
2. Declarations of Interest: Borough Cllr. Combellack in relation to planning application 15/02568/FUL.

3. Acceptance of minutes of the meeting held 8th December 2015: Cllr. McOuat proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr. Brazener and passed.

Standing orders suspended – 7.33pm

4. Open session for the public limited to 15 minutes:
   Mr Roger Stanley asked the council if they had received notification on the decision regarding the planning application at the Wharf Cllr. Greenwood confirmed that permission had been granted for the coffee shop and bike hire centre.
   Mr Stanley also asked for clarification relating to linking the National Clean Up Weekend in with the Village Hall Breakfast. The Clerk confirmed that this had been discussed as an option but that as no discussions had formally taken place, the idea had been dropped.
   Mr Paul Frost attended the meeting to ask the parish council to write to NCC Highways and ask for justification on its decision not to oppose the plans at The Old Wharf on the safety grounds. Cllr. Greenwood noted that the parish council were incredibly frustrated with the application being granted and noted that once again the views of locals and the parish council had been completely ignored.
   **Action:** Clerk to write to NCC highways.
   Mr Frost also asked the parish council if it would write to the Ward Member (present) and ask for an explanation as to what her involvement was in the Wharf that led to her declaring an interest in relation to the application and why she was unable to represent the community. Why also, was an alternative councillor not appointed to represent the views of parishioners? Borough Cllr. Combellack – present at the meeting responded that she was involved in a considerable fundraising application in 2008 when she was a member of the parish council and therefore felt unable to represent the parish as others may have concerns about her previous involvement in this site.
   Cllr. Greenwood asked Mr Frost if he would still like the parish council to write to the ward member. Mr Frost responded that although he wasn’t happy with the answer he felt that the Ward Member had answered as much as she was going to.
   Mr Martin Griffiths attended the meeting as the applicant for planning application 15/02890/FUL. Mr Griffiths spoke about the proposals outlined in the plans which unfortunately differed from the plans that the parish council had received from the Borough Council for consideration. Cllr. Greenwood informed Mr Griffiths that the parish council would only make a decision on the plans it had received from the Borough Council.

Standing orders re-instated 810pm

5. Planning Matters.
   **Applications:**
   **15/02890/FUL**
   Mr Martin Griffiths
   Demolishing existing agricultural building and rebuild to form a meditation centre.
   Long Acre, Melton Rd
   Council members voted by 3 votes to 2 that they had no objections to the plans. Cllr’s McOuat and Salt voted against the proposals and two councillors abstained.
   Decision between meetings - No objection submitted to the following applications.
   15/02913/FUL
   Mr & Mrs Pressley
   Japonica House, Main St. Hickling
   Loft conversion, replacement windows, increase in height of existing rear extension.
   15/02568/FUL
   Mr & Mrs Rooke
   Change of use of land for car parking and siting of marquee in connection with public house.
   Plough Inn, Main Street, Hickling.
   Although no objection was submitted by members for this application, they supported the concerns of the neighbours regarding noise and asked for strict conditions to be set relating to the number of events should this application be granted.
   There were two abstentions and two declarations of interest in relation to this application.
   **Decisions.**
   Permission granted for the following applications.
   15/02483/LBC Mr & Mrs Prosser, Bowling Green Cottage, The Green.
   Alteration to entrance hall window.
   15/02387/FUL Mr Brendan Clarke, The Clarke House, Clawson Lane.
   Timber framed, open sided, flat roof garden store and covered parking.
   15/02186/FUL Mr Jason Nunn, Shalena, Melton Rd, Hickling Pastures.
Replacement dwelling and attached garage including demolition of existing bungalow and garage.
15/02151/FUL&15/02152/LBC Mr C Grice, The Old Wharf, Main St.
Change of use to café/tea rooms and bike hire and repairs and construction of toilet block.
15/02653/FUL Mr & Mrs Buckley, 24 Harles Acres.
Garage extension with pitched roof and addition of a pitched roof on the existing garage.

Additional planning matters.

i) Complaint relating to Rol Kah: Cllr. Greenwood reported back that the Borough Council had been fairly dismissive of the issues raised and appeared to suggest that the complaint was a personal vendetta against the Borough Council by Cllr. Greenwood. Council members were asked if they wanted to escalate the complaint to the next stage. Cllr. Brazener proposed that the complaint be taken to the next stage; this was seconded by Cllr. Parkes and unanimously passed. The Clerk suggested making the Member of Parliament aware of the issues that had been encountered. Cllr. Greenwood volunteered to write to the Borough Council to escalate the complaint to the next level and the Clerk was asked to write to the MP.

