

NAVESTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 11th January 2022 - 18.00 START

Present: Councillors John Parrish known as Mike (MP), Rowena Bere-Brown (RBB), Christine Gelderbloem (CG) - Also District Councillor, David Hoppitt (DH) - From 18.18

Also Present: Clerk Victor Simmons (VS), District Councillor Keith Parker (KP), Essex County Councillor Lesley Wagland (LW) - From 18.05

22/01) Chairman's Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everybody present

22/02) Apologies for absence: Ray Balcombe (RB) - EFDC meeting (accepted), Adrian Enkel (AE) - Self isolating (accepted), David Williams (DW) - Covid concerns (accepted)

22/03) Register of interests: None

22/04) Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes (09/11/2021) agreed as correct (MP to sign once suitable access to the Committee Room cupboard is possible post Covid restrictions). **MP & Clerk dealing**

22/05) Matters Arising:

05.01) Village Hall Sports Pavilion (build): MP said work had again been put on hold due to unfavorable weather conditions. There was agreement for Blackmore Youth FC to submit a grant application for the sports field to assist with drainage at their expense **MP & DW dealing**

05.02) Flooding & effluent Horseman Side / Goatswood Lane: MP read out a letter from David Carter (BBC Environmental Health) giving an historical overview of the problem and potential solutions. This was deemed to be a completely unacceptable response. **Clerk, AE, CG & MP dealing**

05.03) Health and Wellbeing: CG reported that Rev Julie Hardy had obtained a grant for local issues. A committee was being formed to discuss its best use, with current thinking along the lines of a Community Hub for meetings / discussion etc. **Carried forward (discussion topic for Councillors)**

05.04) Murthering Lane / Stapleford Abbots (Abbots) Golf Course: CG reported there was talk of an area to the front of the course being put up for sale. KP said BBC were keeping a close eye on the site despite access issues due to Covid. **Carried forward (discussion topic for Councillors)**

05.05) Spring Farm & Skip-A-Hoy (environmental issues): MP & CG said little change since the letter from Richard Bates (BBC Senior Planning Enforcement Officer), regarding enforcement of planning breaches referenced at the November 2021 meeting. **Carried forward**

05.06) Tyser Green, trees & flooding issues (Swan Housing): MP states no updates since November as the issue is now clearly between the Church Commissioners & Swan Housing. **Clerk & MP dealing**

05.07) Common Land (Curtis Mill Lane): CG advised that the barbed wire was still in place and once again, no meaningful update to report. **CG & Clerk dealing**

05.08) Neighbourhood Watch including CCTV: MP advised that whilst NPC support CCTV installation & have Identified potential sites, the issue needs to be driven forward by BBC / ECC. **Carried forward**

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

05.10) Navestock Side - Sewage Discharge: MP advises still in hand with Strutt & Parker and the EA who have been seen on site, although some progress appears to have been made? **Carried forward**

05.11) Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022: MP advised a change of date to Thursday June 2nd for the NPC event. The picnic was now scheduled for 12.00 noon to coincide with the official RAF flypast, followed later by a BBQ. The beacon would be lit at 21.15, possibly accompanied by a bugler which Roy Tyzack (Beacon Master) is looking into arranging. **Carried forward**

05.12) Brentwood Borough Council CEO Jonathan Stephenson tour of Navestock Parish 16th July: MP reiterated that the tour had taken place on Friday 24/09/21 when 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 and it was deemed to have been a worthwhile exercise. Chris Hossack is the guest speaker at the next Shepherd's Pie Club on 21st January. **Item resolved**

05.13) Village Hall Sports Field including traffic management and parking: MP reported that parking was working well in conjunction with village hall events as advised by AE. Moving forward, issues with the sports field will now be amalgamated into item 05.01. **Item resolved**

05.14) Highway safety cuts (Horseman Side): The Clerk advised Ann Cocklin (LW's admin assistant) had been emailed on the matter, but no update was available from her as yet. **Clerk dealing**

