Minutes of the meeting of Islip Parish Council held on **Tuesday 19th July 2022** at the Village Hall, Islip

**Present**

Cllr E Taylor (Chair), E Curbishley, B Lymn, L Duval, S Harris, R Tarling-Toley,

North Northants (NN) Cllr W Brackenbury Clerk C Tilley

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| 22/39 | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-**  Received and approved from Cllr Hughes and Cllr Horrell,  NNCllr G Shacklock and D Brackenbury also sent apologies |
| 22/40 | **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** none present |
| 22/41 | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** |
|  | **To receive all declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business). None declared** |
| 22/42 | **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING-circulated** |
|  | RESOLVED to approve as correct the record of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2022. Chairman signed |
| 22/43 | **GOVERNANCE-** |
|  | Internal Control was carried out by Cllr Lymn who reported all was in order and noted that Cllr Horrell will perform next one in September  Register of Interests- update- Cllrs requested the link to the form at NN. *ACTION Clerk to recirculate.*  Cllr Hughes had been on new councillor training, and circulated ideas generated from this This was appreciated and a discussion followed. Most options had been tried in the past with varying degrees of success. |
| 22/44 | **PLANNING APPLICATIONS-** to discuss and comment where necessary |
|  | None received- although it appears some applications are not being forwarded to the council. NNCllr W Brackenbury will investigate |
| 22/45 | **NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS-** For Information Only |
|  | Green waste consultation deferred; NNCllr. Brackenbury has asked then to look at East Northants areas as these residents are the only ones that pay so this needs addressing ASAP. The consultation will go to scrutiny committee. Two large warehouse applications still pending- the earliest they will go to Strategic Planning is November |
| 22/46 | **FINANCE** |
|  | 1. Received the Financial Reports for June & Payments Due for July 2022 and pre authorise expected payments for August 2022 (Attached) RESOLVED to approve |
| 22/47 | **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS-** |
|  | 1. Cllr Taylor reported that the double yellow lines on Chapel Hill have been completed, but inadequately. *ACTION- Clerk to report this to Highways and inform them of hazardous parking opposite hatched box near traffic lights* 2. Discussed quote for purchase of bulbs for verge planting. Cllr Curbishley had found a company in Suffolk that supply mature bulbs- more likely to flower although will need to be ordered this month. He will collect them to save postage. Resolved to purchase 4 bags at a cost of approximately £270. *ACTION- Clerk to Liaise with Cllr Curbishley for details and to make the order.* 3. Kettering Road 30mph road markings discussed, as are currently faded and inconspicuous (Cllr Curbishley)- *ACTION- Clerk to ask Sarah Barnwell, Northants Highways Liaison about increased paint on roundels.* Cllr Lymn requested she is reminded about additional speed remediation markings previously discussed at the junction of Toll Bar Rd and Chapel Hill 4. Increased dog fouling around end of Bridle way discussed. Decided against patrol as difficult to identify any specific times this occurs. This route is part of the Greenway which is supposed to be accessible to children disabled persons etc, who could easily tread in it, run through with wheels etc. *ACTION Cllr Taylor will look to source appropriate moveable signage* 5. VAS signs- these have now had the solar upgrade. Council received and disussed quotes for replacement poles to take solar panels *(Appendix 1)* RESOLVED- to use Ady Pendred (company 2) who can supply, install and fit signs 6. Increase in advertising hoarding on Kettering Road near roundabout. Clerk has already reported one- Discussed. *ACTION- Clerk to Report to Highways* 7. To note works scheduled- Chapel Hill trees for w/c 8th August and double yellow lines on Chapel Hill w/c 21st July |
| 22/48 | **RECREATION GROUND-** To receive checks from councillors and decide on any actions required- These showed some immediate safety repairs were needed, so authorised under Delegated Powers by Clerk. (A Pendred- Invoice 1411) |
|  | 1. To discuss remedial works document drawn up by Cllr Hughes and discuss and approve quotes received so far. *(Appendix 2)* Only one firm quote received- so defer to next meeting. 2. To discuss quotes and recommendations regarding resurfacing of football goals *(Appendix 3)* Decided against it due to practicalities of getting flat surface for artificial turf and issue with cutting problems. Discussed possibility of purchasing moveable goals. Defer to next meeting. Cllr Brackenbury offered some empowerment funds to help towards refurbishing |
| 22/49 | **SPORTS FIELD-** |
|  | 1. Cllr Maxwell was not in attendance to give an update. 2. Received and noted draft minutes of Sports Committee meeting on Wed 29th June (circulated) 3. SSE situation update- to note finally received correct invoice- now showing a credit of £129.11. Still waiting for satisfactory resolution to complaint though. |
| 22/50 | **COMMUNITY MATTERS**- |
|  | 1. Lowick Road planter- No design yet, suggestion of a different metal worker- *ACTION-Cllr Tarling -Toley to send contact details to Cllr Lymn* 2. High St Information Board- no further updates. 3. Village Hall- to note that a Conveyance and Trust Deed has been found which states that the Parish Council do own the building as Custodian Trustees. Trustees have no say over what the Charity Trustees do, they are merely holding the title to the building and land 4. Village Garage Sale – 3rd September 10-2pm |
| 22/51 | **CLERK UPDATES AND CORRESPONDENCE-** To action where necessary |
|  | 1. Clerk has contacted Yu energy, as bills for Street Lighting reduced in error. No conclusion yet 2. Clerk on annual leave 22nd-31st August 3. Items reported to FixmyStreet   Uneven pathways along High St. (resident complaint) Unfortunately the response was that ‘There are currently no defects that meet our investigatory criteria for repair’.  Overgrown vegetation on A6116 roundabout  Overgrown trees covering 30mph sign on Kettering Rd.   1. NCALC invite to Annual Conference- 1st October 10-3.30 two delegates invited |
| 22/52 | **OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE COLLEAGUES-** For information only- no decisions to be made |
|  | Cllr Duval- a resident spoke to her about a bus to Rushden Lakes. This is out of the Parish Council remit. Cllr Graham Lawman is the executive member NNCllr responsible for transport. Resident would be best placed to contact him  Cllr Lymn- need to start thinking about October quiz- put on Agenda for Sept meeting.  Close 9.00 |
| 22/53 | **DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- 20th September** Any items for Agenda to be sent to Clerk 7 days before meeting |

