Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council, held on Monday 4th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green, Nether Heyford.

1 To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence. N. Haynes (Holiday), AM Collins (Work) Resolved to accept apologies. Cllr A Brown

2 Invite Declarations of Interest. None.

3 Register of Interests Update. None.

4 Reports from the District and County Councillors. None.

5 Public Participation: Jo Dixon informed Council that the Tennis club was fundraising towards a £41,000 target, and had been applying to Sport England for funding, but that they wanted to deal with the owners of the land, so she asked Council whether they would accept contact from Sport England. Mrs Reeves felt that Council should thank Mr Arnold for all his efforts on behalf of the village in regard to flood alleviation. The Chair thanked Mr Arnold on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr Arnold said that a great deal of work had been done, and that it had helped improve the situation regarding flooding.

6 To confirm and sign minutes of the meeting held on 7th Oct 2019. Resolved to accept as a true record.

7 REPORTS. 1. PCSO.- The PCSO had forwarded a report. LD felt it would be helpful if he were more visible during daylight hours, so that elderly residents were more likely to see him.

2 Lights. – No problems.

3. Roads and pavements. Sign on Hillside road by the Green had been knocked over. Clerk to follow up regarding the signs that need painting.

4. The Green and Play Area – LE felt that the hedge on the Memorial Green should either be replanted or remove as it was in poor condition. Decision deferred to the next meeting. Resolved to allow the Heyford Singers to hold “Carols on the Green” on the Green in December. Resolved to give a grant towards expenses to the Heyford singers.

The Fair was supposed to be coming in September but had not done because of poor weather.

5. Playing Fields. Resolved. Council to approach Sport England on behalf of the Tennis Club, and to accept funding.

6. Trees. The hedge in the jitty between the Memorial Green and Church Street was in need of attention. AMC to be asked to check whether school still owns it.

7. Allotments. SC gave a report on expenditure and asked for additional funding in next years precept. Mr Thorneycroft had asked for assurances that schoolchildren would be allowed to enter the new playing field through the allotments and was concerned that a gate had been chained and padlocked. It was not clear who had done this. The hedge between the water pumping station and the allotments was in need of attention. STS to be contacted.


10. Canal. MB reported that volunteers were doing many minor jobs.

11. JBB. No report.

12. Youth Club. To seek Quotes for external lighting so children could stay outside longer. Hedge had been cut.

8 Planning –

2019/1970/FUL Land off Furnace Lane The construction of a stable block and storage building (barn). No Objection

S/2019/1947/FUL Stoneleigh 16 Middle St. Demolition of wall, new detached garage and vehicular access No Objection


S/2019/1678/TPO 31 Manor Park TPO 35/1966 - T1 - Beech Tree Shorten, by 4-5meters from neighbouring property Approved

S/2019/1689/FUL Church St Peter/Paul Replace stolen lead from South Aisle with Terne Coated Stainless Steel. Approved

S/2019/1594/LBC 30 The Green Side ext. annex with pitched roof. Change internal layout, staircase, restore fireplace Approved

S/2019/1593/FUL 30 The Green Side ext. Convert outbuilding & garage to residential annexe, with pitched roof. Approved

S/2019/1536/FUL Heyford Bowls Club Proposed extension to clubhouse and relocation of portacabin toilet Approved

Resolved. To pass comments to SNC.

9 To Resolve to support the lowering of kerbs in Watery Lane to allow water runoff into the Allotment hedge. Resolved to support the height increase in the kerbs on the side opposite the allotments, but not to support the lowering of the kerb next the allotments. Clerk to inform Highways.

10 Church roof/Alarm. – To consider a contribution to funding. Deferred in order to ask for figures involved in the repair of the roof after the theft of lead, and alarm installation.

11 To consider the need to promote candidacy for the May 2020 elections. It was ascertained that none of the Councillors present proposed to stand down.

12 Grants Policy. - deferred

13 Neighbourhood Plan – SC reported on expenditure on the NP, and distributed a spreadsheet. She asked for a further £3000 to be precepted for, to cover work on site assessment. Any money left over would be returned. The Housing Needs survey would be distributed shortly, with a return date of 29th November. Part 1 would be filled in by all, Part 2 would be for those who intended to move or downsize in the next 5 years.

14 Correspondence.


Armed Forces covenant – circ deferred.

Highways – works round-up – circ.

Dav DC – re Stowe Design plan – info only

FA – Local football plan – passed to PFA Noted

NCALC – re precept/budget.— circ Noted

Elections – circ. - Update – circ. Noted

S Mann – re Watery lane. Noted Clerk to reply as above.

PCSO report. Noted

SNC – Clerk and Chair’s Forum Nov 22nd Chair to attend.

- & IT equipment. Noted

Stowe 9 churches design statement consultation – circ. Noted

A Wilson re Dec 20th Concert on Green. Noted


15 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/Financial Matters.

Internal Controls. SC carried out spot checks on the accounts.

A) Bank Balance: Yorkshire Bank. Parish Council 01/10/2019 £105,661.56 B) Accounts for approval

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Resolved. Payments to be made.

16 Items for next agenda. Armed Forces Covenant. Grants Policy. Memorial green hedge, Office,
