

MINUTES OF NORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER 2017.

PRESENT: Mr. A. Burt, Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. P. Blackmore, Mr. D. Etchells-Butler, Mrs. K. Fulham, Mrs. P. Mathieson, Ms. L. Paris, Mr. R. Skerry, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)
Mrs. J. Storey – County Councillor
Mrs. C. Mansell – District Councillor.
8 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. P. Croft.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Appendix A

Mrs. Storey stated the Bury Eastern relief road is now open at a cost of £10m with the junction 45 upgrade and slip road. There has been a Highways re-organisation and road works information, plans and diversions are on the web-site. She commented on the disposal of the West Meadow traveller site in Ipswich and the Council was also looking at the transit site.

Mr. Burt enquired whether the travellers site had been sold and who to. Mrs. Storey stated that the users have the opportunity to buy.

Mr. Aket enquired about the implications for school transport to Thurston for the children in Norton. Mrs. Storey stated that as Thurston is the nearest school pupils living 3 miles away would have free transport. Post 16 there is no free transport, and the primary school transport would not change.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – appendix B

PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public enquired about aspects of the Local Plan: the priorities, whether the settlement boundary was correct, the category of Core village in which Norton had been placed and whether this could be changed, and potential development sites for Norton.

Mr. Bauer enquired about the road markings and whether the request for double yellow lines had been raised with Highways.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS – Mrs. Mathieson declared a pecuniary interest in planning item 3.1.2

1. MINUTES

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2017 were approved and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Pretty's Letter of Engagement Deed of Easement – Land at Norton. Mr. Aket felt that SCC had dropped the need for access as no further correspondence has been received. The Clerk will inform Pretty's to terminate drawing up a Deed of Easement.

2.2 Resume of MSDC joint local plan consultation – 5th September 2017, 6.30pm, New Green, Thurston. Mr. Aket and Mr. Burt had attended. Mr. Burt gave a resume of the meeting, stating Norton appears to be infill only. He stated that the Parish Council's comments held no more weight than the public, and urged parishioners to make their comments on line. He stated that the infrastructure in developments is important. The 5-year land supply is an issue so potentially could have applications for larger developments. Norton categorized as a Core Village could potentially see a 35% increase in houses, i.e. 150 new homes. Currently the Council are in consultation with the Hawes Lane developers.

Mr. Jeffery stated he had visited the presentation and asked when the settlement boundary would be decided, about development beyond the line and the Council's influence. It was stated that some Elmswell and Woolpit application sites have been outside the settlement boundary. The Plan would have a final version next year and implementation in 2019. Outside the settlement boundary it could be

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difficult to get planning but the land supply would be a consideration. Mr. Aket felt that the infrastructure would rest with the developer to fund. Mr. Burt stated that in larger developments a school or GP surgery could be asked for but there would be no condition to build.

The Council was asked whether the category of core village was negotiable or fixed. In reply it was stated that there is a points system for categorizing. 15% of the CIL payments come to the village but there is no CIL on self build and the money is not ring-fenced for particular use with the potential for street lighting, footpaths and other additional facilities.

It was enquired about the plan on the web site being different to the presentation. In reply it was stated the brown and black sites have been left if not sustainable, with red as sustainable. When making comments to MSDC the public can click on the shaded sites on the interactive site and give comments/reasons to MSDC.

It was stated that as Norton Little Green is not joined to the main village why was it classed as core. It was pointed out that many small hamlets make up one village.

The Chairman closed this discussion, urging all members of the public to comment, with the deadline being 10th November.

2.3 Scarecrow Festival.- Festival to be considered next year.

3. PLANNING

3.1 Planning Applications received in respect of:

3.1.1 Warren Cottage, Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of two storey rear and single storey side infill extensions (DC/17/04271). The Council had no objection to the proposal.

3.1.2 Land at rear of Salvation Army Hall, Woolpit Road, Norton for Outline Planning Application (All matters reserved except access) – Erection of 5 No detached dwellings (DC/17/03668) – revised. The Chairman stated the revision shows the site location as smaller. The Councillors felt there were still access issues regarding the Salvation Army Hall and adjacent properties, and felt their previous comments still applied.

3.1.3 Rookery Farm Ashfield Road, Norton for Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act to remove condition 5 of Planning Permission 67/446 (restrictions on occupancy). Adjacent neighbours expressed concern at the removal of the condition and were encouraged to report their concerns to MSDC. The houses around the application site are not subject to agricultural restrictions and the District Councillor commented that as this is outside the settlement boundary it could be why there are agricultural restrictions. The Council had no comment to submit.

3.1.4 Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of rear single and two storey extension and new front porch (following demolition of existing rear conservatory and WC) DC/17/04363. The Council had no objection to the proposal.

3.1.5 Greenacre Cottage, Ixworth Road, Norton, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3LP for Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) – Erection of 1 no. new dwelling and construction of new vehicular access. DC/17/03786. The Council had the following comments to make: overdevelopment of small lane, and amount of vehicular traffic generated by an additional property.

3.2 Planning appeal noted regarding

3.2.1 The Cotswolds, Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of dwelling House (APP/W3520/W/17/3180029)

3.3 Woolpit roundabout development – Mr. Levantis informed that the Company Euro Garages are in the process of responding to the comments and objections. Objections have been raised by the Heritage Officer and SCC Highways have expressed concern over the access to the site.

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4. FINANCE

4.1 The following accounts were approved for payments:

Mr. T. Matthews, Street Cleaner, £166.40 (cheque no 022016)

Clerk, £136.00 (cheque no 022017)

HMRC, £75.60 (cheque no 022018)

BDO, £240.00 (cheque no 022019)

4.2 The Clerk presented the current account Bank Statement to 11th September 2017, showing balance of £11048.93

4.3 The Clerk confirmed receipt of 2nd instalment of Precept.

4.4 Internal Audit Report received. The Council approved the Annual Return and certificate from BDO.

4.5 Details received of change of insurance broker from Aon to BHIB Ltd.

5. PLAY AREA

5.1 Play area inspection report still awaited. MSDC will be reminded.

5.2 Mr. Aket stated he had been into the school and spoken to the children about respecting the play area.

6. VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT

6.1 Councillors reminded of the AGM on 10th October 2017 at 7.30pm

6.2 Mr. Burt presented the End of Year accounts that had been forwarded to him from the Committee.

6.3 Mr. Walton stated the improvements need to go forward and Mr. Burt commented on the need for a working group with Council and Committee. It was suggested that another member from the Council should be on the Hall Committee.

7. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion

7.1 School Parking. Mrs. Fullam and Mr. Burt have met with the Head and residents to try for a solution to the parking congestion and had reached the following suggestions:

- Request parents use the Salvation Army car park, as well as the village hall.
- Due to problems with the bus and parents ignoring the Respect Signs the school will be more pro-active in promoting other parking places.
- Mrs. Fullam has spoken to the Police with suggestion for single yellow lines along The Street and double or single lines in School Close. Mrs. Walton enquired how this would affect the trade at The Dog but it was felt it could be time restricted. However, Mr. Etchells-Butler commented on resident parking if double lines. He proposed single lines, Mr Skerry seconded. Highways will be asked for their views.
- Pre-School have changed their drop off times.

Mr. Aket commented that due to open enrolment it is not just local children using the school, so more cars are used.

Mrs. Mathieson felt the footpath near the crossroads could be improved.

7.2 Citizens Advice Bureau – invitation to AGM 18th October 1pm – Noted.

7.3 SALC – invitation to AGM 7th November at Elmswell – noted.

7.4 SALC informed of the legal obligation to appoint a Data Protection Officer. Mr. Aket proposed the Clerk should take on this role, Mr. Burt seconded, with all in agreement.

Correspondence for information

7.5 Clerks & Councils Direct - noted

7.6 Local Councillor - noted

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8. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING.

8.1 Mr. Aket suggested that the next meeting is dedicated to discussion of the Local Plan, with all other routine business deferred to the December meeting. All Councillors agreed. A member of MSDC will be invited to attend.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6th November 2017.