

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2020

IN THE CHAIR: Mr. D. Etchells-Butler

PRESENT: Mr. A. Aket, Mr. C. Fakes Mr. R. Lenko, Mrs. T. Long, Mrs. L. Paris,
Mr. S. Sadler, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk) LGA 1972 s12 para 40
Mr. H. Richardson – District Councillor
9 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Mr. R. Belham

The Council consented to accept the apology and reasons received, which will be recorded in the attendance register.

Mrs. W. Turner – District Councillor
Mrs. S. Mansell – District Councillor
Mrs. J. Storey – County Councillor

PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public gave comments on Planning item 3.1 stating that the pre-application had given several recommendations that had not been adhered to. Access and the driveway were stated as a problem as it was close to Westlyn, having a detrimental affect on that property, and was too narrow for large vehicles. Members of the public were urged to submit their comments to MSDC as well as voicing them to the Council.

The application was discussed with the District Councillor present who recommended a request to refer to the Planning Committee for a decision.

Mr. Walton asked the Council to consider repairs to the Car Park entrance when setting the budget/precept.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Appendix A

Mr. Aket asked about the £0.5m reserve for climate change. Mr. Richardson stated it is classed as a reserve as the task force has yet to identify a programme of works.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR –Appendix B

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST - none

1.	MINUTES	
	1. The Chairman stated item 8.4 should read “new roof” not “new building”. This was duly noted and changed. The minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd December 2019 were then agreed as a true and accurate record, and the minutes signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.	
2.	MATTERS ARISING	
	1. Planters – Mr. Walton has this in hand	
	2. Meeting with Jo Churchill and SCC An email has been sent to remind about the proposed meeting but no reply has yet been received.	Clerk to chase up

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	<p>3. White Gating into village. Mr. Lenko is awaiting contact from Highways, but has not yet had any communication from them.</p>	<p>Mr.Lenko to chase</p>
	<p>4. Tree Preservation Orders Map and letter showing sites of trees in Ashfield Road and Thurston Road that the Council feel should be protected by TPOs has been sent to Mr. Pizzey and his reply is awaited.</p>	
	<p>5. Car parking in Prospect Road Mrs. Long stated cars continue to park on the path and also obstruct the roadway, and some have parked on the central grass play area. Emergency vehicles would not be able to gain access and the refuse lorry cannot access the properties. She has written to the Tenancy Management. Councillors felt the problem should be highlighted again to SCC and MSDC. It was suggested a site visit should be made in the evenings or very early morning before people have set off for work, which will highlight the problem.</p>	<p>Clerk to write to SCC and MSDC.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>PLANNING</p>	

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<p>1. Planning application received in respect of The Old Forge, Ixworth Road, Norton for Erection of 3no. dwellings and cartlodge (following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings) including conversion and extension of single storey outbuilding to form 1no. dwelling, alterations to vehicular access DC/19/05754</p> <p>The Council objected to the application for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Access. The Council did not consider the access sufficient width for emergency vehicles for which the Council believe there is a minimum width guide. Lorries, refuse lorries and other large vehicles, for example, oil tankers, would have difficulty using the access.2. The proposed access was sited too close to Westlyn which would affect the amenity and privacy of this adjacent property.3. It would have a detrimental effect on the amenity and safety of the area by means of additional traffic generation onto the A1088.4. The proposal did not reflect the local character of the area and will change the aesthetics of the area, having an impact on heritage assets by being sited close to a listed building, The Dog Public House.5. The Council questioned the land contamination due to the siting of the old forge and sought to ensure Environmental Health are satisfied with the site. <p>The Council discussed this application with the Local Councillor, and made a requested that this application is taken to Committee for determination.</p>	
<p>2. Planning application received in respect of Land to the North of Ashfield Road, Norton - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - Application under S73 following decision of Outline DC/18/01681 allowed at appeal APP/W3520/W/18/3207786 and Reserved Matters DC/19/03463 - Erection of up to 8 No dwellings. Without compliance with Condition(s) 2 (Approved Plans and Documents), 3 (Written Scheme of Investigation), 7 (Access), 8 (Construction Management), 10 (Ecological Recommendations), 11 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy), 12 (Wildlife Sensitive Lighting Design Scheme) DC/19/05805</p> <p>The Council had no comment to make but assumed the Planning Department would ensure there is compliance to all conditions.</p>	

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<p>3. Planning application received in respect of Land on the West Side of Ixworth Road, Norton APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - Proposal: Application under Section 73 for the removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission DC/19/00549 dated 29/03/2019 (Erection of 5 No dwellings with associated access and parking) Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents). DC/19/05911</p> <p>The Council had no objection or comment to make on this application.</p>	
<p>3.4 Planning approved Fair Oak, Ashfield Road, Norton for Erection of front two-storey extension (following demolition of garage). Erection of first floor rear extension extending gable end roof. Erection of pitched roof front porch (following demolition of existing). DC/19/05020</p>	
<p>4. Planning approved Land to the North of Ashfield Road, Norton - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/03463 - Condition 3 (Archaeological Written Investigation) Mid Suffolk District Council hereby gives notice that the details submitted in pursuance to the conditions referred to above have been determined as summarised below in relation to each relevant condition together with any appropriate comments, limitations or advice.</p>	
<p>5. Planning approved 7 Prospect Road, Norton for Erection of single storey rear extension (Following demolition of existing conservatory) DC/19/05202</p>	
<p>6. Planning approved Thorpe House, Ashfield Road, Norton, for Erection of single storey rear extension. DC/19/05418</p>	
<p>7. Planning approved Pine Lodge, Heath Road, Norton, for Erection of a rear extension with 3no. rooflights and bi fold doors. DC/19/05421</p>	
<p>3.8 Refusal of Reserved Matters Little Haugh Hall, Ixworth Road, Norton - Submission of Details under Outline Planning Permission DC/18/01673 - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of 2 detached dwellings; Discharge of Condition 4 (Materials), Condition 7 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy), Condition 8 (Wildlife Sensitivity Lighting Design Strategy), Condition 9 (Surface Water Drainage) and Condition 10 (Landscaping Scheme)</p>	
<p>4. FINANCE</p>	

