



**OLD  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

Chairman: Colin Smart Clerk: Lorna McGoldrick

**Minutes of the Meeting of Old Parish Council** held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019, in the Community Centre,  
Townson Close, Old at **7.30pm**

- 1/10/19** Present: Cllrs R. Bury, S. Gohil, S. Haughney and Catherine Beckett – Cllr Bury acting Chairman  
County Councillor J Shephard  
In attendance: Parish Clerk, Lorna McGoldrick and 4 members of the public
- 2/10/19** **Resolution to approve apologies for absence** – Cllr Colin Smart (family commitment)
- 3/10/19** **Public Session:** A resident gave an update on the planters, they are producing some lovely flowers. She requested that we agree to her maintaining the Green until March 2020 and that this green be removed from the future tendering process.  
A resident queried the need to trim and cut the verges so closely as this practice was preventing wild flowers from growing. He especially questioned the need to cut those growing at the base of wall and around the base of the War Memorial.  
A resident who is spear heading ‘ROAR’ explained that a survey had undertaken to assess the scale of support for the Recycling Bins at Cherry Hill. The results showed that there was a clear majority in favour of the Recycling Bins, although some had also voiced concerns. The position with regards to ‘ROAR’s Public Liability Insurance and licence to site the Bins on communal land was queried.
- 4/10/19** **Reports from District and County Councillors:** County Councillor J Shephard presented an overview of the current situation with the substantial increase in housing developments and Sustainable Urban Extensions in and around Northampton. These developments were being built without the infrastructure to support them. The North Northampton Orbital is proposed to join up with the relief road for the A508.  
Cllr Shephard also reported on the two new Unitary Authorities, which come into effect in 2021. Although elections of Parish and District Councillors will take place next year, 2020, consequently a shadow Unitary Authority will be working alongside the 3 current Authorities until 2021 when the Unitary Authorities will come into force.
- 5/10/19** **Review of Registrable Interests:** None Received. Cllr Gohil gave his signed Declaration of Acceptance, Cllr Haughney will forward hers to the Clerk.
- 6/10/19** **Declarations of Interest:** None received
- 7/10/19** **Minutes:** Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and they were signed by the Chairman.
- 8/10/19** **Councillor Vacancy: Resolution** to accept the resignation of Cllr Moore and approve advertising vacancy.  
**ACTION:** Clerk to advise Daventry and advertise vacancy
- 9/10/19** **Planning:** West Northampton Strategic Plan was discussed and it was **Resolved** to take no further action. No additional planning applications received.
- 10/10/19** **Highways:** Cllr Gohil reported that the signs had been fixed – no further action required.
- 11/10/19** **Playground Safety Inspection:** No Report was received. It was **Resolved** that Cllr Beckett will carry out the playground Inspections.  
**ACTION:** Clerk to obtain outstanding Reports
- 12/10/19** **Community Defibrillator:** Cllr Bury provided the Clerk with the EMAS template record of Inspections carried out to date for the archived records. There were no advisories. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Report.

**13/10/19 Village Tidy:** Cllr Houghney declared the Village tidy a Resounding Success

The Parish Council would like to thank:

Erica & Brannan, Martha and family, Ruth, Steve and Andy at Cherry Hill

Xxxxx **Names from Colin**

**Overhanging hedges:** The footpath warden Julian Glover has been contacted and this issue is being addressed

**Cherry Hill Middle Green Shrub cutback:** Council **Resolved** the undertaken on the weekend 26/27<sup>th</sup> October and Mark Knight is going to remove the cuttings.

**14/10/19 ROAR:**

1. **Website Page:** ROAR's request for a website page was discussed and it was **Resolved** that a notice should be put on the website and a link to ROAR's Facebook Page

**ACTION:** Clerk to update Website accordingly once insurance and location has been agreed

2. **Website Access:** Council **Resolved** that access will not be granted

3. **ROAR Bins:** Approval for this is subject to obtaining Public Liability Insurance and a licence to site the Bins on a highway.

**ACTION:** Clerk to ascertain who the land belongs to and inform ROAR

**ACTION:** Cllrs and Clerk to arrange a site visit. Cllrs Bury, Beckett and Parish Clerk

**15/10/19 Mowing and Maintenance of Front Green, Cherry Hill:** Council **Resolved** to approve the Maintenance and mowing of Front Green, Cherry Hill by resident Lynn Pilley until March 2020 and that this area be excluded from the current tender process.

**16/10/19 Acre Membership:** It was **Resolved** to approve Acre Membership £50

**ACTION:** Clerk to apply for membership

**17/10/19 Bank Signatories:** It was **Resolved** to continue with the current bank signatories.

**18/10/19 Finance and Administration:**

1. **Payments:** Council **Resolved** to approve payments between meetings and at this meeting

Date	Payee	Detail	Chq No.	Total	Ex. Vat	Vat
20/09/19	Swalec		DD	£201.91		
29/09/19	Information Commissioner	Data Protection	970	£40.00		
9/10/19	Northants Acre	Membership	971	£50.00		
9/10/19	L. McGoldrick	Salary	972	£343.88		
9/10/19	L. McGoldrick	Working from Home	973	£36.00		
9/10/19	L. McGoldrick	Salary	974	£203.20		
9/10/19	Maximow	Grass mowing	975	£263.22		
9/10/19	E.on	Unmetered Electricity	846	£139.02		

2. **Bank Balance:** Council **Resolved** to approve the Balance at the bank of £18406.70 on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

3. **Income Received:** Council **Resolved** to approve the receipt of the precept £5250

4. **Receipts and Payments:** Council **Resolved** to approve Budget Summary and bank reconciliation year to-date

**19/10/19 Training/Meetings:** Council **Resolved** to approve the payment for 'The Good Councillors Guide', copies of the Guide were presented to each Cllr present.

**20/10/19 Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Meeting Closed at 8.50pm**

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**Chairman**

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