

# **NORTHCHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **APPROVED Minutes of a Meeting held at Northchapel Village Hall On Monday 3rd December 2012**

**Present:** Councillors Willie Poste, Jane Walter, Sharon Holden, Paul Markides, Jane Squire and Stephen Wordsworth

**In attendance:** Mrs Helen Cruikshank, Parish Clerk

### **Comments and Questions from members of the Public**

There was one member of the Public present.

Mrs Jane Dadswell from the Northchapel Community Swimming Pool Committee spoke of the shortfall of £10,988 after having paid for the recent groundwork @ £16,000. Originally it was hoped that a lot of work would be done through help locally but unfortunately this never happened. There have been issues with levelling the ground, costs are constantly increasing so it has been decided to do the whole work now as leaving bits would only mean it would cost more in the long term. It is hoped the WSCC Community Initiative Grant application will be successful in January to help with paying for the internal finishes. The Committee are continuing to fundraise and applying for grants where possible but as the project is not a registered charity, it is proving challenging. It is requested whether the Parish Council would assist with further funding and cover the shortfall with a donation or a combination of a donation and a loan.

The Chairman spoke of the proposed ANPR due to be located on the grass verge of the A283. Many thought the ANPR to be an eyesore and obtrusive but agreed if it helped the Police in their fight against cross county border crimes then it could only be a good thing. As it was unclear whether there was any action the Parish Council could take, Clerk would contact County Councillor Chris Duncton for his advice and the CCTV Company working on behalf of Sussex Police for further details.

**64. Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Simon Arnold  
Councillor Lynda Bell

### **65. Declarations of Interest**

There was no declaration of interests.

### **66. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

### **67. Grants and Donations 2012/13**

The figures for the current budget 2012/13 were examined at Appendix 2. Clerk to find out whether the Community Bus and the Rother Valley Together project were still in need of funding before grants were approved. It was established that the Neighbourhood Watch was not in need of a further grant this year as the organisation currently has £311.35 in its fund which the Parish Council has in a designated project reserve.

All other budgeted annual grants and donations previously agreed were approved. It was determined there were some spare monies for the additional grant requests. It was agreed £500 be donated to Little Oaks Pre-School for the purchase of a new playhouse to promote role play in

the outdoor area. After a thorough discussion about the swimming pool request for further funding, the Parish Council agreed that they would support the project by way of a £5000 donation and a £6000 loan. This is on the basis that the swimming pool will eventually be made available to everyone in the parish. Clerk to organise the necessary paperwork.

**68. Budget 2013/14**

The draft figures for 2013/14 were considered. These were approved awaiting a few verifications. The precept would be set at the next meeting once the Clerk had heard from CDC about the Council Tax Settings for 2013/14.

**69. Items to be included on the next agenda**

Precept 2013/14  
ANPR camera

**70. Date of next meeting** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 8pm at Northchapel Village Hall.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL**

Signed..... Dated.....