
		SSE	Unmetered July 2021 (£68.79 credit)	£0.00	PCA 1957 s3
	100513	N A Phillips	September Salary	£231.20	LGA 1972 s112
	100514	N A Phillips	October Salary	£231.20	LGA 1972 s112
	100512	N A Phillips	August Expenses	£16.75	LGA 1972 s111
	DD3	Salix Finance	5 th 50 th instalment loan	£1,000.00	PCA 1957 s3
		SSE	Unmetered August 2021 (£52.96 credit)	£0.00	PCA 1957 s3
	100515	N A Phillips	Reimbursement for printing of newsletter x 135	£32.00	LGA 1972 s111
	100516	NCALC	Flying Start training	£44.00	LGA 1972 s111
	Resolved: All payments authorised				
21.09/433	To note excess hours worked by Clerk to date this year				
	Resolved: 9.5 at end of August plus 74.5 from previous year with a decision to be made at the next meeting as to how to pay the outstanding hours from 2020/2021				
21.09/434	To receive the results of the half yearly Internal Finance Control checks from Cllr Gardner				
	Resolved: Items 002, 005, 007, 020 checked and no issues found				
21.09/435	To review the budget for the current year and make any adjustments necessary				
	Resolved: No action needed – to be reviewed in November				
21.09/436	To resolve whether to accept SSE quote for electricity for the streetlights for the next two years or to continue to seek further quotes				
	Resolved: To accept quote				
21.09/437	To consider and resolve the council's response to planning applications listed below plus any other planning applications advised by East Northamptonshire Council and available on its website between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting.				
	NE/21/01150/FUL: Two storey side extension, and a single storey side and rear extension. Demolition of 2 outbuildings at 3 Mill Lane Lowick Kettering Northamptonshire NN14 3BQ				
	Resolved: No objection – Clerk to inform NNC				
	NE/21/01348/TCA: T1 – Ash – fell and remove stump/roots at land adjacent to School House, main Street, Lowick NN14 3BH				
	Resolved: Although it is regrettable to lose a tree it is acknowledged that this one is not a healthy specimen therefore no objection – Clerk to inform NNC				
21.09/438	To note planning decisions made by ENC				
	None received				
21.09/439	To receive an update from Cllr Fenton on The Samuel Pepys Public House				
	Nothing definite to report at present				
	Resolved: No action to be taken				
21.09/440	To note that the weekly safety checks of the Pocket Park equipment are carried out				
	Weekly safety checks have been carried out by Cllr Chipchase.				
21.09/441	To discuss the CPR training and nominate an individual to make any necessary arrangements				

	<p>Resolved: Cllr S Gardner having been nominated at an earlier meeting to arrange this training feels that with the current high levels of COVID it would be unwise to risk spreading it further by carrying out the training at present – all present in agreement.</p>
21.09/442	<p>To note the weekly checks of the defibrillators are carried out</p> <p>Resolved: All checks carried out by Cllr Fenton and Cllr Blow</p>
21.09/443	<p>To note work carried out to assets and to plan future remedial work to same</p> <p>Resolved: Clerk still waiting to hear from NNC as to whether they will take the Slipton grit bin back into the county gritting program. Cllr Campden to research cost for carrying out remedial work to the park benches. Cllr Anstee to check the condition of the bench at Slipton. Cllr Gardner having taken receipt of the new noticeboards aims to have them installed in the next couple of weeks.</p>
21.09/444	<p>To receive an update on finding a location to situate a filing cabinet to be used to archive Parish Council documents.</p> <p>Resolved: No suitable location found. Clerk to seek advice as to what can be kept only in electronic format. Clerk to continue to look for a suitable location.</p>
21.09/445	<p>To arrange distribution of the newsletter</p> <p>Resolved: Distribution split between all present</p>
21.09/446	<p>To discuss and note this Parish Council's response to the issues of climate change and biodiversity loss, and to resolve what actions, if any, to be taken.</p> <p>Resolved: Clerk to work on a suitable Environment Policy with the intention of adopting it at the November meeting. Cllr Gardner to find out more about the possibility of installing a willow tunnel at the Pocket Park.</p>
21.09/447	<p>To receive a report from Cllr Childs, Police Liaison Representative</p> <p>Resolved: Although this item was not discussed Cllr Childs had circulated copies of the local police team contact details prior to the meeting</p>
21.09/448	<p>To consider marking The Queen's Jubilee in June 2022</p> <p>Resolved: To consult residents and bring back to the November meeting</p>
21.09/449	<p>To give consideration to the current state of the Slipton War memorial and to resolve what action if any to be taken</p> <p>Resolved: Clerk to investigate the possible expense for work to the inscriptions on the war memorial. Custodian/ownership would need to be established before any work could be carried out.</p>
21.09/450	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Emails received about movement of straw bales causing issues on Slipton Lane, also nuisance bonfires at Lowick. Both senders advised as to what the PC could and couldn't do and what further action the residents could take themselves. Speeding traffic – Clerk to circulate results of earlier discussion on this subject and include on the November agenda.</p>
21.09/451	<p>To confirm the date of the next meeting as 17th November 2021</p> <p>Resolved: meeting confirmed as November 17th 2021</p>
21.09/452	<p>To close the meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20.15pm</p>

Signed:

Dated: