

**Minutes of the Meeting of Narborough Parish Council held on 16th July 2019
At Littlethorpe Village Hall, Biddle Road, Littlethorpe**

Those present:

Chairman: Mrs A Clark

Councillors: A Allbut-King, M Ballard, N Bates, R Chapman, O Curran, Mrs J Forey, Mrs S Gamble,
F G H Jackson, T Matthews, K Richardson, D Ross, Ms N Vaillant Hill, Mrs K Williamson,
M Woodier

Officers: Mrs J Whitehouse, Clerk to the Council Mrs J Swan, Deputy Clerk

5 Members of the Public

17586 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr T Richardson who was on holiday and Cllr Hudson who was unwell.

17587 Chairman's Time

The Chairman reported that she had attended Blaby District Council's Armed Forces Raising the Flag Ceremony on 26th June 2019, together with a number of fellow Councillors, and the event was well supported

17588 Code of Conduct – Members' Disclosure of Interests and Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Matthews declared an interest in planning application 19/0672/HH, land adjacent to 10 Regent Street, Narborough due to his Planning Committee involvement and would take no part in voting on this matter

17589 Public Forum

- a) As a number of Littlethorpe residents were in attendance, Cllr Chapman requested that the Planning agenda item on Oak Road, Littlethorpe be brought forward so that he could give an update since the last Council meeting. He explained that the Oak Road application, which the Parish Council had objected to, would be considered by the Planning Authority at the Planning Committee on 25th July and that the Planning Officer had recommended refusal. Information regarding this application had been published on the District Council's website. The Parish Council had been invited to speak at the Planning Committee and Members were in full agreement that Cllr Chapman should take up this opportunity. Residents thanked the Parish Council, especially Cllr Chapman, for keeping them informed on the Oak Road application
- b) The Chairman of Narborough & Littlethorpe Cricket Club (NLCC) attended the meeting to advise Council of anti-social behaviour issues at the Recreation Ground over the last 4/5 weeks which included damage to cricket club property and buildings, excessive litter, intimidating behaviour and dangerous misuse of the car park by racing vehicles. The police had been informed and were providing a presence, which had improved matters slightly, and were also looking at providing a portable CCTV unit. The possible provision of a lockable barrier was discussed, and the Clerk would investigate options. Cllr K Richardson commented that a leaflet drop in the neighbourhood asking residents to be vigilant had been successful some years back and may be worth considering again. The NLCC Chairman was asked to speak with other recreation ground users to gather opinion and discuss options, and the item would be placed on the September meeting agenda for further consideration
- c) A resident raised issues with potholes and lack of wheelchair access on Station Road and Leicester Road, hedging at Littlethorpe Park and overgrown vegetation near the white bridge on Station Road. Clerk to follow up and report issues to the appropriate authorities
- d) Cllr Woodier enquired about the Parish Plan (now 10 years old) and what had been achieved from it. It was agreed that this would be looked into, as time permitted, and findings published on the website

- e) A request by a group of young people to hold a football match on Narborough Park on 18th July as part of their National Citizen Service fundraising was agreed. All proceeds to Animal Aid at Huncote.
- f) The agenda item on the Narborough Foxes Football Club Report was brought forward from Public Spaces and their successes during the 18/19 season, change of Chairman and thanks to the Council, particularly Cllr K Richardson, were noted

17590 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18th June 2019, previously circulated, be taken as a true record, confirmed and signed

17591 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, not included elsewhere on the agenda

Minute 17580 a) Byelaws – Cllr Chapman advised that unfortunately he had not been able to bring the revised Byelaws to the meeting for approval but would present them at the September meeting. An update report was provided (a copy is filed with these minutes) including the comments provided by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and members were invited to let Cllr Chapman have any further views or comments prior to the next meeting.

Minute 17579 c) Oak Road, Littlethorpe. The Planning Authority had requested a more detailed rationale for the £20,000 Section 106 request, should the development go ahead. The draft statement (a copy is filed with these minutes) was discussed and agreed for submission to the Planning Authority. District Councillors took no part in the discussion or vote

17592 Co-option to fill Parish Councillor Vacancy in Narborough & Littlethorpe Ward

Interest had been shown and it was hoped that a formal expression of interest may be made at a future meeting

17593 Policy & Finance

a) **Finance and Administration**

Financial position as at 30th June 2019

It was resolved that the monthly Finance Report (copied to all members and filed with these minutes) which incorporates the Paid Expenditure Transaction for June 2019 totalling £25,945.55 and received income transactions totalling £1,304.11 be received and approved

15594 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;

