

Headon-cum-Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6 September 2021 at Headon Village hall commencing at 19:30hr.

Welcome from the chair.

1.Apologies for absence.

The council received apologies from Cllrs Askew, Greenhalgh, Whelan, Burman and Smith as well as the Clerk.

2.To record declaration of interests from councilors in any items to be discussed.

Resolved to note that there were no declarations of interests in items to be discussed.

3.To consider the minutes of meeting held on the meeting on the 5 July 2021.

As the chair of the previous meeting was absent, it was RESOLVED to postpone signing of these minutes until the next meeting however no amendments to the minutes were proposed by those present.

4.To receive an update from the police.

No update from the police has been received for 2 months.

5.To receive and update from the District Councilor.

RESOLVED to note that District Councilor Coultate provided a series of updates including that relating to an extraordinary meeting he and his peers called to discuss the local plan. He stated that it has been determined that Bassetlaw District Council only needs to build approximately 5,000 of the expected 10,000 homes it originally thought it must and that a small number of large developments might be preferable to spreading multiple smaller developments around the community. This would have the advantage of potentially attracting additional infrastructure investment. However, Cllr Coultate felt that it was not likely to be a successful debate.

Cllr Coultate also updated that he believes that local planning officers have been investigating the upgraded entryway that has been built into what is locally called Lime Tree Field in Grove to determine if it is appropriate.

6.To receive and update from County Councilor.

RESOLVED to note that County Councilor Ogle did not attend the meeting.

7.To receive an update on defibrillator checks.

RESOLVED to note that all checks have been completed successfully.

8.To receive and update on Lengthsman work in the parish.

RESOLVED to note that works are ongoing from the Lengthsman and an additional payment has been made of £20 to cover fuel costs.

9.Drayton Road Stokeham speed limit, a request from a local resident.

RESOLVED to note that clerk is continuing to engage with highways. Additionally the chair of the parish council has visited the local resident who conducted their own private traffic assessment to learn more. Chair reports that the resident appreciated this.

10.Update Grove War Memorial refurbishment.

RESOLVED to defer this to the following meeting when clerk is present. Councilors believe that we are still waiting on the results of the grant application. Cllr Mosely also noted that there is some risk that we might lose one of the two contractors selected as the preferred provider as they are now extremely busy. Cllr Mosely will investigate further.

11.Update on request to reduce speed limit in Nether Headon

RESOLVED to defer this to the following meeting when clerk is present.

12.Update litter picking equipment.

RESOLVED to defer this to the following meeting when clerk is present.

13.Update on free bags of rock salt from Nottinghamshire CC

RESOLVED to note that 5 free bags have been asked for from Notts CC and these will be stored in Headon for use in and by all 4 villages alongside the supply built up over previous years.

14.To consider the The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022

RESOLVED to defer this to the following meeting when Cllr Smith is present as he was investigating if his land might be suitable. Cllr Mosley noted that it would be good to approach the village hall committee and other groups if they can cohost. Cllr Coultate offered to consider an application for grant funding to help fund the evening as a community gathering and the Parish Council RESOLVED to make this approach should a suitable community team want to celebrate the Jubilee.

15.Update on horse signs in Stokeham

RESOLVED to note that the need for additional signs warning drivers of possible horse riders in the road is applicable in other villages as well, particularly Headon. RESOLVED to defer this until the clerk is present as he has been liaising with Highways.

16.Update Nottinghamshire CC Local Improvement Scheme Grant – Noticeboards and Grove gateway signs.

Chair CONFIRMS that new noticeboards have been delivered to her house for all 4 villages and we are awaiting the license required to install them in the old and new locations as appropriate. RESOLVED to ensure that we contact the owner of the adjacent land in Grove to confirm exact placement is suitable.

Cllr Wielgus provided an update that the initial designs for the Grove village sign are due to be drawn up by the supplier and will be shared with residents for feedback. Whilst the sign in the North of the village can be replaced in the same location, the current location in the South of the village is in a location that is too narrow for safe installation of the new sign. Several alternative locations have been determined. However, the preferred location for the siting of the sign in the South of the village has met with resistance from the landowner who owns the house adjacent to the location due to the potential of restricting sight lines for a new proposed access. Whilst the planning application for this access has been rejected, the owner reports that this is going to appeal and therefore councilors RESOLVED to postpone decisions until the sign is nearer to being delivered.

17.To consider the Facebook page

Cllr Wielgus updated the group that the Facebook continues to be used with new members applying regularly. He reported that he has rejected some recent membership requests due to a lack of ability to confirm they are local residents and that he has asked one member to reduce the number of inappropriate adverts.

RESOLVED that Cllr Wielgus will train up another member of the council to administer the Facebook page by Christmas.

18.To consider current and future Councilor vacancies

RESOLVED to advertise for local councilors to fill our vacancies using a template letter from a neighboring parish.

19.To consider new planning applications.

19.1 No new planning applications have been received

19.2 Cllrs discussed an email received from a local resident who stated that recent Council comments on their planning application for a new entry into their property were “not only defamatory but libelous”. Cllrs RESOLVED not to give the matter further consideration as advice received confirms that the comments were appropriate and not defamatory, as well as unlikely to have caused material harm given, they were not the reason for the planning application being rejected.

20.To raise any highway related matters.

RESOLVED to postpone the discussion of the highways issue log until the next meeting when the clerk is present.

RESOLVED for Cllr Wielgus to report the fly tipping that occurred near Grove on the day of the meeting.

Cllr Briggs reported that a major cycle ride will be passing by Stokeham soon.

21.To consider financial matters.

RESOLVED to defer to next meeting

22.To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLVED to add a confirmation of the funding for a new printer for the newsletter as the current volunteer reports that the printer is beginning to fail. Chair to confirm with volunteer that they have considered the running costs of the new printer.

23.To confirm the date and time of next meeting.

Date of next meeting is 7.30pm at Headon Village Hall on the 4th October 2021.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 20:40 Hr.

Signed: -

Date: -