

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH MAY 2018

PRESENT: Mr. A. Burt, Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. P. Blackmore, Mrs. P. Croft, Mrs. K. Fullam, Ms. L. Paris,
Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk).
Mrs. S. Mansell – District Councillor
Public –Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Jefferson stated he was representing the village Hall. He was also concerned about the litter in the car park and the amount of traffic using The Street.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS - Appendix A

Mrs. Mansell stated the CIL bids will soon be available, with the delegation of small amounts by officer decision and larger amounts by Committee. The next round of bids will be in September. Any planning in Norton means 15% of the CIL goes to Norton with the rest being put in a pot for bidding. She stated that MSDC are providing air source heating to their council houses. With regard to the two planning applications in Ashfield Road she has spoken to the two planning officers and asked them to speak with each other about the sites. These sites are for OPP with no information on the applications.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR – no report.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST - none

APOLOGIES – Mrs. P. Mathieson, Mr. D. Etchells-Butler, Mrs. J. Storey.

1. MINUTES

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2018 and 9th May 2018 were agreed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1 Cooption for vacancy – Mrs. Fullam stated she had been informed of one interested person. She will ask the person to write to the Clerk expressing their willingness to stand for cooption.
- 2.2 Trees at St Andrew’s Church. Mr. Aket stated he had met with Dan from Two Trees and is awaiting his comments and quote.
- 2.3 Format for Remembrance Day. Ms. Paris has met with the Head who feels the new format would be a good idea. There may be a microphone available if necessary. Ms. Paris will take this forward in the Autumn school term.
- 2.4 Tree Preservation Orders – identification of eligible trees. Mrs. Mansell stated she would attempt to get details for the Council. She felt trees need to be significant specimens and visible from the road for a TPO to be placed.
- 2.5 Removal of the weight restrictions on a1088 ref Elmswell PC. Further information will be chased up.
- 2.6 Litter Pick. Areas identified as playing field, Play area, Prospect Road Green, Hawes Lane and Thurston Road. It was felt the brownies could help with the playing field and play area, with suggestion that an initial litter pick is organized to gauge interest. Reflective tape and stickers should be used on the existing bins to aid visibility. A coordinator would be required. Mr. Aket suggested an initial pick in September to enable the school, pre-school and villagers to be informed. Mr. Aket suggested asking people to adopt a road and agreed to put a note in The Messenger.
- 2.7 Mr. Aket informed of an initial cricket group meeting on the field when about 10 people arrived. Most of the youngsters were primary school children. He stated one of the fathers had offered to run regular evening sessions.

3. PLANNING

3.1. Planning Permission granted in respect of:

- 3.1.1 Kentwell Lodge, Ashfield Road, Norton for erection of first floor side extension (Ref DC/18/00855)

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- 3.1.2 Willowbrook Cottage, Ashfield Road, Norton for erection of 1 detached dwelling (Ref DC/18/01000)
- 3.1.3 Land at Stanton Street, Ixworth Road, Norton for erection of 4 dwellings and garages (DC/18/01239)
- 3.1.4 Manor Lodge, Ashfield Road, Norton, for Discharge of Conditions for Application 4000/15/LBC- Condition 3 (Materials) DC/18/01074.
- 3.2 The Clerk stated she had received 3 planning applications that required discussion before the next Council meeting. Councillors agreed to meet on 21st May to review and submit comments.

4. FINANCE

4.1 The following accounts were approved for payments:

- Mr. B. Aket, Cricket equipment, £357.91 (cheque no 022060)
- Street Cleaner, £166.40 (cheque no 022061)
- Clerk, £136.00 (cheque no 022062)
- HMRC, £75.60 (cheque no 022063)
- Tenhats, £426.26 (cheque no 022064)
- MSDC (bins), £354.00 (cheque no 022065)
- Suffolk Preservation Society (Subscription), £30.00 (cheque no 022066)
- BHIB Insurance £1286.12 (cheque no 022067)
- Clerks & Councils Direct, £12.00 (cheque no 022068)
- Vertas. £326.66 (cheque no 022069)
- Fields in Trust £50.00 (cheque no 022070)

4.2 The Clerk presented a print out of the current account showing a balance of £16279.13

4.3 It was suggested that an officer from SPS could be invited to attend an open meeting later in the year.

5. PLAY AREA

- 5.1 Monthly inspection report. The Clerk reported on the update regarding the mole treatment of the play area. Councillors agreed to the work going ahead.
- 5.2 Play Area Inspection report - Mr. Burt enquired about the slide mound and whether reseeded or turfing is required. Mrs. Fullam stated the steps also require attention. Urban Forestry will be chased for comments.

6. VILLAGE HALL

6.1 Report on upgrade improvement

- Details will be submitted to Garfield Weston for funding consideration in June. This will include improvements to heating, shutters, lighting, stage, storage improvement etc. The minimum submission is £30,000, and it is expected the committee will put in a bid for £75,000
- Some bookings have been lost, but others have been accepted.
- Two new committee members – Susie Dove and Emma Smart, with further possible cooption.
- FIT has provided some advice on the proposed extension, if it supports recreation and activities on the field.
- Wifi should be fully working this week, after which the Council will be asked for their agreed support. However, it will need to be considered how the password is made available.

Mr. Aket enquired why FIT was not consulting with the Parish Council. Mr. Jefferson stated that this is exploratory at the moment, but they will then be referring back to PC.

Mrs. Mansell asked if planning advice had been obtained from MSDC. She stated pre-application advice would need to be paid for but felt MSDC should be involved early.

6.2 Car park signage. Mrs. Blackmore stated the sign had been delivered and would be put up by Mr. Walton on Friday.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion

- 7.1 Mr. and Mrs. Baker wrote to the Council concerning Parking in The Street and in particular cars that park half on the pathway. They felt this was inconsiderate and caused obstruction to householder driveways. Cars owners have parking places on their own properties but choose not to utilize the facility. The Councillors felt no criminal offence is caused providing the footway is still available to be use. Mr. Aket felt this item could be put in the Messenger as a resume of Council meetings and Mr. Burt agreed to provide one for the next Messenger. Parking offences are a Police issue, but the Council is unable to enforce any request.
- 7.2 SPS potential planning training seminar.- noted
- 7.3 Mr. Burke wrote raising concerns about the ditch flooding along Ashfield Road when heavy rain occurs. He felt no-one was taking responsibility for the blocked drains and regular clearing of ditches. He felt the additional planning applications in this area should require a footpath as this road would become dangerous with the increase in traffic. Mrs. Fullam stated she had spoken with the Housing Association who had logged the problem and agreed to clear the drain. Mrs. Fullam stated she would keep in contact with SCC concerning the ditches.
- 7.4 SCC Post-16 travel policy statement 2018/19
- 7.5 Babergh/MSDC alternative visitor information services workshops – noted.

CORRESPONDENCE for information

- 7.6 Clerks and Councils Direct

8. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING – none

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 4th June 2018