

Mitford Parish Council
Meeting Minutes

The Parish Council met at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at the Village Hall, Mitford.

Present:

Councillors: Acting Chair - Ted Rodger (T.R.), Carole Burn (C.B.), Eric Dodd (E.D.), Matt Skillen (M.Sk.)
Damian McEnroe (D.M.) - Clerk

1: Chairs Opening Remarks.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2: Public Participation.

Two members of the public were present, Elaine Jones, Vicar to St Mary Magdalene indicated that she would like to attend all meetings whenever practical as a way of involving herself more with the community. This was welcomed by all.

A parishioner paid their allotment rental and then left.

3: Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from C. Cllr Glen Sanderson (G.S.), Cllrs' Mike Sharp (M.S.) and Michael Jeans (M.J.)

4: Declaration of any interests and the grants of any dispensations.

Acting Chair T.R. declared an interest in the Village Hall and Cllr M.Sk. declared an interest in the Lancaster Park development

5: Report from the County Councillor.

The previously circulated report from G.S. was considered and accepted. Cllr M.Sk. stated that the resurfacing work carried out by the council on the Mitford Steads Road had been completed and it was excellent. This news was welcomed by all, and both C. Cllr Sanderson and N.C.C. were praised for their support.

6: Report from the Police.

There was no report received from the police.

7: Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 6th December 2023

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Acting Chair.

8: Any other matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda.

A70 - T.R. stated he had written to Northern Powergrid seeking clarification for the failed grant application, but had not yet received a reply.

A71 – This was deferred until the March meeting due to the unavailability of M.S.

A72 - The completion date for the B6343 subsidence repair work date was currently Spring 2024. The parishioner had been informed by the clerk.

A73 - The land had been identified as belonging to Mitford Estate, however the telegraph pole had already been erected.

A74 - N.C.C. has been notified of the chosen speed signs for both Mitford and Tranwell and procurement is underway.

A75 - The donation of £100.00 to the Great North Air Ambulance Service had been made and an acknowledgement letter of thanks received.

A76 – The clerk had completed and submitted the Park and Open space survey.

9: Financial matters.

The accounts and current bank balance, previously circulated, were agreed upon as correct.

The following payment was authorised:

Mitford Village Hall	Rental of hall to P.C.	£200.00
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10 Parish Round-up.

Cllr E.D. stated that Turnberry House is still an ongoing issue with liaison between N.C.C. planning, C.Cllr. G.S. and Cllr M.S. taking place. However, the matter currently remains unresolved and Cllr E.D. expressed some frustration that a time frame for resolution needed to be identified because the disorderly behaviour by users of the premises continues. This will hopefully be progressed through the continuing dialogue between Mitford P.C. and N.C.C. Planning.

A parishioner from Mitford Village had reached out to the P.C. following an incident which had been found to be very upsetting for all concerned. Cllr C.B. stated that she would make contact with the

parishioner to offer support in a personal capacity, as the matter was not one which the P.C. would normally involve itself. Vicar Jones indicated she would be willing to assist as required.

11: Planning Applications, both current and new.

<u>Ref No.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>24/00003/FUL</u>	Silver Birches, Tranwell	Application	No comment required.
<u>23/04532/OUT</u>	Bramblings, Tranwell Woods	Submitted	Application is too vague. Further details are required.
<u>23/0429/Varco</u>	St Marys Hospital	Variation	Reiterate original submission.
<u>23/03856/RENE</u>	Piramal Factory Solar Array	Application	Support comment submitted to NCC.
<u>19/01362/REM</u>	Land West of Lancaster Park	Appeal	The closing date for comments is 24 th Feb 2024. The P.C. has nothing further to add.
<u>23/01729/FUL</u>	Khalsa Manor, Tranwell Woods	Finalised	Appeal allowed 22/12/23. Matter f

12: Highways.

The speed signs are to be installed at Mitford and Tranwell as soon as this can be arranged, though the Tranwell sign will be installed at the same time as the gateway features reducing costs. The trees at the Mitford installation site have been felled at a cost of £400.

As previously discussed, the Mitford Steads Road has been resurfaced.

There is a large pothole outside Ashford Grove which the council need to renotified about.

Action 1/2024 D.M.

13: Village Hall.

Cllr T.R. stated that most of the repairs have now been completed. Alncom have installed a new cabinet for the broadband.

Cllr T.R. expressed he is keen to get the Warmhub going as soon as possible.

Vicar Jones told the council that a service is held monthly in the hall where food, etc is served, and which attracts 40 plus people.

Thanks are to be passed on to the village warden through Cllr M.Sk. for mending the playground gate.

14: The Village Warden and other Environmental Matters.

Cllr M.Sk. is to speak to the village warden with a view to clearing the path on Church Bank and cutting back the ivy at the banks' junction with the B6343. **Action 2/2024 M.Sk.**

15: P.C. Website

Following a previous scoping meeting between Cllr E.D. and the clerk, Cllr E. D. gave a very brief overview on work he is undertaking to "freshen up" the P.C.'s website. He will provide a fuller update at the next meeting.

16: Correspondence.

Following receipt of an email from the Airfield Commemorative Association who have indicated they wish to erect a memorial at the former site of RAF Morpeth (Tranwell), at no cost to the P.C. all Cllrs agreed that this was a worthy project which would be fully supported. Cllr T.R. stated he would identify the owner of the land where the memorial would hopefully be situated. **Action 3/2024 T.R.**

17: Any other Urgent Business.

Cllr E.D. asked if the 3rd April meeting of the P.C. could be moved to 10th April due to the closeness of the Easter Holidays. This was agreed unanimously.

18: Time and dates of next meetings.

7.30pm, Wednesday, 6th March, 10rd April and 1st May 2024 at Mitford Village Hall.

Confirmed as a true record and signed by the chair.....

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ACTION SHEET

<u>Number</u>	<u>Action By</u>	<u>Description</u>
71/2023	M.S.	Speak with David Towns re way forward for transfer of Karbon Homes land to P.C.
1/2024	D.M.	Report pothole at Ashford Grove.
2	M.Sk.	Ask village warden to clear path and trim Ivy at Church Bank.
3	T.R.	Establish ownership of land at RAF Morpeth.

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