

## NAVESTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 14th September 2021 - 20.00 START

**Present:** Councillors John Parrish known as Mike (MP), Rowena Bere-Brown (RBB), Adrian Enkel (AE), Christine Gelderbloem (CG) - Also District Councillor, David Hoppitt (DH), David Williams (DW)

**Also Present:** Clerk Victor Simmons (VS), PC Mark Sheridan-Brown (MSB)

**21/53) Chairman's Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everybody present

**21/54) Apologies for absence:** Ray Balcombe (RB) - (Holiday - accepted), District Councillor Cliff Poppy, Essex County Councilor Lesley Wagland

**21/55) Register of interests:** AE (tenant at Tyser Green)

**21/56) Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes (13/07/2021) agreed as correct (to be signed by MP at a later date once access to the Committee Room cupboard is possible post Covid restrictions). **MP dealing**

**21/57) Matters Arising:**

**57.01) Pretoria Energy / PJ Lee & Sons (Farming Practices):** MP said the company's tenancy ends on September 29th, with possible holdover to October 31st if required to remove maize which is still in place. There is currently no news regarding a possible new tenant. **Clerk to monitor**

**57.02) Village Hall Sports Pavilion (build):** MP said the build is still experiencing delays due to the weather; however, the hardcore base is progressing with more material on site ready for use. Disappointingly the digger has had all four of its windows damaged by vandalism. **MP & DW dealing**

**57.03) Flooding & effluent Horseman Side / Goatswood Lane:** MP advised still in hand with the Environment Agency (EA) who seem fixated on who owns the ditch rather than the origin of the effluent. Unfortunately, Lesley Wagland who is trying to find a resolution, is unable to attend tonight due to a broken arm. AE commented that the issue is now 20 years old. **Clerk, AE, CG & MP dealing**

**57.04) Health and Wellbeing:** CG reported BBC had made significant funding available plus hosted an awards evening to recognise the efforts of local people (including during Covid). A new emphasis on sport for younger persons was in hand. **Carried forward (discussion topic for Councillors)**

**57.05) Murthing Lane / Stapleford Abbots (Abbots) Golf Course:** MP noted that an appeal had been lodged against the refusal by Epping Forest DC for 40 mobile homes. CG had no further information on the matter. **Carried forward (discussion topic for Councillors)**

**57.06) Spring Farm & Skip-A-Hoy (environmental issues):** MP explained the issue is still in hand with the EA although activity on the site continues unabated. MP reported that RB, CG and himself attended a meeting at BBC where a holistic view of the traveller / planning issues within Navestock were part of extensive discussions. MP, DH and DW commented on land coming up for sale opposite Jenkins Farm, with grave concerns over potential buyers plans for the site. **Carried forward**

**57.07) Tyser Green, trees & flooding issues (Swan Housing):** Clerk advises little progress despite a reply from Henry Jex (Strutt & Parker) on July 21st advising of contact with Swan Housing. An email asking for further clarification had seen no response. AE and MP gave a historical overview of the flooding / responsibility issues surrounding ditches and the highway. ***Clerk dealing***

**57.08) Common Land (Curtis Mill Lane):** CG advised that the barbed wire was still in place with no obvious action from interested parties to resolve the matter. ***CG & Clerk dealing***

**57.09) Neighbourhood Watch including CCTV:** MP advised that CCTV installation was beset by GDPR problems plus concerns over its likely effectiveness despite regular NHW meetings. ***Carried forward***

**57.10) Shonks Mill Flood Storage Area:** MP explained no specific update other than a scheduled start date of this Autumn had been delayed due to issues with planning permission. ***Carried forward***

**57.11) Navestock Side - Sewage Discharge:** Clerk advises little progress despite a reply from Henry Jex (Strutt & Parker) on July 21st detailing discussions with the EA back in March. CG has complained about the lack of response from the EA on this and other matters in general. ***Carried forward***

**57.12) Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022:** MP - events still as outlined at July meeting. ***Carried forward***

**57.13) Brentwood Borough Council CEO Jonathan Stephenson tour of Navestock Parish 16th July:** MP explained the tour had been cancelled at short notice due to an incident in Brentwood requiring Jonathan Stephenson's attendance. Now rescheduled for Friday 24th September. ***Carried forward***

## **21/58) Public Participation with respect to items on the agenda**

### **20.17 Meeting adjourned for public participation**

Mark Sheridan-Brown (MSB) gave an overview of his police background and his role within Brentwood and associated rural areas. He outlined the numerous issues within the borough and explained that all information is acted upon, but feedback was limited to protect the safety of the sources. He stressed the importance of community assistance plus reporting of crime as all statistics are analysed. He also advised that Navestock has a huge under reporting of crime. All councillors made observations on policing in general. MP thanked MSB for his attendance and insight

