

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT:** Mr. A Burt, Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. P. Blackmore, Mr. D. Etchells-Butler, Mrs. K. Fullam,  
Mrs. P. Mathieson, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)  
Mrs. S. Mansell – District Councillor.

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs. P. Croft, Ms. L. Paris.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – No comments from members of the public

## **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Appendix A**

Mr. Burt enquired whether a decision had been made on the Petrol Station. Mrs. Mansell stated this had gone to committee. There are Highway issues. Mrs. Blackmore asked whether it would be the Rougham or Norton site but Mrs. Mansell stated as these areas are under different councils there could potentially be approval for both sites.

Mrs. Mathieson asked about the Pakenham ward for the new boundaries, Mrs. Mansell confirmed it would be in St. Edmondsbury.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR** – none

## **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mrs. Blackmore declared an interest in Planning item 3.2.1

### **1. MINUTES**

1.1 The minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 were agreed and signed.

### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

- 2.1 Trees at St Andrew's Church. Quote received from Two Trees. This will be forwarded to Mr. Bauer for comparison to previous quotes.
- 2.2 Litter Pick – 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 11am. The Clerk will obtain the equipment from Woolpit.

### **3. PLANNING**

3.1 Planning Applications received in respect of:

Heathercroft, Woolpit Road, Norton for conversion of store building to annexe (DC/18/03866)

The Council made the following comments:

1. The proposal should remain an annexe to the property and not become a separate dwelling.
2. There should be condition that vehicles park on site and not on the road which currently happens. The proposed annexe is sited close to the cross roads junction and there is no pavement along Heath Road. Parking in the road poses a safety issue.

3.2 Planning permission granted in respect of:

3.2.1 Arch Farm Cottage, Woolpit Road, Norton for erection of detached workshop/cartlodge/garage (DC/18/02448)

3.2.2 Amendments determined concerning Applebury, The Street, Norton for change original footprint of proposed cartlodge from 5.300 wide x 5.600 deep to 5.6 wide x 5.300 deep (Applic DC/17/05957 – DC/18/03034)

3.3 Application withdrawn in respect of

Greenacre Cottage, Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of two storey dwelling (DC/18/03401)

### **4. FINANCE**

4.1 The following accounts were approved for payments:

Street Cleaner, £166.40 (cheque no 022088)

Clerk, £136.00 (Cheque no 022089)

HMRC, £75.60 (cheque no 022090)

Suffolk Pest Control Co. £88.80 (cheque no 022091)

Signed .....

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4.2 The Clerk presented a print out of the current account showing a balance of £11705.41.

## 5. PLAY AREA

5.1 Monthly inspection report. Mrs. Fullam will carry out an inspection.

5.2 Quotations for Refurbishment of the slide mound. Mrs. Fullam presented the three quotes – Urban Forestry £2370.28, Proscapè £1590, and Dan from Eastern Play £1855. After reviewing the specifications, Mr. Aket proposed the Council accept Eastern Play to carry out the refurb, Mrs. Mathieson seconded, with all in agreement. Mrs. Fullam agreed to contact Dan to find out when he could commence the work.

5.3 The Clerk will enquire about play bark for the Play Area.

5.4 Mrs. Fullam showed a variety of rubbish bins for the play area. The colour agreed upon was yellow to try and highlight the usage, with one by each gate.

5.5 Mr. Aket expressed concern about the number of dogs allowed to run free on the playing field. Mr. Burt enquired about signs and Mr. Aket agreed to investigate.

5.6 Mr. Burt enquired about ownership of the hedge and ditch alongside the playing field path. Mrs. Mathieson confirmed it was owned by Mr. Honeywood.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion

6.1 Mid Suffolk District Council final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements – noted.

6.2 Suffolk Highways update on carriageway repairs. Mr. Etchell-Butler commented on the Highways policy which appeared to be a temporary repair and then return later for a full repair.

6.3 Road closures. Mrs. Fullam expressed concern at the number of times there has been a road closure along Ashfield Road. She felt there should be an indication of where the road is closed as the closed sign could be some way from the works. Highways will be contacted about the concern of the Council.

6.4 Councillor Achievement Awards. Mr. Aket proposed that the Council should nominate Mrs. Mansell who attends every meeting, shows dedication, is approachable, not politically pushed and will answer all queries asked of her. Mr. Etchell-Butler seconded the proposal with all councillors in agreement.

6.5 Local Council Public Advisory Service – Training Brochure – noted.

## CORRESPONDENCE for information

6.6 FIT notes

## 7. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

7.1 Mrs. Fullam stated she had been unable to contact Tostock about their gates as the Clerk has been off sick. Mrs. Mansell provided another contact to make enquiry.

7.2 The Clerk mentioned she had had enquiry about the bus service for Norton. Mr. Aket stated it was now 10 years since the bus service had started in Norton. It was recommended to use Suffolk on Board to find bus times.

7.3 Mr. Aket commented on the verges along Low Road not being cut back.

7.4 Future venue for Council Meetings will be put on the next month's agenda.

## 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018