**Appendix 1** Quotes for 2 post installation for VAS Solar panels (all ex VAT)

Company 1 - supply only £302.80

Company 2- supply and fit £820 or install only £350 Refit 3 signs to post £120

Company 3- supply and fit £940 Refit 3 signs £125

**Appendix 2 Quotes for servicing of Zip Wire and replacement of rubber surfacing**

Company 1 Cableway service £655 Renew surfacing £7322.50

Company 2 Original Provider- awaiting quote

Company 3 Can only do surfacing- awaiting quote

**Appendix 3** **Resurfacing the football goals**

Cllr Hughes obtained 2 x quotes for astroturf/synthetic turf to be laid the mouth of the goals in the rec and suggests the following-

We would resurface the full length of the goal, and either 2 or 4 meters out (covering where the most wear happens - not inside the goal.)  In order to get a smoother application, we could consider permanently moving the goals and laying the new surface in the new location of the goals.

Pro's

* The area would not need to be re-turfed every year, saving time and money
* It would be more enjoyable for residents to use
* Looks neater
* As far as I'm aware, both options do not require maintenance like normal astroturf

Con's

* Cost to lay the new surface
* Would need to explore how the turf is kept in the ground and would need to assess trip hazard possibilities

Total area would be 20 sqm (5 x 2m each goal) or 40 sqm (5 x 4m each goal)

**Quotes**

* Company 1 have suggested a Hybrid Grass - spec sheet attached. This is priced at £70 per square meter +VAT (for supply & install) It's a knitted synthetic hybrid grass carpet - an artificial turf which allows natural grass to grow through much like the most professional pitches. The natural grass roots attach to the artificial grass giving it more strength and durability under heavy footfall. **40 sqm £2800** **20 sqm £1,400**
* Company 2 has suggested an astroturf that does not need rubber balls or sand, which makes it very easy to maintain. Quotes attached and sample provided. **40 sqm £3,120 20 sqm £1,560**