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Ninfield Full Council Minutes 19th October 2023

Cllrs Present:

Chair K Williamson (KW), J Cheshire (JC), P Holland (PH), G Pharo (GP), S Guard (SG), Parish & District cllr P Coleshill (PC).

In attendance: J Scarff Clerk & 2 members of the public (MOP).

Public Questions:

In accordance with standing orders ten minutes are available for the Public to express a view or ask a question on **relevant matters on the following agenda**.

There were no questions.

2572 **Chairman's welcome to the meeting.**
KW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

To receive any questions on the reports from the County and District Cllrs.
There were no questions.

To receive reports from
Schools
Church

There were no reports

Business to be transacted.

2574 **To receive and accept apologies** and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S 85 (1).

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Langley and Collins for personal reasons.
County cllr B Bowdler had sent apologies.

2575 **Disclosure of Interests**

To receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Revised Code of Members Conduct.

To consider granting any dispensations.

Any changes to register of interests should be notified to the clerk.

There were no disclosures of interest and not requirements to grant dispensation.

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- 2576 **Exclusion of the Public**
To exclude the public for a particular agenda item the following resolution must be passed. 'Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'

There was no requirement to pass this resolution.
- 2577 **Minutes of previous meeting** to be considered for approval and signed as a true record.
Full Council Meeting of the Full Council 20th July 2023
KW Proposed, GP seconded. All agreed.
Resolved The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Full Council 20th July 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.
- P Coleshill arrived.
- 2578 a) **To hear an update on the neighbourhood plan and agree any actions required.**
JC reported that Reg 16 consultation is half way through the consultation period. There were events held in the village but a low level of interest. There is one more event planned for the coming Saturday at the village market.
JC is expecting cv's from 3 examiners to be sent through from WDC.
- b) **To hear an update on the project to site a storage container on the recreation ground following the temporary planning permission given by Wealden District Council.**

SG reported that it will be sited on Monday 23rd at 11.15am. It has been measured up for the wooden cladding which will be done as soon as possible.
- c) **To receive an update on the project to update the children's playground and agree any actions required.**
GP reported that the invitation to tender has been reviewed by the recreation ground and had been sent out to all cllrs.
SG proposed that the clerk puts the tender on the Govt contract finder website including the original separate part to have the original equipment removed and taken away.
Seconded KW, All agreed.
Resolved The clerk to put the put the tender out.
- d) **To discuss parking on the pavements in the village and agree any actions required.**
There was a discussion about parking on the pavement around the Memorial Hall and whether the MH can ensure that events that attract a lot of cars have a steward to ensure sensible parking as part of the hire. SG agreed to bring the issue up at the next hall meeting. There is no restriction on the road so cars should be parked on the road.
GP reported that there are also other areas of the village where parking blocks the pavements for example Lower Street, by the doctor's surgery.
The clerk reported that the police will deal with parking where it blocks the access for wheelchairs. The clerk has used the parish news to highlight the issue and the cars can be reported to operation crackdown.
- e) **To receive an update from the Highways Verges and Safety Committee and agree any**

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actions required.

Some of this has been covered in the previous item. GP reported that the group are looking at a traffic calming project and finding out what the residents in the village want. There will be an exhibition at the Methodist Hall to gather views & ideas 4th November.

GP asked the cllrs to authorise spend on 20 is plenty stickers, pencils and corex boards.

PC proposed, seconded by KW all in favour.

Resolved that the committee can spend up to £770 on these items.

To discuss the parish council website and agree any actions required.

GP reported that he and other residents do not like the design, accessibility or workings of the website. He had done some research to establish the cost of having a new website designed. He reported that it would cost £2k or £3k.

The clerk invited all cllrs to visit the website and let the clerk know if they have any problems and feed in ideas for improving the current website.

Finance Matters

- i. **To receive the Statement of Accounts to 30th September 2023 for noting.**

Noted

- ii. **To receive a report detailing the bank balances to 30th September 2023 for noting.**

Noted

- iii. **To receive and agree payment of the schedule of invoices.**

The payments were noted and all agreed that the clerk pay the invoices.

- iv. **To receive for noting the report from PKF Littlejohn for the year ending March 2023.**

The report was received and noted.

To receive reports from Parish Councillors.

SG reported that the Carnival Committee AGM took place last week. The charity donations from the year's profits made were £1000 to the church towards the roof repairs, £1500 to Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance, £500 to the HWBG & Village Society, £500 towards the Team GB roller derby as there are 3 village children in the team and money to provide the village Christmas tree and lights. SG discussed the lighting as the solar lighting didn't really work last year.

PC suggested a good battery could be used on the lights. JC offered to donate a battery.

Telephone Box. There are plans to move it into place. SG proposed that the pc buy a pot of the BT red paint. All agreed.

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Date of next meeting.

To note the date of the next meeting is The Finance committee Meeting Thursday 16th November 2023, 7pm at the Methodist Hall.

To note the date of the next Full Council Thursday 14th December 2023, 7pm at the Methodist Hall.

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Correspondence – to note for possible inclusion on next agenda.

KW declared the meeting closed at 19:53