

MINUTES OF THE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Mr. A. Burt, Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. K. Fullam, Mrs. P. Mathieson, Mrs. L. Paris, Mr. R. Skerry,
Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)
2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Mr. D. Etchells-Butler, Mrs. P. Blackmore, Mrs. P. Croft

1. PLANNING

1.1 Planning Applications received in respect of:

1.1.1 Barn at Haydons Farm, Ashfield Road, Norton for conversion of barn to dwelling (DC/17/04639).

The Council had no comment to make on this application.

1.1.2 Martindale, Halls Lane, Norton for erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and garage (following demolition of single storey extension) DC/17/04940

The Council rejected this application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed dwelling is sited behind the building line and represents back building. This would set a precedent for other applications in the area.
2. The proposed dwelling is sited adjacent to a listed barn.
3. The approach to the property is along a small access road. Halls Lane is also a small lane and not considered suitable for additional traffic.
4. The proposal is a large dwelling which is not in accord with the Parish Plan which requested smaller affordable dwellings for first time buyers.

2. FINANCE

2.1 The following accounts were approved for payments:

Street Cleaner, £166.40 (cheque no 022020)

Clerk, £136.00 (cheque no 022021)

HMRC, £75.60 (cheque no 022022)

Vertas, £237.74 (cheque no 022023)

British Legion, £35.00 (cheque no 022024)

Tenhats, £393.50 (cheque no 022025)

3. VILLAGE HALL

3.1 The Chairman stated that the Hall is investigating the provision of wi-fi which would also be accessible to members of the public using the play area and field. He stated the cost would be around £50 per month and the Hall committee has requested for this to be funded by the Parish Council. It would be password protected, and provided by plus.net – BT was too expensive. The cost would include unlimited access, VAT and phone line rental, although there are currently no plans for a phone line. Application has been made to the District Councillors' locality budget for funding of the installation. Mr. Aket enquired whether the cost of wifi could be added to the hall hire cost, but it was stated that the cost of hiring needs to be kept reasonable and the current hiring charges are competitive. Mr Aket asked for a definitive cost and whether the decision needs to be made immediately. Mr. Burt stated enquiries are still taking place and suggested the Council could make a decision when setting the precept. Mrs. Mathieson commented the Council would need to set an upper limit of financial funding.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4th December 2017.

Signed

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