

5. Income and Expenditure

HMRC	PAYE due from October to December 2013	£17.78	£0.00	£17.78
Fleet Magazine	Cost of copies sent to Villeneuve sur Yonne	£57.31	£0.00	£57.31
AEB Landscapes and Equestrian	Community Park inspections November 2013	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
AEB Landscapes and Equestrian	Community Park inspections December 2013	£90.00	£0.00	£90.00

The above payments were proposed by Mr Allen, seconded by Mr Ozbourne and unanimously agreed.

6. Planning Application

13/01882/LBC	The Thatched Cottage, 19 High Street - Householder application for demolition of outbuilding and erection of a single storey replacement extension.	The application was supported.
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7. Correspondence

Email from Action with Communities in Rural England regarding the European Commission review of existing VAT legislation on public bodies and tax exemption in the public interest – it was agreed that the Parish Council would request an amendment to option 2, that there should be a 0% VAT rating for voluntary and community groups. Proposed by Mrs Scott, seconded by Mr Ozbourne and agreed unanimously.

Email from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) regarding Department of Transport Consultation on Local Authority Parking – the contents were noted.

Letter from Land Registry confirming completion of the registration of the Community Park.- - this was noted.

Email from RCAN about a 'Good Neighbour' scheme – this initiative will be discussed at the Parish Meeting in March.

Report from resident about dangerous litter bin on Swinderby Road – this has been reported to NSDC, a reply is awaited.

Request from the British Heart Foundation to site a clothes bank in Collingham – it was felt that there are already enough clothes banks at the Village Centre, another bank would take up a valuable extra car parking space.

Email from Notts CC regarding a Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire Parish Council update session which will be hosted on Wednesday January 29 2014 at the Newark Showground – Mrs Parkin will attend this event.

Letter from Notts CC regarding the Parish Council's Speeding Petition – this matter was discussed earlier in the meeting by Mrs Dobson. Mr Allen will speak to the Speedwatch team about collecting new data and evidence.

8. Community Park – update from the Community Park meeting of 13 January, including letters of support received and requests for sponsorship.

Collingham Brownies have donated £250 from their Carol Singing to the Community Park project. A small group of Community Park Committee members are working on the Wren grant application. A resident with knowledge of grants has agreed to act as a critical friend

with regard to the application. The Clerk is compiling letters of support. Requests for sponsorship are being arranged. A Fields In Trust grant is available to apply for, the deadline is 31 January, and this application will be for a recumbent bike, windpipe and double slide for inclusive play.

9. May Fair – to agree whether the Parish Council wishes to lead on the organisation of the event this year or in future years.

The Cricket Club is available and willing to host the event. Already people are volunteering to help. A meeting needs to be arranged quickly and all contacts in the village groups asked to attend. Mr Allen will be responsible for Health and Safety and risk assessments.

The Parish Council will act as facilitators, proposed by Mrs Scott, seconded by Mr Ozbourne and agreed unanimously.

10. Trees at Vine Farm – to agree how to proceed following the email from NSDC regarding pollarding of the trees being too severe.

Further advice has been requested from the businesses that provided quotes. Both still recommend pollarding. NSDC will be asked to reconsider their advice, pollarding would be cheaper option in the long term as less maintenance is required. Proposed by Mr Ozbourne, seconded by Mrs Parkin and agreed by the majority with one against and one abstention.

Request from resident for a plaque to mark the planting of the trees – quotes will be obtained to find out the costs of this.

11. Instances of Anti-Social Behaviour – to agree how to move forward with plans to reduce anti-social behaviour – Mrs Dobson has reported earlier on this matter.

12. Review of the Parish Council's Standing Orders

In addition to agreeing the draft previously circulated it was agreed that all meetings would start at 7.30pm to avoid confusion. Proposed by Mrs Scott, seconded by Mr Allen and agreed unanimously.

13. Securing a Fair Deal for Public Services in Nottinghamshire

The Parish Council agrees that it supports the Fair Deal for Services campaign. Proposed by Mrs Parkin, seconded by Mrs Moody and agreed by the majority, with two abstentions.

14. Update on Local Improvements Scheme Grants

Interpretation Boards – text has been sent to NCC with help and thanks to the History Society. NCC has also found out more history and some maps too. Pictures of the planters NCC recommended were looked at, it was agreed the 'Alness' planter was the most suitable.

Green Corridor – the fence will match the school's fence. Double gates will be erected to match at the entrance to the corridor on Swinderby Road, which will be set back two metres to allow emergency vehicles to pull off the road. As many trees as possible will be retained but some have Dutch Elm disease. There will be a community planting event at the end of March. Bill Tomson, the NCC Officer who is arranging the grant has been very helpful and supportive.

15. Campaign to Protect Rural England – Best Kept Village Competition 2014

It was proposed by Mr Allen and seconded by Mr Ozbourne that the competition be entered and the £8 entry fee paid. The Clerk will circulate the judge's comments from last year's competition. All old or broken street name signs are to be reported to the Clerk.

16. To set the Precept for 2014/15 – the announcement regarding the threshold for a referendum concerning increases to the Precept is still awaited. It was agreed to postpone this decision to the meeting of 13 February.

17. Proposal to accept quotation for removing hedge and reinstating grass at Village Centre and update on progress of sale of land at Village Centre

It was proposed by Mrs Parkin, seconded by Mr Evans and agreed unanimously to accept the cheaper of the two quotes provided by Mr Lyne.

Regarding the sale of land at the Village Centre, negotiations are still ongoing to gain agreement on the clause regarding parking; it looks like the timescale to remedy any breach will be up to three months.

18. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to use the same format as last year which had worked well and the meeting will start at 7.30pm.

19. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas

Mr Evan had attended a NSDC wind turbine meeting. Government Policy is to pass any application. NSDC are trying to find reasons to turn applications down.

Mr Ozbourne requested that new flags and collar for the flagpole be added to the next agenda for discussion and agreement.

Mrs Scott reported that she had received several illegible letters. Mr Evans advised that other local councils had received these too and had found out who had sent them; no further letters should be received.

A resident has contacted Mrs Scott regarding the Parish Council's plans to mark the start of World War One. The British Legion is currently looking into this. Mrs Parkin felt it more appropriate to commemorate the end of the war, in 2018.

Mrs Scott has been contacted by Mr Imrie who attended a recent Stakeholder Meeting with Network Rail. It appears that a decision has been reached to close the Cross Lane crossing with no substitute road being built. The link road through the proposed Braemer Farm development will be used instead. This item will be on the next agenda and discussed with Matt Lamb, Head of Planning at NSDC on 13 February.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

1 member of the public present

0 Members of the press present

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