

NORTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2023
7.00 pm at Northbourne Parish Hall

These minutes remain as a draft until signed.

1. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Cllrs Edelman (Chair), Pays, Brewin, Hubble & Kemp.
Cllr Steve Manion KCC
Clerk – Cathy Skinner
7 Members of the public

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Rowbotham (Vice Chair), and Brett.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

a) Declaration of any councillor's interest in agenda items other than those registered at previous meetings. b) Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests and Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests (other than those previously disclosed), and a reminder to think of any changes to the DPI Register held at DDC, such as a change of job or home. c) Voluntary Declaration of other non-significant interest.

Cllrs Edelman, Brewin and Pays declared an interest in respect of the 'Chocks Go Away' campaigning group.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Cllr Dan Edelman reported that he is having ongoing conversations with Redrow in respect of the fishing ponds. More work is needed, and evidence of formal agreements is required to allow Redrow to take the next steps. The access points off Circular Road are being amended and the grass has been mown by Redrow's contractors, further access is subject to Health & Safety approvals but is ongoing.

Signage has been installed to prevent HGV's using unapproved routes, but it is understood that once groundworks are complete Redrow will have specified routes for traffic. Ownership of the barrier from Circular Road to Almond House is also being looked at.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan needs more volunteers, for more information please contact Dan Edelman.

Recent reports of anti-social driving have resulted in a stronger Police presence and continued monitoring of social media where informal events are publicised.

The new Parish Council logo is being used on most communications now.

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4. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

Limited to items on the agenda, maximum of 15 minutes in total.

None

5. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Steve Manion reports that KCC are working hard to meet their budget requirements for the County and to meet obligations placed on the County. IT is being used to best effect and to make savings whilst increasing accessibility.

6. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 14th September 2023

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record – proposed Cllr Brewin, seconded Cllr Hubble – All Agreed.

7. COMMUNITY

7.1 Recreation - Cllr Brewin reported that with the assistance of Tony Harris, repairs to the basketball court have been completed along with repairs to the goal posts. New plates have been fitted on the junior goals so that do not tip over. These actions complete the main faults identified in our annual ROSPA safety report.

7.2 Pavilion at Almonry Meadow – it is intended to refurbish the interior but there is a lot to be cleared first. A kitchen and toilet are ready to be installed once this is done. It was agreed to check with the organisers of the pantomime in case some of the contents belong to them. Cllr Kemp will check this and report back, a further meeting will be arranged.

7.3 Defibrillators - Under the leadership of Cllr Brett, volunteers will be undertaking regular checks of the three defibrillators at Northbourne, Betteshanger and Finglesham. Cllr Edelman has been looking into CPR machines as an alternative.

At the end of these reports a member of the public wished to raise her concern in respect of the parish council report in a recent edition of the parish magazine. As this is a complaint, Cllr Edelman thanked her for bringing this to the council's attention. The clerk will respond direct to the complainant.

8. FINANCE

The finance report was noted, and payments agreed as follows:

Dell	Parish Laptop	315.83
Parish Hall	Hire	24.00
Clerk	Salary & Office exps	426.14

It was agreed to defer the budget discussions due to the absence of two members.

This will be discussed at the November meeting.

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9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9th November 2023**
10. **CLOSE** – There be no further business, the meeting closed at 1945.

Cathy Skinner
Clerk/RFO