### **20.38 End of Public Participation**

**21/59) Action on matters arising from public participation -** MSB advised reporting the damage to the digger in the sports field (general ASB discussion followed) and left the meeting at 20.43. ***MP dealing***

## **21/60) Current Matters**

**60.1) Village Hall sports field traffic management and parking:** MP explained that Blackmore Youth FC had been given permission to use 2 junior football pitches on a trial basis for the current season until May 2022. Initially parking will be split between the field / new hardcore area / car park dependant on weather and village hall hires. MP said the football club had been successful previously with grants which could benefit the sports field in the future. They have indicated a willingness to assist in a project to improve the condition of the field. ***MP dealing***

**60.2) Greens Charity:** MP said that Jan Savill had agreed to take the vacant post. ***Item resolved***

**60.3) Village Show report:** MP, AE and DW commented on a successful show and praised Roy Tyzack for his overall organisation of the show / field events. The Clerk gave a financial overview with a final profit of £3895.81 split 60/40 between NPC and The Village Society (less £250.00 NPC expenses) and recommended sign off of these accounts. This was agreed followed by a general discussion on banking issues. **Item resolved**

**60.4) Parish insurance renewal / playground signage:** MP explained that following this years insurance renewal we had been advised to install signage stating only under 12's could use the playground. This was agreed and the sign emailed out by RB deemed suitable. **Clerk dealing**

**60.5) Future NPC meetings location & committee room cupboard:** MP said that whilst Covid remained it made sense for future meetings to continue in the main hall as opposed to the committee room (CR). A discussion on access to the CR cupboard when Little Doves were on site involving RBB followed. The Clerk would obtain Pam Biddulph's (manager) contact number should urgent access be needed as confidential meetings could be occurring. MP stated that all the common / NPC land maps etc were in the cupboard should they be required. **Item resolved**

**21/61) Reports from Working Parties:** DH reported ASB in Curtis Mill Lane plus the poor state of repair of the road. DW, AE and CG brought up the condition of a byway in the same area and whose responsibility it was to repair. RBB commented on the success of the WhatsApp groups and the poor condition of Shonks Mill Road (already reported). AE brought up frequency / lack of safety cuts in Horseman Side. **Clerk to investigate.** DW reported motorbikes on Curtis Mill Green although reduced from previous levels. CG reported the poor sewage works in Church Road that the contractors had left. BBC were aware but it appears lack of quality control was a major factor in the issue

**21/62) Correspondence and Clerks Report:** The Clerk reported that a resident in Navestock Heath had requested support regarding an issue with a local farmer. On investigation this transpired to be a "neighbours dispute" and would be responded to accordingly. The Clerk was waiting on Ann Cocklin to arrange a date with Lesley Wagland to input the Locality Fund grant application towards the new village hall doors project. The previously resolved postcode issue in Curtis Mill Lane was still causing problems, as the Royal Mail website did not reflect the perceived change. **Clerk to investigate**

**21/63) Planning:** CG had submitted an objection to BBC Planning regarding an application at Meadow View on behalf of NPC. She will also investigate the Jenkins Farm aircraft hangar situation. **CG dealing**

**21/64) Finance:** MP has checked the accounts / records & everything is in order. Cheques to be signed were approved for payroll (September), FLP (replacement playground equipment - chains), EALC (CG planning briefing), Major Glass & Glazing Limited (replacement village hall doors deposit), TCG Disiti Limited (sports pavilion deposit), Marsh Commercial (parish insurance) and Navestock Village Society (split of village show profit). The Clerk advised our accounts are still with PKF Littlejohn for a limited assurance review (AGAR), the deadline for closure being the 30th of September

**21/65) Discussion Items:** MP reported approximately 70 people were expected at the forthcoming "Shepherd's Pie" evening. The next event is scheduled for November 19th. DW raised usage of the parish noticeboards, with no objection to church notices etc being posted. DW, AE & MP drove a discussion regarding Jenkins Farm airfield. MP raised a BBC meeting regarding a tree planting initiative on September 23rd, it was felt to be inappropriate for Navestock. It was agreed to make a £100.00 donation to the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day (£50.00 for both 2020 and 2021). There was a general discussion regarding Mr Du-Varene and his situation in Murthering Lane. The feeling was he isn't a traveller in the truest sense of the word and although NPC had empathy for his situation, there was nothing that could be done to assist. Any movement of his location was a highways matter

**Next meeting Tuesday November 9th, 2021**

**Meeting closed at 22.02**

***Victor Simmons***  
***Clerk to Navestock Parish Council***  
***2nd November 2021***