Action: Cllr. Greenwood to write to MP and forward the letter to the Clerk for her to write to the MP

ii) 10 Main Street, Hickling: The concerns raised regarding the construction of the side extension at 10 Main St had been investigated by the Borough Council and it had requested that the applicant submit a non-material amendment for the changes from the approved plans.

6. Correspondence:
NALC: Auditor procedure for 2017: Cllr. Salt proposed that the parish council opt in to the scheme run by the Smaller Authorities’ Audit Appointments Ltd; this was seconded by Cllr. McOuat and unanimously passed.

Action: Clerk to notify NALC.

Streetwise: Clean for the Queen – Members decided to go ahead with promoting the tidy up and Cllr. Greenwood volunteered to advertise the event at the Village Breakfast and the Clerk was asked to speak to RBC about insurance and high visibility vests.

Carol Beadle/Jane Fraser – Community funding from Wind turbines on A46. The Council were notified by a resident that a fund was available for local councils where parishioners were affected by the wind turbines to apply to for various schemes. The Clerk was asked to try and find out some additional information and councillors would bear it in mind for future projects.

7. Queen’s 90th Birthday Beacons: The Clerk confirmed that the Collishaw family were in principle able to support the Borough Council’s request to host the beacon; subject to the insurance and organisation of the event being undertaken by a separate body. It was felt that the organisation of a celebratory event to mark the Queen’s 90th Birthday would be better undertaken by the village groups than the parish council. Cllr. Greenwood proposed that he draw up an email that the Clerk would circulate to all the village groups, this was unanimously accepted by members.

Action: Cllr. Greenwood to prepare an email for village groups, clerk to forward.

8. Cemetery: None.

9. Neighbourhood plan: Update: Cllr. Greenwood noted that a notice had gone out in the parish magazine highlighting the parish plan and the asking parishioners to look out for a survey in the next few months.

10. Highways and Footpaths: A complaint had been received about some shrubs that had been planted in the verge outside a property on Main St. The complaint was forwarded to Notts County Council as the land was their responsibility.

11. Local Bus Service: None.

12. Environmental Matters:
Helicopter traffic: The ombudsman had found in favour of the Borough Council in relation to the complaint made by Nigel Robertson. A group of residents were looking at maintaining pressure to resolve the issue surrounding the heliport at Broughton Lodge.

Tree Planting: Information to be forwarded from the Borough Council in due course with regard to opportunities to take part in tree planting initiatives.

13. Community matters.

- Hickling Village Hall: Cllr. Brazener updated the parish council on the activities of the village hall committee. The main projects at present were to replace the windows at the front of the village hall and look to insulate the building to bring down the costs of heating the building.

- Telephone Kiosk/Defibrillator(s) – The Clerk had ordered new defibrillator pads for the Hickling Pastures defibrillator.

14. Friendship with Farmington: Cllr. Greenwood had written a reply to the local council in Farmington and was hoping to hear back from them by the next meeting.

15. Local policing: Update from Cllr. McOuat - The Police Crime Commissioner elections are to take place in May unless Notts. & Derbys. authorities and have an elective major and then they will take on the responsibility of the Commissioners role.
The issue of theft from outbuildings had, in the main, been sorted.
The recent focus on Speeding had been more successful in some areas than others. The 50mph zone between Hickling Pastures and Tollerton was now in force.

16. Grantham Canal: Lengthman’s Hut – Borough Cllr. Combellack informed members that the Lengthman’s Hut project was slowly moving forward with Alan Herd taking some of the sleepers away for preparation to start on rebuilding the exterior.

17. Walker’s Green:
Annual tender: The Clerk was asked to approach All Season’s Gardening, R. Salt & G. Watts with a view to obtaining quotes for the annual maintenance of Walker’s Green.
Action: Clerk to forward tenders.
Additional playground equipment: item deferred.
Inspection feedback: There were no additional issues to report to the meeting.

Draft budget approval: The budget was forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting for their consideration. Cllr. McOuat proposed that the draft budget proposal be accepted by members; this was seconded by Cllr. Brazener and unanimously passed.
The budget was set as outlined below.

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Cllr. Brazner proposed that the above payments be made; this was seconded by Cllr. Smith and passed.
Action: Clerk to forward payments.

19. Items from members for the next agenda.
Local Plan – Melton Borough Council.
20. Late items and Chairman's matters: None.

No further business9.35pm