

NAVESTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 14th July 2022 - 20.00 START

Present: Councillors John Parrish known as Mike (MP), Ray Balcombe (RB), Rowena Bere-Brown (RBB), Adrian Enkel (AE), David Williams (DW)

Also Present: Clerk Victor Simmons (VS), plus 2 members of the public

22/40) Chairman's Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everybody present

22/41) Apologies and reasons for absence: Chris Gelderbloem (CG) - (prior commitment), David Hoppit (DH) - (illness) - both accepted

22/42) Declaration of interests with regards to items on the agenda: None

22/43) To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 10th May 2022:
Minutes agreed as correct and signed by MP

22/44) Matters Arising:

44.01) Village Hall Sports Pavilion (build) and sports field Issues: MP - The pavilion was now erected but labour issues had slowed completion. The connecting corridor to the village hall was still outstanding plus grants would be helpful to assist with the internal fit of electrics, showers etc. BYFC were due to start levelling and drainage work on the top half of the field in August (an L shape around the cricket pitch) with the FA grant they had obtained. ***MP & DW dealing***

44.02) Flooding & effluent Horseman Side / Goatswood Lane: MP - The problem was still ongoing with no action by the EA despite being chased by ECC & our local MP. ***Clerk, AE, CG & MP dealing***

44.03) Health and Wellbeing: MP - The new community hub at the Fane Hall was working well with numerous children's clubs in operation. ***Carried forward (discussion topic for Councillors)***

44.04) Murthing Lane / Stapleford Abbots (Abbots) Golf Course: MP - Little activity on site with no update on outstanding planning applications. ***Carried forward (discussion topic for Councillors)***

44.05) Spring Farm & Skip-A-Hoy (environmental issues): MP - No movement / update from the EA despite being pressed by Alex Burghart to take action. ***Carried forward***

44.06) Tyser Green, trees & flooding issues (Swan Housing): Clerk - No requested update from Strutt & Parker (Henry Jex), however ECC Highways had recently cleared both the ditches and connection pipes (confirmed by AE). ***Clerk & MP dealing***

44.07) Common Land (Curtis Mill Lane): MP - The barbed wire was still in place but still no action from BBC to resolve the issue. ***CG & Clerk dealing***

44.08) Neighbourhood Watch including CCTV: MP - Covert temporary CCTV cameras were now in place with several fly tippers caught, one resulting in a £400 fine. Funding was secured for permanent sites to cover the parish, with installation work to start in due course. ***Carried forward***

44.09) Shonks Mill Flood Storage Area: MP - No further update other than the Environment Agency had again delayed the start date due to technical issues. *Carried forward*

44.10) Navestock Side - Sewage Discharge: MP - The sewage was still very unpleasant with no action from the EA to try and move things forward. AE - Apparently several properties had fitted new sewage systems / klargesters so some progress had been made. *Carried forward*

44.11) Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022: MP - The day had been a success with 70/80 people attending the BBQ / lighting of the beacon in the evening following the afternoon picnic. Thanks to Roy Tyzack for his help in what had been an excellent community event. *Item resolved*

44.12) Highway safety cuts (Horseman Side): MP & AE - The safety cut had now been completed and whilst not completely to our satisfaction the issue was now deemed closed. *Item resolved*

44.13) BBC recycling changes: MP - As far as NPC was concerned the matter could now be closed as the new arrangements were borough wide and therefore non-negotiable. *Item resolved*

44.14) Postcode issue (Curtis Mill Lane): MP - The 2 properties in question had submitted paperwork to BBC so a resolution should hopefully be forthcoming. *DH dealing. Carried forward*

44.15) Dog waste bin - Navestock Side: MP & AE - A general discussion concluded that communal rubbish bins were probably the way forward as dog waste was now permissible in such containers. The village hall rubbish bin was also discussed with as yet no definite action plan. *AE & Clerk dealing*

44.16) Sports field hiring policy: MP - A working party was needed to discuss said policy as the field had many usage requirements as well as football. *Carried forward (discussion topic for Councillors)*

44.17) Heath View (Navestock Heath): MP - The dangerous trees have now been felled. AE questioned whether the issue of the property fence line was now resolved? *Carried forward*

22/45) Suspension of meeting for public participation with respect to items on the agenda

20.17 Meeting suspended for public participation

MP invited members of the public to comment on matters relating to the agenda. As there were none forthcoming public participation was closed.

20.18 End of public participation

22/46) Action on matters arising from public participation session: None

22/47) Current Matters:

47.1) Village Show: MP - Every house in the parish had received a brochure. There was a general discussion on judges, the show Facebook page and other logistical matters for both Friday and Saturday, but most things appeared to be covered. *Carried forward*

47.2) FP38 - Priors Golf Course: MP - The FP was being diverted as advised by ECC Highways PROW team. Clerk advised that the relevant notices had been posted on the NPC website as requested on June 1st. MP - BBC had been made aware of complaints that the existing FP gate was occasionally being left locked thus denying access. *Carried forward*

47.3) NPC Insurance renewal (expires 31/08/22): MP - The renewal was due shortly and the new sports pavilion would need to be added to the policy, Clerk to deal. ***Clerk dealing***

47.4) Essex Community Initiative Fund (CIF) 2022: MP - The Clerk was going to submit an application for the sports pavilion electrics which the meeting was in agreement with. ***Clerk dealing***

22/48) Reports from Working Parties: MP - Following the installation of new village hall doors a small ramp was now required to allow easy disabled access, plus Navestock Heath was being cut late August. AE - Nothing to report. RBB - Oil on Dudbrook Road which MP said had been there for some months and had been reported to BBC. DW - Were the council aware of a new property on Curtis Mill Green called Stan-Sted, possibly erected without planning permission? RB - Nothing to report.

22/49) Correspondence and Clerks Report: Clerk - NPC had opted out of the ECC Salt Bag Scheme (option 2) this year. The Bois Hall land deposit notice was discussed at some length which related to landowners recording land as private and not public rights of way, as perhaps historically they had been viewed over time.

22/50) Planning: MP - BBC were dealing with the “Unhenge” constructed at Meadow View in Murthering Lane (no planning permission) which RBB also questioned. As it was being advertised as a tourist attraction this would also require approval for change of use. MP - The development at Lee Farm was a concern due to limited infrastructure to support the new properties, BBC were aware.

22/51) Finance: MP has checked the accounts / records & everything is in order. Clerk - The 2021/22 Annual Governance & Accountability Return Part 3 (AGAR) had been submitted to PKF Littlejohn LLP on 30th June and was expected back mid-September with any recommendations. The public rights notice was posted between June 13th to July 22nd which completed NPC’s statutory requirements. Cheques to be signed were approved for Payroll (July), TCG Disiti Ltd (sports pavilion base & groundworks), JAM Parrish (sports field car park base works), S. Wilcox (Navestock Heath tree works), R. Bere-Brown (village show rosettes).

22/52) Discussion Items and date of next meeting: AE - The historical clamps left by PJ Lee & Sons have finally been removed which should result in the polluted waterways clearing following rainfall. A new fingerpost near Alec’s Restaurant had been incorrectly sited by ECC. MP - Moving forward ECC would no longer be repairing finger posts, how this would pan out for ramblers etc was unclear.

Next meeting: Tuesday 13th September, 2022

Meeting closed at 20.40

Victor Simmons
Clerk to Navestock Parish Council
6th September 2022