

NAVESTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 9th November 2021 - 20.00 START

Present: Councillors John Parrish known as Mike (MP), Ray Balcombe (RB), 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), David Carter - BBC (DC), Alan Marsh - BBC (AM), District Councillor Cliff Poppy (CP), District Councillor Keith Parker (KP), Essex County Councillor Lesley Wagland (LW)

21/66) Chairman's Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everybody present and thanked CG for her efforts with numerous NPC matters, RB for the website and RBB for the regular defibrillator checks

21/67) Apologies for absence: None

21/68) Register of interests: AE (tenant at Tyser Green)

21/69) Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes (14/09/2021) agreed as correct (to be signed by MP later once suitable access to the Committee Room cupboard is possible post Covid restrictions). **MP dealing**

21/70) Matters Arising:

70.01) Pretoria Energy / PJ Lee & Sons (Farming Practices): MP said the company's tenancy had now ended with local farmer Norris & Sons taking over hopefully for the better. **Item resolved**

70.02) Village Hall Sports Pavilion (build): MP said the hardcore base is on hold due to Building Control Services requesting a structural engineers report which is being arranged. **MP & DW dealing**

70.03) Flooding & effluent Horseman Side / Goatswood Lane: MP advised in hand with the Environment Agency (EA) who still seem fixated on who owns the ditch rather than the origin of the effluent. LW has raised the matter with both BBC and Essex CC and demanded answers on this long-standing issue. She also said legal action could ultimately be required. **Clerk, AE, CG & MP dealing**

70.04) Health and Wellbeing: CG reported concerns over a resident in Dytchleys Lane. There was then a general discussion regarding gun licenses & safeguarding due to a recent incident in Snakes Hill which had been referred to BBC. **Carried forward (discussion topic for Councillors)**

70.05) Murthering Lane / Stapleford Abbots (Abbots) Golf Course: MP, CG & AE raised an issue regarding a gardeners shed where a third relocation planning application had been submitted. After discussion it was felt an objection was relevant. **Carried forward (discussion topic for Councillors)**

70.06) Spring Farm & Skip-A-Hoy (environmental issues): CG explained some tidying of the site had been undertaken. AE queried why activities still continued despite enforcement orders / notices and apparent incorrect licensing. MP referenced a letter from Richard Bates (BBC Senior Planning Enforcement Officer) regarding enforcement of planning breaches. **Carried forward**

70.07) Tyser Green, trees & flooding issues (Swan Housing): MP states Henry Jex (Strutt & Parker) had advised that Swan Housing actually lease the land from the Church Commissioners, who therefore, have ultimate responsibility for the site. Swan are sending an Estates Manager to look at the issues although the terms of their lease are currently unknown. **Clerk & MP dealing**

70.08) Common Land (Curtis Mill Lane): CG advised that the barbed wire was still in place. The Clerk stated Russel Clinter (BBC Asset Manager) had been involved before passing on to enforcement. LW also expressed an interest and had requested an update on the matter. ***CG & Clerk dealing***

70.09) Neighbourhood Watch including CCTV: MP advised that CCTV installation was still being discussed by interested parties via monthly Zoom meetings. ***Carried forward***

70.10) Shonks Mill Flood Storage Area: MP explained no specific update other than a scheduled start date was now likely to be Spring 2022 as it was now too wet to proceed. ***Carried forward***

70.11) Navestock Side - Sewage Discharge: MP advises minor progress with both Strutt & Parker and the EA seen on site. AE gave an historical overview of the problems and stated some new banking had appeared in the field to the rear of the houses. ***Carried forward***

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

70.13) Brentwood Borough Council CEO Jonathan Stephenson tour of Navestock Parish 16th July: MP explained the tour had taken place on Friday 24th September and he was joined by CG, Jonathan Stephenson, BBC Leader Chris Hossack and local MP Alex Burghart. There was general surprise at the number / size of the caravan sites visited. As a result, various communications have been sent to Government plus adjoining authorities LBH & Epping DC, with no responses to date. ***Carried forward***

70.14) Village Hall Sports Field including traffic management and parking: MP reported that Blackmore Youth FC were using the sports field with no reported problems. They were to be invoiced from September to March 2022, that being the initial trial hire period. RBB requested a warning sign be placed on the field trailer to deter any climbing, ***RB dealing. Carried forward***

