

LOWICK & SLIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.00pm at The Germain Rooms Lowick

Present: Councillors W Childs (Chair), D Campden, C Bithray

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Clerk). A2 x members of the public

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| 24.03/921 | To receive and approve apologies for absence S Barton, L Blow, D Chipchase, S Gardner | | | |
| 24.03/922 | Public participation session Request to plant wildflowers and a pumpkin patch on the unturfed ground at the Pocket Park along with a request for a small grant to pay for materials. Written plan to be sent to the Clerk along with costings and a request that Cllr S Gardner is consulted as he has already offered to seed with grass seeds. Grant money to be paid on receipt of invoices. Concerns raised about some trees in the village. Cllr Childs to seek advice from landowner. | | | |
| 24.03/923 | To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. None | | | |
| 24.03/924 | To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2024 Resolved: Approved and signed by the Chair | | | |
| 24.03/925 | To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only Crimson Tree Services to remove ash tree near to play equipment after the easter holidays | | | |
| 24.03/926 | To receive a report from North Northamptonshire Council | | | |
| 24.03/927 | To receive and approve the Balance of Accounts/Bank Reconciliation Resolved: Not approved as Clerk currently unable to reconcile cashbook to bank statements. | | | |
| 24.03/928 | To examine and approve the Bank Statements Bank balance at 28.02.2024 of £35134.80 including £17800.56 Pocket Park funds. Resolved: Bank statements examined and approved | | | |
| 24.03/929 | To approve and authorise payment of the following invoices | | | |
| | Cheque | Payee | Item | Amount * incs VAT |
| | BAC 18 100594 | Mowerman Ground maint | Slipton lane grit refill (4 bags)* | £44.21 |
| | BAC 19 | N A Phillips | January expenses | £34.84 |
| | BAC 20 100595 | NCALC | Flying Start training (SB/CB)* | £115.20 |
| | DD17 | Colson & Loaring Ltd | Pocket Park disabled ramp* | £7,401.60 |
| | BAC 21 | N A Phillips | March Salary | £330.78 |
| | | HMRC | March tax | £5.60 |
| | | Eon Energy Solutions | Streetlight maint 01.01.2024 - 31.03.2024* | £60.00 |
| | | | | LGA 2000 S19, Hways 1980 S185 |
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| | NCALC | 1/3 towards Complaints Handling training* | £16.80 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| | EM Pell | Slipton Village Gates installation | £1147.15 | LGRA 1997 s 30 |
| | Wickstead leisure ltd | Safety Surfaces | £20574.30 | LGA 1972 s 124 |
| | Resolved: Payments authorised – cheques signed by Cllrs Childs and the Clerk, bank transfers set up by the Clerk and authorised by Cllr Gardener | | | |
| 24.03/930 | To obtain a Parish Council credit or debit card Resolved: To explore further | | | |
| 24.03/931 | To review the budget and make any adjustments necessary. Resolved: Adjust as necessary | | | |
| 24.03/932 | To note the results of the half-yearly internal finance checks carried out by Cllr Barton All in order | | | |
| 24.03/933 | To consider and resolve the council’s response to planning applications listed below plus any other planning applications advised by North Northamptonshire Council and available on its website between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting. None received | | | |
| 24.03/934 | To note response to applications received and reviewed between meetings None | | | |
| 24.03/935 | To note planning decisions made by NNC None | | | |
| 24.03/936 | To note that the weekly safety checks of the Pocket Park Equipment are carried out. Resolved: Checks carried out by Cllr Chipchase – no new issues. | | | |
| 24.03/937 | To note that the weekly checks of the defibrillators are carried out Resolved: Checks carried out by Cllrs Blow and Bithray – Lowick battery expiry date shown as June 2024 but supplier says allow four years from date of installation. Date to be checked and battery ordered as necessary – same for Slipton. Battery costs are approximately £200 plus p+p | | | |
| 24.03/938 | To discuss any highways, or rights of way issues and to resolve what action to be taken Resolved: Potholes showing up on Fix My Street to be repaired this month. | | | |
| 24.03/939 | To note any issues with the Council’s assets, including streetlighting and to resolve what action, if any, to be taken Resolved: One streetlight in Slipton reported as shining in resident’s bedroom window and disturbing sleep. A shield will cost £48.00 to be installed so Clerk has requested Eon carry this out. | | | |
| 24.03/940 | To receive an update on traffic calming measures. Resolved: Gates installed on both ends Slipton Lane – no adverse comments received. Clerk to apply for additional grant funding for gates at Lowick and if affordable for Sudborough Road Slipton. | | | |
| 24.03/941 | To receive a report from Adam Hughes, Flood Warden Resolved: Draft emergency plan received and circulated. | | | |
| 24.03/942 | To discuss participation in the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landing commemorations. Resolved: £300.00 grant money received from Unitary Ward Cllrs Empowerment fund to be paid to organisers on receipt of invoices. | | | |

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| 24.03/943 | <p>To receive feedback on work at the Pocket Park</p> <p>Resolved: Ramp and safety surfaces installed with positive comments received. Clerk has applied for a grant for fencing for the area. Clerk to check for any implications from laying paving slabs across the verge to access the disabled ramp.</p> |
| 24.03/944 | <p>To consider what the Council can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in the area</p> <p>Resolved: Adopt Biodiversity Policy as the first step and accept resident's offer to install a wildflower area at the Pocket Park.</p> |
| 24.03/945 | <p>To approve and adopt the Biodiversity Policy</p> <p>Resolved: Policy adopted</p> |
| 24.03/946 | <p>To consider whether to change to a gov.uk domain</p> <p>Resolved: To explore further</p> |
| 24.03/947 | <p>To resolve to apply for a photograph portrait of King Charles III</p> <p>Resolved: Applied for.</p> |
| 24.03/948 | <p>To receive any feedback from Joint Action Group meetings, and from Cllr Chil, Police Liaison Rep</p> <p>Resolved: Attended by Clerk who is happy to continue to attend if held online. No major issues flagged up but Cllrs and residents encouraged to complete the quarterly local priorities survey. Nothing to report from PLR</p> |
| 24.03/949 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>Resolved: Barclays – new set of mandate change forms to be completed.</p> |
| 24.03/950 | <p>To set the date and time of the Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>Resolved: Date set as May 15th 7.00pm prior to the APCM</p> |
| 24.03/951 | <p>To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting (APCM) as 15th May 2024</p> <p>Resolved: Date confirmed with the Pocket Park meeting taking place at 6.45pm followed at 7.00pm by the Annual Parish Meeting and then the APCM</p> |
| 24.03/952 | <p>To close the meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 19.55pm.</p> |

Signed:

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