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<p>1. The following accounts were approved for payments:</p> <p>Street Cleaner, £80.00 (cheque no 022210) LGA1972 s112</p> <p>Clerk, £140.10 (cheque no 022211) LGA1972 s112</p> <p>HMRC, £55.00 (cheque no 022212) LGA1972 s112</p> <p>MSDC, £120.43 (cheque no 022213) LGA (miscellaneous Provisions)1976 s19</p> <p>S. Cracknell, £92.45 (cheque no 022214) Highways Act 1980 s274A</p> <p>Hall Hire, £110.00 (cheque no 022215) LGA1972 s112</p> <p>DAC Beachcroft £181.37 (cheque no 022216) War Memorials (LA Powers) Act 1923 s1</p> <p>EPS, £2062.50 (cheque no 022217) LGA (miscellaneous Provisions)1976 s19</p> <p>Tenhats, £236.00 (cheque no 022218) LGA1972 s142</p>	
<p>2. Budget statement and bank statement received and approved.</p>	
<p>3. Request for financial assistance from CAB Mid Suffolk. The Council declined to support on this occasion.</p>	
<p>4. To confirm budget allocation of CIL Mr. Etchells-Butler proposed using the CIL to accommodate the fence for the train. The cheaper fence from Gadd Bros would cost £5763, Mr. Fakes seconded the proposal. On a vote it was 5 to 1 in favour of the proposal and using the CIL for the miniature railway expenses.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LGA (miscellaneous Provisions)1976 s19</p>	
<p>5. To consider purchase of additional VAS This item will be left until the next financial year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Highways Act 1980 s274A</p>	<p>To put on agenda in April</p>
<p>5. PRECEPT</p>	
<p>5.1 To confirm Precept for 2020-21 for submission to MSDC After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Aket as £22,000, seconded by Mr. Lenko and passed by all Councillors.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LG Finance Act 1992 s41</p>	<p>Clerk to submit to MSDC</p>
<p>6. PLAY AREA</p>	
<p>1. Monthly inspection report of Playing Field Area Mr. Lenko reported all OK. The signs on the gates are still missing so Dan from Gadd brothers will be asked to supply, ensuring the CCTV is highlighted as covering the area.</p>	<p>Clerk to contact Gadd bros.</p>
<p>2. Monthly inspection report of Prospect Road Mrs. Long stated bark is required so this will be followed up by the Clerk.</p>	<p>Clerk to chase up bark.</p>

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	<p>3. Cricket Wicket As some of the newer Councillors were unaware of the background to this section Mr. Aket gave a brief outline. He stated money had been held by MSDC that could only be used for outdoor play equipment and if unused would be lost to the Council. Councillors were asked for suggestions and this was the only proposal put forward, with which all Councillors at that time were in favour. Locality funding had also been sought for the equipment. Mr. Etchells-Butler suggested that the primary school could be encouraged to use it and perhaps the Council should look at purchasing equipment suitable for this age group.</p>	<p>To investigate use by primary school and purchase of suitable sized equipment.</p>
7.	ACTION PLAN	
	<p>1. Model Railway The Clerk had forwarded all the paperwork to Councillors. Mr. Aket stated the legal advice from SALC identified 2 documents that needed to be looked and asked Councillors to ensure they had read them. Mr. Etchells-Butler proposed acceptance of the cheaper fence from Gadd Bros costing £5763, Mr. Fakes seconded. On vote it was 5 to 1 in favour of the proposal. Mr. Etchells-Butler stated the planned site was the best area, the track would be only 9” deep, tree roots would be checked and low hanging branches cut back. He assured no trees would come down.</p>	
	<p>2. Tree Planting Contact will be made with local farms to how they have undertaken this task and perhaps to identify land to use.</p>	<p>Clerk to write to farmers</p>
	<p>7.3 Mr. Lenko confirmed that the Little Green signs were now in place. He was thanked for this undertaking</p>	
8.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>1. NALC Legal Update concerning grants for works relating to the church. Offering clarification on whether councils can fund repairs to church property NALC advised that section 8 of the LGA 1894 prohibits grants for works on property relating to the affairs of the church or an ecclesiastical charity.</p>	
	<p>2. MSDC (Norton Footpath No7 (Part)) public path diversion order 2019 Highways Act 1980 Section 119 – order concerned 12 December 2019. – noted. It would appear a new footpath has been added as part of the deal to divert out of the farmyard.</p>	
	<p>3. FIT Newsletter. To be passed to Mr. Walton</p>	
9.	QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING	

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	9.1 Mr. Thorpe had tendered his resignation with immediate effect. The Clerk confirmed she would inform MSDC to start the process to Coopt.	Clerk to contact MSDC
	9.2 Mr. Aket commented on the road state of School Close. The Clerk will contact Highways to request repairs.	Clerk to contact Highways.
	9.3 The Clerk stated she had received comment about the path around the playing field having a trip hazard. She had informed the person that the Council were aware of recent events as the path had been repaired a couple of months ago. Mr. Sadler said he would undertake repair again when the weather is suitable.	Mr. Sadler to repair.
	9.4 Questions were asked about providing Gas to the village. This will be placed on next month's agenda.	Agenda item.
10	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	10.1 3 rd February 2020, 7pm at Baptist Chapel.	