



Pudding Norton & Testerton Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday 10 November 2022, 6pm

Parish Councillors present: Patrica Ainger (Chairman), Vivien Woods, Nigel Housden (District & Parish Councillor) and Terry Amos. Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk). There was 1 member of the public.

1. **Welcome and receive apologies for absence**

It was AGREED that Cllr Housden would take the role of Chairman for this meeting.

Cllr Housden welcomed all those present.

There were no apologies received.

1.1 Acknowledge Cllr M Ainger's resignation

Due to ongoing health issues Cllr Michael Ainger has decided to resign from the Parish Council. Cllr Housden wished to thank Cllr Ainger on behalf of Councillors, for his help during his time on the Parish Council.

2. **To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations**

Cllrs Ainger and Amos declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.1.

It was RESOLVED to grant the Councillors a dispensation to participate in the consideration of item 7.1.

3. **To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 20 October 2022**

The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a correct record.

4. **To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting**

Clerk advised that the confirmation of the white village gateways had been conveyed to Highways and is awaiting a final mock-up of the design, which will be circulated to Councillors for approval.

5. **To receive reports from NCC Cllr & NNDC Cllr, if attending**

Tom FitzPatrick (County Councillor)

Not present.

Nigel Housden (District Councillor)

See item 11.

6. **Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public**

There were none.

7. Open Spaces

Defibrillator

Cllr Amos researched options for a suitable location for a new defibrillator. It is possible to mount defibrillators onto streetlight columns, however this is not the recommendation by the Highways Department. Cllr Housden suggested that the Parish Council put forward this suggestion to the new Parklands owners for consideration, so that it may be installed somewhere easily accessible, with a source of electricity. It was noted that here is a streetlight close to entrance to Parklands that may be suitable. Cllr Amos will take a photo and circulate to all members. Clerk to obtain some prices for consideration.

7.1 Discuss any further progress on the sale of the Parklands

The member of the public present has contacted Shelter, but no response has been received yet, only acknowledgment.

Cllr Amos reported that a list of rules has appeared on the site noticeboard, but residents do not appear to have received direct communication regarding these rules, and it is questionable as to whether they are enforceable. These types of rules are usually found at holiday sites, not solely residential sites.

At the residents meeting, the members of NNDC had said that the sale would be conditional on these sorts of items.

Cllr Housden brought this up with members of NNDC and agrees with Parish Council members that this set of rules should have been in consultation with NNDC.

It is believed the electricity charges will be invoiced in the same way as previously, via individual usage. Cllr Woods suggested that enquiries are made to establish if and how the Government householder discounts will be reflected in the billing.

It was noted that there has been some old fencing left in one of the boundary hedges which presents a health and safety hazard for people walking and for their pets.

Cllr Housden explained that NNDC and the new owners are working out the details to finalise an operating licence, but if the residents have concerns or suggestions, to gather them and present them via the Residents Association.

Cllr Housden agreed to update the Parish Council further, as well as the Residents Association.

Cllr Amos wished to formally thank Cllr Housden on behalf of the Residents Association and Parish Council, for all his help and support with this matter.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 To receive results of applications

There were none.

8.2 To receive and consider new applications

There were none.

9. To receive and consider correspondence

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine – Made available to Councillors.

Letter from Barclays requesting updating of signatory details - Clerk to action.

10. Financial matters

10.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payment of accounts list

The Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and payments list (below)

K&M Lighting	Street Light Maintenance	13.76
Clerk	Salary (Oct – Nov)	253.50
Hempton Parish Council	Clerk Expenses	21.33
Fakenham Sports Centre	Venue Hire	20.00
Total payments to be approved		£308.59

11. Receive update on progress of the Merger with Hempton Parish Council

Cllr Housden contacted Rob Henry to follow up on progress, however nothing has been received in time for this meeting. The previously arranged meeting between members of the NNDC legal team and the Parish Council members was unfortunately cancelled at the last minutes by the NNDC legal team. The meeting has now been rescheduled for 11th November. Further update to follow.

12. Receive items for inclusion on the next agenda and note the date of the next meeting

Items to include on the next agenda:- Receive update on defibrillator, Cllr Co-option.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 January 2023, at 6pm. Defib.

The Chairman of the meeting thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: