

Minutes of the Meeting of Narborough Parish Council on 27th April 2021 at 7.30 pm
Held remotely by video conference

Those present:

Chairman: F G H Jackson

Councillors: A Allbut-King, T Bates, R J Chapman, Mrs A Clark, O Curran, Mrs J Forey, Mrs S Gamble, T Matthews (joined at 8.00 pm), K Richardson, T Richardson, D Ross, Ms N Vaillant Hill, Mrs K Williamson

Officers: Mrs J Whitehouse, Clerk, Mrs J Swan, Deputy Clerk

Public present: None

17821 One Minute's Silence was held as a mark of respect following the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

17822 Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr T Matthews who was able to join the meeting at 8.00 pm following technical difficulties

17823 Chairman's Time – none

17824 Code of Conduct - Members' Disclosure of Interests and Requests for Dispensations - none

17825 Public Forum

- a) Matters referred from the Members' Surgery for information or referral to next agenda – an incident at Six Acre Field on the morning of Sunday 25th April 2021 was raised by a Member who had been contacted direct by a resident, concerning permission for group activities and alleged abusive conduct. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach the group concerned to explain the requirements of using the ground to comply with the byelaws and would request the support of a PCSO. Clerk to report back to Council
- b) Correspondence Received
Footpath on Cosby Road - Cllr K Richardson advised that he had re-opened a complaint with Leicestershire County Council (LCC) about the overgrown condition of the footpath on Cosby Road, which had previously been closed and deemed to need no action. A response to the request to clear the path was awaited from LCC

17826 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16th March 2021 be taken as a true record, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman in due course

17827 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, not included elsewhere on the agenda - none

17828 Parish Councillor Vacancies in Narborough & Littlethorpe and Pastures Wards

The Chairman reported that Cllr Malcolm Ballard had resigned his position with immediate effect due to health reasons and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to express the Council's thanks for his service over the past 10 years. No expressions of interest were received for any of the vacancies, which now stood at 2 in Narborough & Littlethorpe Ward and 2 in the Pastures Ward

17829 Policy & Finance

a) Finance and Administration

- i) It was resolved that the interim monthly Finance Reports (copied to all members and filed with these minutes) which incorporate the Paid Expenditure Transactions for March 2021 totalling £31,846.28 and Received Income Transactions for March 2021 totalling £21,633.62 be received and approved
- ii) It was resolved to approve the Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit (a copy is filed with these minutes), carried out by Cllr Jackson and dated 29th March 2021

17830 Planning

a) Planning Application consultations responded to since the previous meeting:

It was resolved that the responses to consultations on planning applications, made by the Planning Working Group and the Council since the previous meeting, as follows, be endorsed and approved. Cllrs Matthews, Mrs Forey and T Richardson abstained

Application number, Description, Location	Observations made to Planning Authority
20/1338/FUL 6 Thorpe Gardens, Littlethorpe Retention of a detached outbuilding in rear garden to be used as a hairdressing salon (Use Class E)	No objection in principle but some concerns this may add to off-street parking issues in this cul-de-sac
20/1384/HH 1 Finch Way, Narborough First floor side extension, porch to front and re-roofed with slate effect concrete tiles	No objection
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20/1438/HH 26 Red Hill Avenue, Narborough Single storey front/side/rear extension with alterations to fenestration	No objection
20/1333/FUL Holly House Farm, Forest Road, Huncote Conversion of unused brick barn and cow shed into a Doggy Daycare Centre, including outside exercise area and groom parlour	No objection
20/1417/HH 16 Tiverton Close, Narborough Two storey side extension	No objection
20/1434/HH 5 Teasel Close, Narborough Single storey front extension	No objection
21/0006/HH 59 The Pastures, Narborough Single storey front extension	No objection
21/0003/HH 5 Browning Street, Narborough Single storey side extension (to replace existing conservatory)	No objection
21/0047/HH 74 Huncote Road, Narborough First floor side and rear extension	No objection
20/1433/HH 1 Primrose Close, Narborough Two storey front extension and first floor side extension	No objection
21/0133/HH 14 Hardwicke Road, Narborough Two storey side extension and render to front of existing house (amended scheme)	No objection provided the original condition regarding overlooking windows is applied
21/0131/HH 14 Stainmore Avenue, Narborough Single storey rear and side extensions, first floor and two storey side extension and boundary wall	No objection
21/0130/HH 5 Cedar Crescent, Narborough Two storey front/side and single storey front and side/rear extensions	No objection
21/0124/HH 60 Coventry Road, Narborough Single storey rear extension	No objection

