

Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council
LODER HALL, MAIDWELL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th July 2021

Present: Cllr Calnan (Chair), Munro (Vice-Chair), Mortimer. Cllr Parker, Cllr Harris (West Northants Council)

- 29. Apologies for Absence were received:** Cllr Hall, Cllr Seed, Cllr Blake, Cllr Goddard, Cllr Irving-Swift
- 30. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** under the Councils Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – None received.
- 31. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th May 2021.**
The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2021 were approved and signed as correct. Prop: Cllr Munro, Sec: Mortimer. Unanimous.
- 32. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings held on 19 May 2021**
- a. **(17) NCALC off to a flying start** – Councillors Seed, Hall and Goddard attended the online training course Off to a Flying Start
 - b. **(19) Planning** – Approved on 3rd June 2021 - WND/2021/0019 - Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for a single storey rear extension, Queensbury House, Harborough Road, Maidwell, NN6 9JA
 - c. **(23) Certificate of Exemption** – Clerk received an automated message on 3rd Jul 2021 to notify that PKF Littlejohn (external auditor) have received and logged the notification of exempt status for the year ended 31 March 2021 from Maidwell with Draughton parish council
- 33. Open Forum** - One person in attendance. One item raised from a planning consultant regarding the proposed planning application due to be made at Manor Farm, Maidwell. A short description of the redevelopment of the site was given and advised that a pre-planning application had been made to West Northants Council of which was awaiting a response. The chairman expressed his thanks for the update.

The member of the public left the meeting.

34. Speeding Traffic through Maidwell

Cllr Munro updated the PC regarding progress with the speed signs. A document was shared with councillors summarising the recommendations for two speed indicator devices. Two Coeval signs are to be purchased for the A508, both to be located on a lamp post outside Loder Hall which has 24/7 mains supply. The location has been approved by NCC Highways. The larger sign will be placed facing southbound and the second smaller sign placed back-to-back to capture the northbound traffic. The Coeval signs fit the requirements endorsed by the PC and is the most cost and management effective option. There will only be one set of costs for delivery, installation, one warranty and one type of software required for downloading the data. The total cost excluding VAT for both signs will be £5,205. Delivery would be 8 weeks from order and the warranty was increased to 6 years after negotiation.

The grant application is to be made to the Northamptonshire Police Commissioners Safer Roads Fund for the maximum amount of £5000. The additional amount will be funded through savings made in previous years by the PC. The Clerk is to confirm that the VAT can be reclaimed. An independent referee is required to endorse the project. Cllr Jonathan Harris agreed to be the referee as he had previous knowledge of the project starting back in Oct/Nov 2020.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the final Coeval quote of £5,205 for the two signs and progress to submitting the grant application. Proposed: Calnan, Sec: Mortimer. Unanimous.

An enquiry was made about the hatchings agreed by the PC last year. The Clerk agreed to find the original applications made by the former clerk to check its progress. Cllr Harris offered his help to the enquiry.

A further update will be provided at the next meeting in September.

35. **Extra bank signatory** – The Clerk requested another signatory to cover absence due to holiday, sickness etc to authorise bank payments which would take the total to 3. Cllr Mortimer agreed to take on the role of 3rd signatory. Clerk to organise application form. Resolved. Prop: Munro, Sec: Calnan. Unanimous.
36. **Plant a tree for the Jubilee** – More information required regarding location, cost, time frame. Clerk to circulate information to councillors ahead of next meeting in September.
37. **Further Training** – Clerk requested to attend a GDPR e-learning training course. Resolved. Prop: Mortimer, Sec: Munro. This item is to be added to next agenda for September meeting due to Councillor absence.

38. Proposed grant for Litter Picking Equipment

Cllr Calnan shared email correspondence received regarding the litter on the roads around Maidwell. A volunteer group of residents have been meeting monthly to collect bags of rubbish along the main roads as well as along the Brampton Valley Way. It was asked if the Parish Council would provide some money to help the group purchase litter grabbers, hi-vis vests, and a road sign as they have been funding it themselves.

An enquiry was made with NCALC and they provided information on how the council could proceed which included using S137 with a Grants Policy, It was discussed that even if this was not the correct route to follow, the PC would benefit from having a policy. It was agreed that a policy would be drafted and presented at the next meeting in September for resolution.

Cllr Harris advised that the group should contact the Brixworth wombles for advice regarding sponsorship from local businesses. Cllr Calnan also advised that the Draughton Clubroom owned litter grabbers so would pass on details. The Clerk agreed to contact West Northants Norse for support. Update to be given at the next meeting in September.

39. Reports:

- a. Planning Appeal for land to North of Mercedes Benz, Brixworth – Hearing Date 10am Tuesday 27 July 2021 held virtually via Microsoft Teams and by telephone. Noted.
- b. WND/2021/0144 (Amended) – Kelmarsh Hall, Amendment to Planning Permission DA/2009/0116 (Change of use of land for holding leisure, tourism and charitable events). Noted

Finance:

40. Clerk produced accounts to 30 June 2021 along with bank reconciliation and bank statement. Approved and signed. Prop: Mortimer, Sec: Munro. Unanimous.

41. Resolution to approve payments

- i. E-On – streetlighting electricity charge for May21 - £ 28.28. Prop: Mortimer, Sec: Munro. Unanimous.
- ii. Parish Clerk – Jun/Jul 21 & expenses £ 476.03. Prop: Mortimer, Sec: Munro. Unanimous.
- iii. A Henson – Blades Grass Cutting Inv14 - 24/05/21 - £ 295.27. Prop: Mortimer, Sec: Munro. Unanimous.
- iv. A Henson – Blades Grass Cutting Inv 26 – 21/06/21 - £ 270.96. Prop: Mortimer, Sec: Munro. Unanimous.
- v. NCALC Off to Flying Start Inv1297 - £ 88.00 – signed off at previous meeting 19May21 but not yet paid. Prop: Mortimer, Sec: Munro. Unanimous.
- vi. NCALC Off to Flying Start Inv1373 - £44.00. Prop: Mortimer, Sec: Munro. Unanimous.
- vii. SLCC Membership 21/22 - £ 80.00. Prop: Mortimer, Sec: Munro. Unanimous.

viii. And any other invoices received prior to the meeting – WEBS Ltd – Website Maintenance - £50.00 + VAT. Prop: Mortimer, Sec: Munro. Unanimous.

b. Resolution to approve payments made since last meeting


42. **Correspondence** – None received.

43. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7.30pm at Loder Hall, Maidwell

44. The meeting was closed at 8:24pm.

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