

## GESTINGTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall

On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Parish Cllrs J Nott (Chair), A Cooper, T Flower, P Collett, D Smith  
Mr Crumpton-Taylor - Footpath representative  
District Cllr Wendy Scattergood  
Parish Clerk

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**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr S Bolter (long standing prior engagement)  
District Cllr David Finch  
Russell Meekings – Football Club  
John Butcher – Cricket Club

**2. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Cooper declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 3, being a Vice-President of Gestingthorpe Cricket Club.  
Cllr Nott declared a non-pecuniary interest in any discussions on Nether Hall Farm, being a client of the applicant.

**3. Report from Gestingthorpe Football Club**

Mr Meekings and Mr Butcher had both sent comments for the meeting, both being unable to attend. The football club's main concern was the supply of water needed after their matches; Mr Butcher advised that the planning application for improvement works is on hold, he is getting quotes for the roof work and still pursuing grant funding.

**4. Public Speaking**

None.

**5. Minutes**

The minutes of the July meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**6. Clerks Report**

The Clerks report was noted.

**7. Reports from Representatives**

***District Cllr's Report***

Planning – Tessa Lambert has now left BDC; suggestion that the football club look into whether planning permission is needed if they intend to erect lighting during the winter months; the Local Plan is still on-going, with more work to be done to satisfy the Inspector. Cllr Scattergood advised Cllrs of the reasons behind the letter sent to all parishes earlier this year and of how BDC want responses that relate to planning policy, which will save them a great deal of time and cost. BDC have started their budget planning; the Community Grant has opened with £1,500 being available between all parishes in Ward areas.

***Village Hall***

Cllr Flower reported that work is due to start on the toilets in January and will take 6 weeks, a front window has been repaired and quotes are being obtained for repairing and painting rear windows. The committee will be looking into sound insulation as a future project. The next fund raising event is a valuation evening on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**Tree Warden**

Nothing to report.

**Footpaths**

Footpath 41, Edey's Farm – Leslie Crumpton-Taylor reported that path is still narrow and the hedges need trimming back – Clerk to write to the owner to trim back the sides of the hedge; Footpath 19, Delvyn's Lane – A resident had been keeping this footpath cut in the past and it was discussed whether the owner of Delvyn's Farm might take the job on in future. Leslie Crumpton-Taylor will take a look at the area for further information.

The recent email from EALC regarding a devolution pilot scheme on joint working between ECC and Parish Councils was discussed as to whether this might be a way of dealing with local work in the future. The Clerk was asked to express an interest for the PC and to ask for further information on the scheme.

Cllr Smith reported some dog fouling still occurring on the main footpath through the village; it was considered very difficult to get proof of the culprits. The signs have been put in place.

**8. Highways**

**Pot holes**

Cllr Smith reported that 2 of the larger pot holes had been filled and others have been marked in red. He had asked for a meeting with an Inspector and had been advised that inspections are made at intervals throughout the year, he will continue to pursue outstanding works and was thanked for his efforts.

**Barriers**

The Chairman reported that a car had gone though the barrier and bent the bars over, hence more orange fencing near the bridge. Cllr David Finch had sent information on future works that are intended but no definite start date.

**Signage at Moat Farm corner**

The Local Highways Panel had carried out a site meeting and suggested that improvements be made to the chevron signage. Cllrs were in agreement. Clerk to advise LHP.

**Mirror query**

A resident had written to ask about the rules for erecting a mirror on the verge for sight reasons. The Chairman offered to speak to the resident.

**9. Speeding traffic at Audley End**

A speed survey is due to be carried out this month. Clerk to chase if this doesn't happen. Cllr Collett will look into prices of SID's. It had been suggested that Gestingthorpe share Speedwatch equipment with the Yeldham's parishes. Volunteers will be needed for this scheme to go ahead.

**10 Planning**

All planning applications made and decisions received were itemised on Appendix B. There were no new applications for consideration this evening.

**Planning correspondence**

Cllr Bolter's letter was discussed and in view of District Cllr Scattergood's comments it was agreed not to pursue this.

District Cllr Scattergood was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

**11. Playing Field**

Cllr Nott has spoken to Chris Moulton and agreed on necessary repair work. Cllr Cooper has filled holes under the see-saw with planings.

Cllr Nott has spoken to Mr Layzell about strimming round the equipment and mowing on certain areas to improve tidiness and Cllr Cooper will also speak to him.

Cllr Smith reported a branch hanging over the playing field on the Sudbury road. The cross trainer is now satisfactory and the S106 money held with BDC will be chased. An unofficial speed camera placed on the Sudbury road was considered to be a Highways matter.

**12. Cricket Pavilion**

The Chairman advised that he had met on site with Cllr Cooper, Chris Moulton and plumber, Andy Tarbin, to consider the work needed and the water pipework issue to enable the football club to use the water in the winter. The favoured option would be to put in an additional pipe which would run into the roof and to heavily lag this. The cost of materials and labour would be approximately £450.00. Cllr Nott proposed the PC spends the money to get the pipework done, seconded by Cllr Flower and unanimously agreed.

The roof will need to be replaced/repared and it was suggested that when the time comes the same type of roof is put on.

**13. GDPR**

Cllrs confirmed the final details for the consent form. To be sent to all on the village email list & emergency plan.

**14. Emergency Plan**

Cllrs discussed the Emergency Plan; this will be sent out once the consent forms are completed.

**15. Parish Council Finance**

Details of all receipts and payments (Appendix C) had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved. Cllrs agreed that a direct debit be set up for the Information Commissioner which would save £5.00 annually.

**16. Correspondence and Matters to Report**

**Annual skip hire** – skips were reported as being full up on the first day. Suggestion to change the dates for skip hire next year.

**Donation to Churchyard** – Cllrs agreed in principle to continue with the annual donation.

**Grass cutting** – Clerk to look at obtaining quotes for next season due to the 3 year contract with BDC ending.

**Devolution Pilot Scheme** – Clerk to reply to say the PC would be interested in this scheme but would like further details.

**17. Items for the next agenda**

No items requested.

**18. Date of Next Meetings**

November 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Date..... Chairman.....