b) Planning Decisions notified by the Planning Authority since the previous meeting: noted

Application number, Description, Location	Decision
20/1338/FUL 6 Thorpe Gardens, Littlethorpe Retention of a detached outbuilding in rear garden to be used as a hairdressing salon (Use Class E)	Approval (NPC - No objection in principle but some concerns this may add to off-street parking issues in this cul-de-sac)

20/0531//FUL Former Council Depot Warwick Road, Littlethorpe Erection of 32 dwellings comprising 4 two bedroom bungalows, 15 two bedroom semi-detached houses and 13 three bedroom semi-detached houses	Approval (NPC - Supports using brownfield site for housing and focus on much needed affordable housing, but unable to support this particular application due to density, reduced biodiversity gains and traffic impact) Full NPC response to be recorded in minutes
21/0419/TPO 5 Waudby Close, Littlethorpe Fell one Leyland Cypress tree (T1)	Approval

c) Planning - Other Matters

It was resolved to approve a request submitted by Eric's Ice Cream to trade on Narborough Park Car Park between April and October 2021

17831 Community

- a) It was resolved to approve a request to reinstate a bench outside the Library, subject to the necessary permissions from Leicestershire County Council. It was agreed to use a refurbished bench
- b) The report of the Community Working Group Meeting held on 6th April 2021 was noted and it was resolved that preparations for this year's planned events should be progressed. Events include Narborough Fayre on 4th September, Quiz Night on 1st October, Halloween Disco on 31st October, Children's Christmas Party and Christmas Fayre (dates to be confirmed). Consideration would also be given to holding an afternoon tea event
- c) It was resolved to cancel the Fun Day scheduled for late July/early August in light of the difficulties in obtaining the necessary play equipment as there is some reluctance from equipment providers to commit to events due to Covid concerns

17832 Public Spaces

Narborough Foxes Football Club

The Club confirmed that they did not want to pursue the fencing or 3G pitch options discussed at the March Council Meeting but requested permission to replace the original container at the side of the football pitches with a similar one (20 ft x 8 ft x 9 ft 6 inches high) and in the same position. It was resolved to agree this request. Whilst the Lease stipulated that the Club was required to remove the buildings and structures owned by them and make good any damage caused to the property by their removal if the lease was terminated, Members were concerned that the Council (and therefore its residents) may be left with the burden of this cost if the Club ceased to exist and therefore requested that the Club provide an insurance bond to cover such an eventuality. Clerk to contact the Chairman of the club

17833 Clerk's Report – noted and included the following items:

- a) The Roll of Honour is to be installed inside Littlethorpe Village Hall in time for the re-opening in July
- b) The memorial bench on Station Road has been installed
- c) Littlethorpe Community Association volunteers to clean railings on Station Road on 9th May
- d) Perennial scheme for roundabout beds to be planted late April
- e) Antisocial behaviour and damage to play equipment reported to the Police
- f) Three willows on Thorpe Meadow have been felled on health and safety grounds due to compromised unions
- g) The elm tree recently planted on Littlethorpe Park by Littlethorpe Community Association was vandalised and replanting of the tree was discussed

Chairman Guy Jackson was presented with a card and gift to mark 50 years of unbroken service with the Parish Council, since being co-opted on 26th April 1971, and Members congratulated him on this extraordinary achievement

The meeting closed at 20.44