Minutes of the meeting of Islip Parish Council held on **Tuesday 18th October 2022** at the Village Hall, Islip.

**Present**

Cllrs E Taylor (Chair), L Duval, S Harris, R Horrell NNCllr. W Brackenbury, Clerk C Tilley

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| 22/74 | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-** Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Lymn, Tarling-Toley and Hughes. Cllrs Curbishley and Maxwell absent |
| 22/75 | **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** Members of the public can address the Council for 3 minutes each through the Chair in relation to any item on the agenda, in accordance with the Standing Orders adopted by the Council**None Present** |
| 22/76 | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** |
|  | To receive all declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. **None declared** |
| 22/77 | **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING-circulated**  |
|  | Resolved to confirm as correct the record of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th September 2022 Chairman signed |
| 22/78 | **GOVERNANCE-**  |
|  |  a) Reviewed and reapproved the Scheme of Delgation to Clerk  b) Register of Interests- only Cllr Curbishley left to complete now |
| 22/79 | **PLANNING APPLICATIONS-** to discuss and comment where necessary |
|  | None at production of AgendaTo note- Permission GRANTEDfor **NE/22/00850/TCA/ -** 3 Chapel Hill Islip Tree works |
| 22/80 | **NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS-** For Information Only |
|  | Cllr Brackenbury reported that the decision regarding the Green Waste proposal was called in- going to Scrutiny Committee to be looked at again. She will also chase Sarah Barnwell again regarding road marking at Chapel Hill/Toll Bar Rd  |
| 22/81 | **FINANCE** |
|  | 1. Received and approved the Financial Reports for October and resolved to approve payments
2. Determined a budget amount of £150 for Christmas Season community events.
3. Approved a donation of £50 for the annual poppy wreath for Remembrance Day
4. To note that Budget preparation will be starting, councillors to decide on any projects/ spending levels and forward to Clerk for November meeting
5. Approved a councillor gift under GPOC £25.00
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| 22/82 | **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS-**  |
|  | 1. No updates
2. Current grass cutting contract was reviewed and is in line with original tender. Councillors very pleased with works and was good value for money and requested a costing for next year, and that cutting should start earlier in year.
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| 22/83 | **RECREATION GROUND-** Received checks from councillors -all checks fine. |
|  | 1. To note that vandalism occurred recently and discuss options to deter it. It was decided to monitor the situation before making any further decisions.
2. Discussed concept of installing a memorial bench, to be fully funded by the Village Fete committee. Agreed to grant permission for its installation and it will be gifted to the council and go on asset register
3. Received revised quote for surfacing, as original one approved was only for edge repair of see-saw (Appendix 2) . Agreed all costs are substantial and Cllr Taylor will look at alternative measures to remove broken edging and get prices.
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| 22/84 | **SPORTS FIELD-**  |
|  | 1. No general update
2. SSE situation update- Ombudsman decision was partially incorrect as SSE had given them false information- Clerk appealed this, but not upheld. SSE assured Ombudsman that all issues sorted and compensation of £80 would be received along with £92 to cover the delayed start of contract.
3. No date organised for a Sports Committee meeting. Various issues regarding bookings, CCTV and VAT need to be discussed. A long discussion ensued. Determined the need for a meeting with the Parish Council and the Sports Committee. Resolved that Cllr Taylor would call the meeting as soon as possible.
4. Booking Calendar- no updates on new format.
5. To note that Playing Field Rent invoice was not updated by Sackville to include RPI increase. Additional invoice of £426 issued.
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| 22/85 | **COMMUNITY MATTERS**- Most matters to be deferred as meeting overrunning.  |
|  | 1. Lowick Road planter- update on sculpture- Defer
2. Update on bulb planting along Kettering Road/ Cllrs Curbishley, Horrell and one resident planted 1000. 1000 to do- still needs more volunteers. Discuss idea of bedding plants (Cllr Curbishley) Defer
3. Annual quiz -October 15th Cllr Lymn sent a brief report in. Money raised £2230 so half £1115 donated to Parish Council. Councillors discussed what to do with proceeds and decided to ask local charities invited to get in touch with clerk with requests for funding.
4. Neighbourhood Watch- update on whether a volunteer has come forward-none defer
5. High St Noticeboard- update from Cllr Horrell who met with historian for further discussion. New draft will be forthcoming.
6. Bleed Cabinet- siting report – defer to next meeting
7. Newsletter- next edition content etc-defer
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| 22/86 | **CLERK UPDATES AND CORRESPONDENCE-** To action where necessary |
|  | 1. Clerk attended NCALC 75th annual conference. Brief report attached -Appendix 3. Councillors to discuss whether to take up any suggestions- Defer to next meeting
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| 22/87 | **OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE COLLEAGUES-** For information only- no decisions to be madeCllr Lymn- War memorial in church repairs £2K- to go on next agendaCllr Harris- Village Hall has paid for car park to be renovated and are looking at solar panels for the roofCllr Duval- a resident has shown interest in taking on pub as a businessCllr Horrell- hedge contractor can only cut hedge on rec side- lane side really needs doing as well. |
| 22/88 | **DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- 15th November 2022** Any items for Agenda to be sent to Clerk 7 days before meeting. Date for December meeting- 13th instead of 20th if Village Hall available. |

**Appendix 1 Grass cutting**

Original quote £4250

Invoices received £3736.57- two cuts left in contract. Was this sufficient this year? Does it need starting earlier. Prices due to increase next year. Start earlier if needs be. Get price

**Appendix 2 Quotes for replacement of rubber surfacing- cableway, seesaw, flat swing, cradle swing, pole spinner (all ex VAT)**

Company 1 Renew all surfacing £7322.50 (rubber bark)

Company 2 Original Provider- resurfacing all areas (rubber mulch) £6338.63 Repair of see-saw only £2,277.20

Company 3 Carpet surfacing (overlay existing tiles) £4,347.83

**Appendix 3 NCALC 75th Annual Conference report (Clerk)**

* NCALC subscriptions going up in line with CPIH 8.8%
* Breakout session on ‘What can Parish Councils do about the cost of living crisis’. Discussed cost savings within councils- so reduced precept/ Supporting households to reduce costs- signposting/ working with other agencies. Actual ideas put into place- Warm rooms/Coat banks/Energy saving advice/Health & Wellbeing sessions/Food banks/using council land to grow food.
* North Northants should be publishing an Anti-poverty Strategy and launching a Household Support Fund
* Key note speaker-Edmund Gemmell on Climate Change. Many PC have declared a Climate Emergency. What can PC do towards Climate Change. One council distributed wild flower seeds for front lawn to create a bee corridor.