

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

**PRESENT:** Mr. A. Burt, Mrs. P. Croft, Mr. D. Etchells-Butler, Mrs. K. Fullam, Mrs. P. Mathieson,  
Ms. L. Paris, Mr. R. Skerry, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)  
Mrs. S. Mansell – District Councillor

**APOLOGIES:** Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. P. Blackmore.

## **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – appendix A and B

Mrs. Mansell stated there would be two drop-in centres – one in Stowmarket and one in Baburgh area. Mr. Burt asked whether Police or Fire Stations had been considered as joint providers. Mrs. Mansell said this was being looked at but no decision had been made.

Mrs. Mansell stated sheltered housing common rooms would be put up for change of use. Mr. Burt asked what would happen to these rooms and Mrs. Mansell felt possibly additional housing.

Mrs. Mansell stated the new website was up and running.

## **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** - none

### **1. MINUTES**

1.1 The minutes of meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were approved and signed.

### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

- 2.1 Update from Concertus – further information awaited.
- 2.2 War Memorial – Following receipt of £2000.00 the work will now be undertaken.
- 2.3 Supermarket community project funding – TESCO project consent form still to be completed.
- 2.4 Jubilee Mugs – these will be divided between the three churches.
- 2.5 Battles Over, National Tribute acknowledged the Council's participation in the Beacon of Light.

### **3. PLANNING**

- 3.1 Planning application refused in respect of  
The Cotswolds, Norton for erection of a dwelling house (Ref 0776/17)

### **4. FINANCE**

- 4.1 The following accounts were approved for payments:
  - Street Cleaner, £140.00 (cheque no 001142)
  - Clerk £136.00 (cheque no 001143)
  - HMRC, £69.00 (cheque no 001144)
  - Tenhats, February - March, £864.00 (cheque no 001145)
  - SALC subscription £359.05 (cheque no 001146)
  - FIT subscription £50.00 (cheque no 001147)
  - Aon Insurance, £1461.92 (cheque no 001148)
- 4.2 The Clerk confirmed receipt of £2000 from Mrs. Storey's locality fund towards the cost of refurbishment of the Memorial.
- 4.3 The Clerk confirmed receipt of first half of the Precept of £10,000.
- 4.4 The Clerk received a quotation to replace broken light and upgrade 3 others, in Woolpit Road and Heath Road. The total cost for all four lights was £5501.67. Councillors agreed to wait until a light requires repair before carrying out any upgrade. The light in Woolpit Road will not be replaced at the moment.
- 4.5 Mrs. Mansell was asked about the current CIL payments that did not include Norton. She stated that payments are made every 6 months so the next payout would be October. She would ask if Norton is likely to receive any money at the next payout.
- 4.6 The Councillors formally approved the end of year 2017 accounts and the Chairman signed the external auditors return.
- 4.7 The Chairman informed that the Circus hire of the field had provided an income of £50.

Signed .....Chairman

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## 5. NORTON TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP

- 5.1 VAS signs – The Chairman stated the sign was still away being fixed. The portable sign shared with Beyton is currently with Mrs. Mathieson.
- 5.2 Speedwatch – Mr. Burt commented that currently there has not been agreed time to carry out a check.

## 6. PLAY AREA

- 6.1 Monthly playground inspection –Mr. Walton has agreed to undertake the gateway painting. The broken signs are not under warranty, so will cost around £20 per sign to replace. Councillors agreed to Mrs. Fullam ordering replacement sign.
- 6.2 Youth Shelter repair – Mr. Burt stated the shelter had been installed in 2005. He has been able to access 3 uprights and a seat, costing £418 + VAT. Councillors agreed the repairs should go ahead. Mr. Burt will order the items.
- 6.3 Play area equipment. Mr. Burt stated that although not official there should be available funding of £17139.42, but the noticeboards will not be included. Although he has been in negotiation with MSDC these items have been rejected. Mrs. Mansell supported the addition of these items, and informed the chairman to ask MSDC how information could be given out to the public as an argument for inclusion. Once funding has been finalized Mr. Burt was given authority to place an order for the play equipment.
- 6.4 Mr. Burt stated he had had an enquiry from the Football Club to hire the field. This information will be forwarded to Mr. Aket.

## 7. VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT

- 7.1 The Committee have planned an open day on 11<sup>th</sup> May between 3.30pm and 5pm for supporters to view the recent project.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 MSDC Playground Inspection for 2017. The Councillors agreed to join with the Annual Playground Inspection arranged through MSDC.
- 8.2 Street Cleaning – After a review of hours and hourly rate, the street cleaner's hourly rate will be £8.
- 8.3 SALC training courses - noted
- 8.4 MSDC Parish Liaison Meetings - noted
- 8.5 Rights of Way report – noted.
- 8.6 Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner public meetings 2017 – dates noted.

Correspondence for information

- 8.7 Local Councillor

## 9. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 9.1 The Clerk commented that Dave Jones is sorting a new website over the weekend and would then upload the Council minutes.
- 9.2 Mr. Etchells-Butler stated villagers had reported to him their concerns at Mr. Partridge-Hicks recent aerobatics over the village. The Chairman agreed to convey this to him and ask him to fly away from the village.

## 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.