

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4TH JUNE 2018

PRESENT: Mr. A. Burt, Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. P. Blackmore, Mrs. P. Croft, Ms. L. Paris, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)
Public: Mr. H. Gibson, Mr. D. Bauer.

APOLOGIES: Mr. D. Etchells-Butler, Mrs. K. Fullam, Mrs. P. Mathieson, Mrs. S. Mansell.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Bauer stated he would like to discuss the Church trees with the Council.

Mr. Gibson stated he was representing the village hall committee.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Appendix A.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST - none

1 MINUTES

1.1 Point 6.2 should read the signage was delivered on Friday and would be put up later. Following this the minutes of the AGM meeting held on 14th May 2018 and 21st May 2018 were agreed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1 Cooption for vacancy. The name of an interested person has been given to the Chairman, who will follow this up.
- 2.2 Trees at St Andrew's Church. Mr. Bauer thanked the Council for supporting the upkeep of the churchyard. He stated he had met with Mr. Aket and Dan from Tall Trees, and a quotation is awaited. He commented that the urgent work on the trees would be around £1500 and the Church would appreciate help from the Council. If the work is not undertaken the area could be declared unsafe. The Churchyard is open to all parishioners regardless of religion. He commented that the Church would be fundraising to get the funds for the work required. The Chairman stated a second quote would be required by the Council, and Mr. Aket agreed to contact Tall Trees. Mrs. Croft knows of a possible contractor and will be in contact with them.
- 2.3 Tree Preservation Orders – identification of eligible trees. TPO map had been forwarded by Mrs. Mansell. The trees on the map will need to be identified. The Clerk is awaiting a reply from the tree officer to state criteria required for a TPO.
- 2.4 Removal of the weight restrictions on A1088/Elmswell PC. Reply awaited from SCC.
- 2.5 Litter Pick. The Council agreed on 22nd Septembers, 11am meeting at Village Hall. The Clerk will further enquire from MSDC about obtaining the required equipment. Mr. Aket agreed to act as organiser.

3. PLANNING

3.1 Planning Applications received in respect of:
Kingfisher House, Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of side extensions to existing double garage including new roof structure, cladding to existing walls DC/18/02278. The Council had no objection.

Land at Stanton Street, Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of 4 dwellings with garages – revised drawings DC/18/01239. The Council commented on the increased number of exits onto the main road and houses are not affordable homes as requested by the Parish Plan.

3.2 Planning Permission granted in respect of:
Barn at Haydons Farm, Ashfield Road, Norton for discharge of conditions for application DC/17/04639 condition 3 - access surface treatment, condition 4 - landscaping scheme and condition 7 - refuse bin collection areas (Ref DC/18/00855).

4. FINANCE

4.1 The following accounts were approved for payments:
Street Cleaner, £166.40, cheque no 022071
Clerk, £136.00, cheque no 022072

Signed

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HMRC, £75.60, cheque no 022073
NVH broadband £410.40, cheque no 022074

5. PLAY AREA

5.1 Monthly inspection report - The Chairman stated the missing caps had been replaced where required. The gate requires painting, which the Chairman agreed to undertake using white paint.

5.2 Play Area Inspection for 2018 – The Councillors agreed to join the MSDC scheme to have the two play areas inspected.

6. VILLAGE HALL

6.1 Report on upgrade improvement – Mr. Gibson stated the Wifi has been installed and is available to users in the play area and car park. The Locality Grant helped to fund the installation cost. The monthly cost is £34.20 and he asked for this facility to be taken over by the Council. After discussion, the Chairman proposed that the contract remains with the Village Hall and that a lump sum is paid to the Committee for this year's cost, with the Council able to consider this in the budget precept next year. Mr. Aket proposed the payment of £410.40 as a grant to the Hall, Mrs. Blackmore seconded with all in agreement.

6.2 The Committee had received a request to put up a banner advertising the Tostock Art Show. The Councillors agreed to this request.

6.3 Playing field bookings. Mr. Aket commented that he had taken on the bookings for the field but users had been allowed to use the field without informing him. He felt recent email correspondence had not been helpful. He therefore stated he would be standing down from this undertaking. The Chairman felt the Hall Booking Clerk should take on this responsibility. The Chairman reminded that the field needs to be maintained with the FIT criteria.

6.4 Cricket wicket – Mr. Aket stated this continues to be used and Mr. Gleeson has agreed to be the main organizer. He felt other adults and publicity is required, with the aim to target older children.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 SPS potential planning training seminar. Both Mr. Aket and Ms. Paris expressed an interest.

7.2 Babergh/MSDC visitor information workshop – 5th June at Sudbury, 6th June at Stowmarket. – noted.

7.3 LCPAS Chairman/Vice chair training course 28th June 2018 - Noted

7.4 Letter from Eye Town Council – noted.

7.5 Update of CIL and developer contributions – information noted.

7.6 SALC area meeting – 21st June 2018 – noted.

CORRESPONDENCE for information

7.7 Glasdon brochure.

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

8.1 The Clerk was asked to enquire about the missing 30mph sign at The Dog and the damaged sign in Stanton Street.

8.2 The Chairman stated he would investigate the remaining section 106 money for benches and goal posts. He stated the 11 a side pitch is not able to be used, so 5 a side could be the option.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 2nd July 2018, 7pm, Norton Baptist Chapel.