Application number, Description, Location	Observations made to Planning Authority
19/0613/HH Single storey rear extension 43 The Pastures, Narborough	No objection
19/0597/HH Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side and rear extension, with balcony at the rear 8 Blakenhall Close, Narborough	No objection providing the proposed balcony does not impinge upon the privacy of nearby properties
19/0637/HH Single storey side and rear extension with ramp and demolish existing garage 2 Woodland Avenue, Narborough	No objection in principle, provide that adequate off-road parking provision is available
19/0650/HH Single storey rear and side extension with canopy 9 Plough Road, Littlethorpe	No objection

19/0762/HH Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension (to include demolition of existing garage) 37 Alyssum Way, Narborough	Objection on the grounds that it is overdevelopment of the plot and would be out of keeping with the adjacent properties
19/0672/FUL Erection of a detached dwelling and associated parking Land Adj 10 Regent Street, Narborough	No objection
19/0682/ HH Single storey front and side extension, two storey/single storey side and rear extension and repositioning of boundary treatment (revised scheme, retrospective) 7 Holland Way, Narborough	No objection
19/0727/HH Proposed two storey side and single storey rear extensions 16 Snowdrop Close, Narborough	No objection
19/0719/FUL Car park extension including additional landscaping and external lighting Phase Four Next Plc, Desford Road, Enderby	No objection

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

Application number, Description, Location	Decision Details
19/0650/HH Single storey rear and side extension with canopy 9 Plough Road, Littlethorpe	Approval
19/0545/HH Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear and side extension and new southern boundary wall and gate on new alignment 2 Needwood Way, Narborough	Approval
19/0637/HH Single storey side and rear extension with ramp and demolish existing garage 2 Woodland Avenue, Narborough	Approval
19/0613/HH Single storey rear extension 43 The Pastures, Narborough	Approval
19/0513/HH First floor side extension above existing garage 24 Roy Close, Narborough	Approval

c) **Other Planning Matters**

- i) It was agreed to submit the suggestion of “Goodman Close” to the Planning Authority as a new street name for the site south of Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, following the agreement to use names from Littlethorpe’s War Memorial
- ii) Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange – it was agreed that the Planning Working Group would seek a meeting with DB Symmetry to make known concerns about the impact on the level crossing of increased rail traffic.
- iii) Aggregate Industries UK Ltd proposed lateral extension to the mineral extraction area within Croft Quarry – the Parish Council’s objection to this planning consultation was endorsed by Members as detailed below:

Con'td *The proposed importation of spoil from HS2 as part of the remediation plans for the existing quarry will be transported by rail and increase the number of trains passing through Narborough. Currently the impact of the level crossing at Narborough (the only one within a centre of population on this main line route) means that when it is closed, traffic is queued back through the centre of Narborough village and the main road through Littlethorpe. At certain times of the day the crossing can be closed for 25% plus of the time. The Environmental Impact Statement submitted with this application does not assess the impact of additional rail traffic from this proposal on Narborough and Littlethorpe and should do so taking into account the cumulative impacts of already consented housing development at three sites in Littlethorpe and other likely developments including the Hinckley Rail Interchange Facility and improvements to the rail services on the Peterborough and Birmingham line which could lead to even more frequent closure of the level crossing. Our belief is that when assessed in combination, the negative impacts are severe and that the impact of increased traffic queues can only have a significant and undesirable impact on air quality.*

Cllr Clark declared an interest in this item as a Huncote resident who had made an individual representation, and took no part in the discussion

17595 Public Spaces

Recreation Ground – Narborough Foxes Football Club Report – see minute 17589 f)

17596 Clerk's Report – noted and included the following items

- a) Members were reminded about the Fun Days on 19th July and 17th August and to let the Deputy Clerk know if they could help
- b) There would be no Council meeting in August and the next meeting would be 17th September in the new Parish Centre
- c) The removal of the shed base at Littlethorpe Village Hall was well underway and should be completed shortly
- d) The challenge on surface water charges at the Recreation Ground had been successful and reduced from Band 9 to Band 2. The Clerk was thanked for persevering and confirmed that discussions were in progress on backdating
- e) National Lottery funding was confirmed for the children's activity clubs, with the first one planned for October half term

17597 Correspondence Received

Blaby District Council

- a) News Release – Approval of Car Park amendments. Cllr Jackson remarked on the 2 hours free parking awarded in Blaby Town centre and felt this was inconsistent with the ruling for Narborough and would therefore raise it with Blaby District Council at a forthcoming meeting.
- b) News Release – Garden Village Status awarded in Blaby District - noted

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm