

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Mr. A. Burt, Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. P. Blackmore, Mr. D. Etchells-Butler, Mrs. P. Mathieson,
Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)
Mrs. S. Mansell (District Councillor)
2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. P. Croft, Mrs. K. Fullam, Ms. L. Paris, Mr. R. Skerry, Mr. J. Levanti, Mrs. J. Storey.

PUBLIC FORUM – No comments from members of the public

REPORT FROM MR. LEVANTIS, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Appendix A

REPORT FROM MRS. MANSELL, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Appendix B

Mrs. Mansell reported Endeavour House has seen problems with parking, but the move has progressed.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Appendix C

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

1. MINUTES

- 1.1 The minutes of the meetings held on 2nd October, 23rd October, and 6th November 2017 were approved and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1 School Parking – This continues to present problems for road users at key times.
- 2.2 WiFi – It was suggested that the cost to provide this service be committed until 2019, when it would be a decision for the new Council to re-agree. Mr. Etchells-Butler proposed a budget heading to be reviewed annually. Phil Jefferson stated the cost is likely to be £35 not the anticipated £50. The Chairman felt the amount would need to be reviewed with the budget as any other item.
- 2.3 Mr. Aket enquired whether Prettys solicitor had been asked to cease work on the Deed of Easement. The Clerk confirmed this had happened.
- 2.4 Mr. Aket stated the mobile classroom at the school will be removed with a crane over the school using School Close, with access to the field down the side of the school. The use of the playing field is not required.

3. PLANNING

- 3.1 Planning Applications received in respect of:

- 3.1.1 Norton Primary School for Retrospective change of use from arable farmland to primary school playing field including boundary fencing (Ref SCC/0197/17). The Council had no comment to make on this application as work has already been completed.

- 3.1.2 Conifers, Ashfield Road, Norton, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3NN for conversion and extension

of single detached garage to provide annexed accommodation. DC/17/05784. The Council had no comment to make on this application.

- 3.2 Planning Permission granted in respect of:

- 3.2.1 Greenacre Cottage, Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of 1 dwelling and construction of new vehicular access (Ref DC/17/03786)

- 3.2.2 Rookery Farm, Ashfield Road, Norton to remove condition 5 of Planning permission 67/446 (restrictions on occupancy (Ref DC/17/04690)

- 3.2.3 Warren Cottage, Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of two storey rear and single storey side infill extensions (DC/17/04271)

- 3.2.4 The Cottage, The Street, Norton for erection of single storey flat roof extension to rear and conversion of existing first floor loft, including addition of dormer window, to facilitate installation of new staircase (DC/17/04410)

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3.2.5 Birch House, Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of two and a half storey side extension and erection of detached garage with accommodation over first floor (DC/17/04328)

3.2.6 33 Prospect Road, Norton for erection of one and half storey side extension (DC/17/03525)

3.3 Discharge of conditions approved in respect of

3.3.1 Haydons, Ashfield Road, Norton for discharge of conditions following grant of planning permission 2127/15 (condition 5 Landscaping) and 2128/15 (condition 4 works to Timber Frame)

3.4 Refusal of planning permission in respect of

3.4.1 Bumble Cottage, Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of rear single and two storey extension and detached garage following demolition of existing extensions/outbuildings (DC/17/04288)

3.4.2 9 Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of rear single and two storey extension and new front porch (DC/17/04363)

3.5 Planning appeal to Planning Inspectorate allowed in respect of

Land at The Cotswolds, Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of house, Appeal allowed by Inspectorate. Mr. Aket enquired why the Council had not been invited to a site visit. Mrs. Mansell replied that only written representation is taken.

4. FINANCE

4.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Street Cleaner, £166.40 (cheque no 022026)

Clerk, £136.00 (cheque no 022027)

HMRC, £75.60 (cheque no 022028)

Vertas, £237.74 (cheque no 022029)

Spencer Wix, £ 2004.00 (cheque no 022030)

Baptist Church, hall hire, £100.00 (cheque no 022031)

4.2 The Clerk confirmed receipt of street cleansing grant £255.13 and recycling grant of £463.22

4.3 Confirmation received from MSDC of a CIL payment of £3566.19.

4.4 Notification received confirming external auditor appointments for 2017-2022 as being PKF Littlejohn LLP

5. **PRECEPT** – This will be decided at the January meeting. The current precept stands at £20,000.

6. PLAY AREA

6.1 Play Area Inspection report. Mrs. Mathieson agreed to read the report and present a report of the required repairs.

7. VILLAGE HALL

7.1 Report on upgrade improvement. Mr. Burt stated he had attended the last village hall meeting. Mrs. Blackmore agreed to represent the Council at the next meeting. Improvements required at the moment are curtains, cutlery and plates. Mr. Aket expressed concern that only one booking can be undertaken at a time despite the two rooms. It was stated this aspect would be looked at with the bigger plan. Mr. Burt commented on an Open Day to present the plans, he felt the village walk would have a number of villagers at the hall. The plans and costs are now required. The Committee feel it is important to have what people want so a village questionnaire is being looked at.

7.2 An update on wi-fi – cost likely to be around £35.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

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8.1 MSDC Town and Parish liaison meetings – request from MSDC for feedback to improve. – Noted.
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8.2 SALC response to Dept for Communities and Local Government concerning 2018/19 Local Government Finance Settlement – technical consultation – contents noted.

8.3 MSDC press release concerning joint cabinet session to consider potential merger. There is differing advice from MSDC and Babergh. Babergh have taken this back to the scrutiny committee to go to merger consultation and to the legal team.

8.4 SALC response to Dept for Communities and Local Government concerning disqualification criteria for Councillors and Mayors - noted.

8.5 Jo Churchill informed of a community project to mark the WW1 remembrance taking place on 11th November 2018. The Council has already registered interest.

8.6 CAB summary of AGM- noted. Full Review available on the web site.

8.7 Planning Direct offered assistance to help set up a Neighbourhood Plan – noted.

8.8 Local Government Boundary Commission – draft recommendations received. The recommendations are for Thurston, Stowlangtoft, Tostock, Beyton and Norton as a two member ward. Elmswell and Woolpit would also be a two member ward.

8.9 MSDC community Housing fund meetings - noted.

8.10 PC dates for 2018 circulated.

CORRESPONDENCE for information

8.11 Clerks and Councils Direct

8.12 Suffolk View

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

9.1 Mrs. Mansell was asked about an update on the application for the Elmswell roundabout. Mrs. Mansell stated the application will go to the planning committee as the site is close to the heritage site and landscape of the Church.

9.2 The Chairman reminded of the Village Walk on 21st January commencing at 10am.

9.3 The Chairman reminded about Carols around the christmas tree with the Salvation Army band.

9.4 A Village Christmas tree has been acquired. Discussion took place on where to plant it. For the time being it will be planted in a large pot until a site is decided.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –8th January 2018.