05.15) BBC recycling changes: MP gave an overview of the problem and suggested BBC had not been clear enough on the new arrangements. The Clerk advised that the new "letter box" bins were also now in central Brentwood, so it was not a problem specific to Tyser Green. **Carried forward**

05.16) Anti-Social behaviour (Navestock Side): MP advised that the groundworks crawler was no longer at the village hall and ASB problems appeared to have dissipated. **Item resolved**

05.17) Postcode issue (Curtis Mill Lane): MP stated that DH was still trying to resolve the matter and the Clerk had sent him the relevant information required again. **DH dealing. Carried forward**

05.18) Village Hall Fibre Broadband Survey: RBB said the survey had been completed on 15/12/21, but no update since on any decision. The Clerk added that any provision would entail duct being laid from any one of 3 possible locations, all of which would be very expensive. **Carried forward**

22/06) Public Participation with respect to items on the agenda

18.20 Meeting suspended for public participation

LW gave an overview of the proposed ECC 2022/23 budget which showed a 4.9% increase. Interestingly a huge amount of this budget goes to just 17,000 people with complex needs. This is a contributory factor in the reduced budget for highways issues. LW and KP discussed fly tipping within Navestock as Roger Hirst (Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner) had stated at a recent meeting that this problem was resolved? LW offered to go back to him and reraise the issue as part of the problem was clearly organised crime. MP asked LW to do so ASAP, with current fly tipping information as supplied by the Clerk. MP advised that Roger Hirst was due to be the guest speaker at the March Shepherd's Pie Club event when the matter would undoubtedly be raised

18.30 End of Public Participation

22/07) Action on matters arising from public participation: None

22/08) Current Matters:

08.1) Approval of 2022/23 Precept: MP asked for formal approval of the 2022/23 proposed precept figure which was unchanged from 2021/22 - agreed. ***Item resolved***

08.2) Dog waste bin - Navestock Side: MP said that AE was requesting approval to replace the dog waste bin in Green Lane which was no longer fit for purpose - agreed. ***Carried forward***

08.3) Damage to Village Hall & surrounding area following hire on December 11th: MP opened a general discussion regarding the bogus hire and damage to surrounding land including the cricket outfield. The village hall committee were changing booking procedures / deposit charges and the Cricket Club were currently assessing damage repair costs. ***Carried forward***

22/09) Reports from Working Parties: RBB advised the pothole / water leak in Shonks Mill Road was still unresolved. CG commented on an access road to the side of Lizvale (Goatswood Lane), plus other developments that appear to not have planning permission. MP made Councillors aware of a potential new unauthorised traveler site in Stondon Massey following a recent land purchase

22/10) Correspondence and Clerks Report: The Clerk advised that a warning sign had been ordered to deter climbing on the trailer in the sports field. The Clerk also raised the topic of Mr Du Varene and his regular phone calls taken. A general discussion on his situation followed and why it was still unresolved

22/11) Planning: RBB broached planning law surrounding 1 Rose Cottages as there was confusion over what had been approved, with input from KP, LW and MP. CG raised further planning concerns regarding Meadow View with KP also talking about a possible service station on its land for the M25

22/12) Finance: MP has checked the accounts / records & everything is in order. Cheques to be signed were approved for payroll (January), R. Balcombe (website & domain renewal), Building & Structural Consultants Ltd. (village hall sports pavilion build advice), Clerk (sports field trailer warning sign). The Clerk advised that our 2020/21 VAT reclaim plus the Blackmore Youth FC pitch hire fee (September 2021 to March 2022) had now been received. The only outstanding monies related to the village hall contribution towards the new doors, with a projected end of year balance of approximately £91,000

22/13) Discussion Items: None

Next meeting: Tuesday March 8th, 2022

Meeting closed at 19.05

Victor Simmons
Clerk to Navestock Parish Council
1st March 2022