

NAPTON ON THE HILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
MONDAY, 25 APRIL 2005
MINUTES

PRESENT:-

Andy Bean	Chairman
Rosie Coombe	Vice - Chairperson
Bernard Alsop	Councillor & representing Napton Town Lands Charity
Denis Grant	Councillor
John Line	Councillor
Gill Bailey	Parish Clerk
Alf Fletcher	Representing Napton Charities
District Cllr. Rock	6 Villagers

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Alison Watson	Councillor
Bob Stevens	Warwicks. County Councillor
Chris Gait	Neighbourhood Watch Representative
P.C. Andy Went	Community Policeman
Jim Sleight	Parish Plan Representative

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 26 APRIL 2004

These were read by the Clerk, approved as a true record by the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Councillor Coombe and Seconded by Councillor Grant. These Minutes were approved unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman read his report and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix A.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Mrs Dea Godley, Chairperson of the Village Hall Management Committee presented her report and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix B.

PARISH COUNCIL PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Cllr. Watson she had asked the Clerk if she could present her report and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix C.

SPORT FOR NAPTON COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr. Grant presented the report on behalf of the Chairman, Mr Paul Brooksbank, who could not attend this evening, and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix D.

PARISH COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr. Bean presented his report and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix E.

NAPTON CHARITIES REPORT

Mr Alf Fletcher presented the Income and Expenditure Account for Napton Charities and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix F.

Mr Fletcher took this opportunity to say that Napton Charities appreciated prompt payment of rents from their tenants. However, Mr Fletcher went on to mention that the Charity would have to monitor the new development at Orchard Trust.

NAPTON TOWN LANDS CHARITY REPORT

Councillor Alsop presented his report, together with a brief synopsis of the Accounts for Napton Town Lands and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix G.

NAPTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

There was no Representatives available to give a report on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, however, the Clerk read out a report that she had received from Mr Malcolm Thomas and this is attached to these Minutes as Appendix H. Cllr. Rock said that there was a very good article in S.D.C.'s magazine 'The Review' regarding crime in the area.

NAPTON HEARTSTART REPORT

District Cllr. Rock gave a report, in his capacity as Secretary, on behalf of the Napton Heartstart Team and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix I.

REPORT ON PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Bean gave his report and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix J.

REPORT ON NEW ZEALAND SPINNEY

Cllr. Bean also gave this report and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix K.

ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL REPORT

Mrs Rosemary Privet, Head Teacher, gave a Report in respect of the above and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix L.

Following on from the above Report, Cllr. Rock asked if there were a lot of children who travelled in from outlying Villages and surrounding Towns. Mrs Privet said that there were a number of families who came in from Daventry and

Southam, together with Villages such as Priors Marston, Shuckburgh etc. She went on to say that despite mentioning that vehicles can park at the rear of the Victory Club, the problem of parking and some of the parents/carers insensitivity when parking their cars remains an issue which the School is trying to address.

NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH PLAN

In the absence of Jim Sleight, Cllr. Coombe gave a Report in connection with the above Project and it is attached to these Minutes as Appendix M.

OPEN DISCUSSION

This is an opportunity for the residents in Napton to mention issues of concern to them and Cllr. Rock began by advising the assembled company that despite a vigorous protest, the Dasset Area Planning Committee have been reduced to two committees which will meet every three weeks at Wellesbourne. Therefore, anyone who would like to make a representation at a planning meeting would need to travel to Wellesbourne in future.

Cllr. Line asked what the current situation was regarding Broadband in the Village and in the absence of Mr Sleight, Cllr. Alsop advised the meeting that it was still on-going, however, he was not sure of the future of the Warwickshire Live project. Cllr. Line asked if the P.C. had any financial or other liability for the project and Cllr. Alsop confirmed that they did not. The P.C.'s involvement was to help secure grant funding for the project and that was all.

Mr Paul Williamson, in the absence of Rev. Michael Grieg, read out a Report on behalf of the Church and this is attached to these Minutes as Appendix N. The Report mentions that the P.C.C. is considering an extension to the Church and Cllr. Line asked whether it would be possible to consult the Villager's prior to any work being carried out. He went on to say that the community as a whole should be invited to comment because the vestry was a lovely part of the Church and extensions to Churches that he had seen were not always in keeping with the traditional aspects of the Church.

Mr Williamson advised that there had been several open days where parishioner's can comment. Cllr. Line went on to ask if the P.C. could be advised of an update from the P.C.C. and any proposals that are in the pipeline.

Cllr. Rock mentioned that the contract for the bus service expires in December and following discussions that he had participated in with the Director of Johnstone's, they were apparently disappointed with the revenues. Cllr. Rock went on to say that Napton was in a 'use it or lose it' situation and as there are a few people who are totally dependent on the buses, the P.C. should make representations to S.D.C. to that effect. There followed a short discussion regarding the bus service.

In the absence of P.C. Went, Sgt. Owen King from Southam Police introduced himself to the assembled company. There followed a short discussion regarding how many policemen were stationed at Southam and related aspects of policing

and crime in the area. Sgt. Owen mentioned the Community Action Plan which would in all probability be cascaded to Parish level in the near future.

Mr Fletcher said that he was extremely concerned about pedestrians and children walking along the side of the main A425 road, particularly from the Boat Yards along to The Bridge Inn because this was an extremely dangerous stretch of road. Mr Fletcher went on to say that he had seen and heard a number of 'near misses' and with the influx of pedestrians using this route along the side of the road, particularly during the warmer weather, perhaps the P.C. would consider making representations to W.C.C. to request a footpath. Cllr. Bean confirmed that there was no reason why the P.C. could not request such a footpath in their claim for the County's capital bids programme.

Cllr. Coombe went on to advise that the 40 m.p.h. sign was going to be replaced with a 30 m.p.h. sign and that there were also going to be two refuges which would potentially help pedestrians along this stretch of road.

Cllr. Grant asked Sgt. King about enforcement of the new speeding guidelines and Sgt. King replied by saying that Southam Police Station could obtain a calibrated speed camera if it were necessary. He went on to say that it was difficult to enforce speed limits, however, to assist in the task, a plain motorbike with a calibrated speed camera would also be used.

Cllr. Bean thanked Cllr. Coombe for all her hard work whilst the Clerk was poorly and thanked the Clerk for her efforts over the past twelve months. Cllr. Bean also thanked Councillors for their hard work and support over the last year.

Mr Fletcher asked that a vote of thanks to the Parish Council be recorded.

The meeting closed at 9.14 p.m.

Signed

Date