

WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council
held at 7.30 pm on 22nd March 2018 in the Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion

PRESENT

Richard Roffe (Chairman)
John Bradshaw
Gerry Crosbie
Julia Cunnington
Richard Drain
Simon Hurn
Maxine Palmer
Roger Paull
Jon Warters

IN ATTENDANCE

Sqn Ldr B Cartwright, RAF Wittering
WO N Paylor, Community Support Officer, RAF Wittering
Four Members of the Public
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Diane Lamb, Ward Councillor, Wg Cdr M Ainsworth and Mr M Davies, Community Devt Officer, RAF Wittering

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Simon Hurn declared an interest in his on-going work for the Parish Council.

3. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. A Crime Report had been received for February 2018. It was noted that a 'Drug Den' located near to the allotments had been cleared and the local PCSO was patrolling the village on a regular basis. A number of garages and sheds have been broken into and it was emphasised that such incidents should always be reported.

4. MINUTES of the Fourth Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council held on 18th January 2018 were reviewed, approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman

Proposed by:- Simon Hurn **Seconded by:-** Roger Paull

5. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group**

John Bradshaw stated he had no further updates. Highways England will be visiting Peterborough City Centre (outside the Town Hall) 9.00 am – 5.00 pm on 8th and 9th May 2018. The Mobile Visitor Centre will be letting the general public and businesses know about extensive package works taking place in Spring/Summer 2018.

ii) **Dog Foul Signs**

These have been erected in various locations throughout the village.

- iii) **Rubbish within the Village**
It was noted that the large amount of rubbish between the swings and the old Substation off Burghley Avenue has been cleared.
- iv) **Planning Application 16/01361 Land to the south of Lawrence Road, Wittering**
Richard Drain stated that the above is showing as 'Not Approved' on the Peterborough City Council although it has been approved. He will investigate.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Diane Lamb, Ward Councillor had asked "What is the Parish Council's current feeling with regards to the future use of the MoD Properties in the village?". It was agreed that whilst the Parish Council has no authority regarding the properties, it is happy that the properties are occupied by either civilians or military personnel.

Planning Application 18/00430 – Two storey rear extension, single storey front extension and removal of existing conservatory at 62 St Mary's Avenue, Wittering – No Objections.

8. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 28th February 2018 was reviewed and approved unanimously as presented.
Proposed by:- John Bradshaw **Seconded by:-** Jon Wartors
- ii) **Village Hall Kitchen** – the Chairman will obtain quotations for the refurbishment of the Village Hall Kitchen as it is 'dated' and requires additional facilities such as the provision of two sinks to ensure it meets current hygiene requirements.
- iii) **Football Club** – the Football Club has requested a garage/store is erected to store its equipment. It was agreed that a garage/store will be purchased by the Parish Council and remain under its ownership.
- iv) **Bowls' Club** – the Bowls' Club has requested a canopy is erected over the double doors at the back of the pavilion. A quotation will be obtained.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Martin Witherington, a resident of Home Farm, Thornhaugh gave an update on an application for the path by the chicken farm (which connects Home Farm to Thornhaugh Village) to be registered as a footpath. He had submitted 40 statements from people who had been using the path since 1964. He has a meeting to discuss the application on 27th March 2018 with Peterborough City Council.

10. ADJOURNEMENT

- i) **Parish Council Elections 2018**
It was noted that the Notice advertising the Parish Council Elections 2018 is due to be published on 27th March 2018. The Clerk has already sent the link regarding this to the Parish Councillors. All the Parish Councillors are aware that they will need to complete the necessary form and hand-deliver it to Peterborough City Council by 6th April 2018. The Clerk is willing to take the anyone's form to Peterborough City Council on 5th April 2018 but she must be in receipt of the form by the evening of 4th April 2018.
- ii) **RAF Wittering Families Day**
Sqn Ldr Cartwright gave a short talk about RAF Wittering Families Day which will take place on 12th May 2018 and will be open (free-of-charge) to all Wittering Residents for the first time. The day will comprise various children's activities/events in the afternoon and a music festival in the evening. Tickets can be obtained from the Community Learning Centre on St George's Road, Wittering, 9.00 – 10.00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12th April 2018. Photographic ID and a utility bill showing a Wittering address will be required.

iii) **RAF Wittering Update**

It was noted that there had been a few different aircraft flying in and out of RAF Wittering recently.

iv) **Bus Markings**

Julia Cunnington requested that the bus stop markings are re-painted on Townsend Road. It was pointed out that this is not actual a designated bus stop (although the bus stops there). The Clerk will contact the Transport Department at Peterborough City Council to ascertain if this is possible.

v) **Young Voices Concert**

Julia Cunnington asked if the Parish Council would be willing to fund the cost of a coach for Wittering Primary School pupils to attend the event next year. It was suggested that she should ask again nearer the time.

vi) **Damaged Garage at 6 Boxer Road**

WO Paylor confirmed that he is chasing the repair of the damaged garage on a monthly basis.

vii) **Silver Birch Tree**

Simon Hurn reported that unfortunately he would have to fell the Silver Birch Tree as it is dead.

viii) **Footpath in the Churchyard**

Simon Hurn said that the footpath in the churchyard (where the tree fell down) is very uneven. It was agreed that he should not attempt to make it safe but the Clerk will contact Rev D Maylor and ask him to arrange that it (and the other uneven footpaths) are made safe.

ix) **Allotment Paths**

Simon Hurn agreed to cut the grass paths around the allotments when he has time.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the 2018/2019 Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 24th May 2018 in the Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion.

12. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

24/05/18