

Doddington and Whisby Parish Council

Notes of the **Parish Council** Meeting
Doddington Cafe, Doddington Hall
at 7pm on Monday 4th December 2023

Present: Cllr. E Mathers (Chair), Cllr. S Whiles (Vice Chair), Cllrs. S Hall, G Beale and M Cunniffe

Clerk: S Aikman

Also Present: Cllr. Chris Goldson (NKDC), Cllr. Richard Johnston (NKDC) and Cllr. Alan Briggs (LCC).

Public Forum

Cllr Johnston reported on the forthcoming local election changes, which had been accepted by all 3 major authorities. He reported that the District and County Councils were not affected and that it would bring more democracy.

Cllr Briggs reported that the changes would give more decision making to Local rather than Central Government.

Cllr Goldson felt that this change would give more bureaucracy when less was needed.

A discussion was held about the recent flooding and the need for the Parish Council to set up an emergency flooding committee to coordinate local effort. Residents should be asked to help themselves and others. The Parish Council should hold all required emergency numbers. Cllr Briggs would send information from LCC Emergency Planning Committee to the Clerk. Emergency Planning would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Cllr M Hollingworth had sent his apologies, apologies accepted.

2. To consider any applications for Co-option to the Parish Council

None received.

3. To receive any declarations of interest

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and consider any requests for dispensation in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or any other interests as outlined in the Council's Code of Conduct.

None

4. To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November 2023 previously circulated to members and published in draft to the website as required under the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.

Following a vote it was resolved unanimously that the minutes from 6th November 2023 were an accurate record of the meeting.

5. To receive completed Register of Interests forms from co-opted Councillors.

No co-option.

6. Finance

a. To formally note Items of Income

Income		Total
NKDC	Litter picking grant	£71.40
HMRC	VAT refund	£144.40

b. To formally approve items of Expenditure:

Following a vote it was unanimously resolved to approve the following payments

Payment ref	Date	To	Details	Amount
406	27.11.2023	NEST	Pension	£ 29.65
407	29.11.2023	S Aikman	Salary, including backpay	£ 460.50
408	07.12.2023	HMRC	PAYE	£ 107.20
409	01.12.2023	Eon	Streetlight maintenance	£ 44.40
406	27.11.2023	NEST	Pension	£ 29.65

c. Bank reconciliation for the year to date was approved unanimously.

d. To review spend against budget

Reviewed.

e. To consider the budget setting and precept requirement for 2024/25

The Clerk had updated the draft budget. Councillors to consider spend for this financial year and budget requirements for 2024-25, to be discussed at the January meeting.

ACTION: All

7. Planning

a. Applications Received

23/1211/FUL	Retrospective application for the retention of the existing marquee to allow use as additional seating for bar and restaurant together with formation of additional car parking space.	Railway Inn, Station Road, Thorpe on the Hill.	No comment
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b. Applications Decided

None			
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8. To receive any updates on requested speed gun training.

The provider had been contacted and would be asked to provide training after Christmas.

9. To consider suitable use of received CiL funding including a replacement cabinet for the defibrillator.

Following a vote it was unanimously resolved to purchase a new cabinet for the defibrillator at a cost of £600 plus delivery and take on a maintenance agreement at a cost of £200 per annum.

10. To consider any updates required for the Emergency Scheme of Delegation and the need for an Emergency Plan.

This item would be added to the January Agenda.

11. To collate information about all overgrown areas identified as needing attention to ensure road safety and report to Highways.

It was agreed that Councillors would report matters on Fix My Street.

12. To consider updates to the proposals for a Puffin Crossing near Doddington Hall.

Cllr Hall declared an interest in this item and did not vote on the proposal. It had been reported from LCC that the planned installation was on hold following further objections from a local landowner. Following a vote, it was resolved by those present and voting to support the installation of the Puffin Crossing at Doddington.

13. Clerk and Councillors Reports (for information only), including a review of actions from minutes and matters that Councillors wish to be brought to the next or subsequent meetings.

No decisions may be made under this section, but councillors may wish to use this to flag up issues.

No further comments.

14. Correspondence

Date	Received From	Description
07.11.2023	LALC	2023-24 Pay Award - NJC pay scales
08.11.2023	NKDC	Public consultation - NKDC Polling District and Polling Place Review 2023
13.11.2023	LCC	Puffin Crossing Doddington, Committee Decision on hold

15. Date of next meeting

Parish Council meeting 7pm Monday 8th January 2024
Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed..... **Date**.....