70.15) Parish Insurance renewal / playground signage: MP - an appropriate sign has now been erected stating that only under 12's can use the playground equipment. ***Item resolved***

21/71) Public Participation with respect to items on the agenda

20.30 Meeting suspended for public participation

AM gave an overview of his understanding of issues at Curtis Mill Green and invited comment. DW brought up the number of deer (estimated at 2000 plus) and a general discussion ensued regarding protocols surrounding culling on common land. AM will speak to the Lord of the Manor (Sir John Spencer Smith) plus the Deer Initiative UK. ASB and motorbike issues were again highlighted and AM will broach with Tracey Lilley at BBC prior to a site meet with interested parties. KP gave an overview of enforcement within Navestock and Brentwood as a whole and the desire for a dedicated officer to be appointed. He also mentioned a recent sewerage issue in Kelvedon Hatch that highlighted how BBC action is effective. DC gave an overview of recent action taken at the new traveler site in Horseman Side, which developed into a general discussion on such communities within Brentwood involving KP, CP, CG and AE. KP also talked about 2 bills currently going through parliament regarding trespass in general. LW gave some background information and general legal opinion and also asked if NPC had claimed its Locality Fund Grant. The Clerk advised that the new village hall doors had been installed but he was waiting on resolution of some snagging issues before claiming

21.30 End of Public Participation

21/72) Action on matters arising from public participation: None - MP thanked everyone for their input

21/73) Current Matters

73.1) Highway safety cuts (Horseman Side): AE asked why the safety cut in Horseman Side had stopped at the M25? Clerk to ask Ann Cocklin to query with Highways. *Clerk dealing*

73.2) BBC recycling changes: AE complained about changes to recycling collections at Tyser Green involving replacement bins and charges levied by Swan Housing. CP to investigate other similar housing within Brentwood and report back. *CP dealing*

73.3) Anti-Social behaviour (Navestock Side): MP reported major damage to the crawler working on the new Sports Pavilion plus the cricket pitch surround, both attributed to local children. LW gave a legal overview in response to questions from RBB and AE. *Carried forward*

73.4) Postcode issue (Curtis Mill Lane): MP advised DH that he needed to supply the requested documents to Owen James (BBC) before the official Royal Mail Postcode Website could be changed. The Clerk offered to resend the original BBC email to DH if needed. *Clerk dealing*

73.5) Village Hall Fibre Broadband Survey: RBB said the survey was in hand. *Carried forward*

21/74) Reports from Working Parties: RB advised the new Village Hall doors have been fitted with the windows in hand. DW reported fly tipping at Curtis Mill Green and DH motorbikes at the same location. CG, LW and MP commented on Mr Du Varene who is currently camped on the verge in Murthuring Lane which appears to be a highways issue to resolve. He has been advised by MP that he does not have NPC permission to graze his horses on our land. RBB stated hare coursing is occurring locally

21/75) Correspondence and Clerks Report: The Clerk advised that he had ordered the latest Essex Care Directory (2022) which would be left in the library. The NPC correspondence address for UK Power Networks had been changed but The Bank of Ireland was proving problematical to resolve. BBC had done a U turn & Parish Councilors Register of Interests forms were now being published on their website

21/76) Planning: MP clarified NPC policy and highlighted 4 negative councillor responses were required to planning emails before an objection would be discussed /actioned to BBC

21/77) Finance: MP has checked the accounts / records & everything is in order. Cheques to be signed were approved for payroll (November), Royal British Legion (Remembrance Day donation), Major Glass & Glazing Limited (replacement village hall doors balance), Clerk (village hall playground signage). MP advised our precept had to be agreed at the January meeting but saw no reason for an increase in 2022/23. He also recommended there should no longer be a charge for NPC meetings in the village hall. MP asked the Clerk to invoice Blackmore Youth FC for their use of the sports field. The Clerk advised our limited assurance review (AGAR) had been passed with a minor qualification relating to NPC assets. This had been posted on the website and had to be visible for a minimum of 5 years

21/78) Discussion Items: MP gave an overview of the Remembrance Sunday Service arrangements. The next "Shepherd's Pie" evening was scheduled for Friday 19th November at 18.30

Next meeting: Tuesday January 11th, 2022

Meeting closed at 22.00

Victor Simmons
Clerk to Navestock Parish Council
4th January 2022