

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 2019

PRESENT: Mr. A. Burt, Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. P. Blackmore, Mrs. P. Croft, Mr. D. Etchells-Butler,
Mrs. K. Fullam, Ms. L. Paris, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)
Mrs. J. Storey – County Councillor
Mrs. S. Mansell – District Councillor
4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. P. Mathieson, Mr. J. Levantis.

PUBLIC FORUM – Two members stated they had an interest in the item 2.1 grass matting in Prospect Road. Mr. Walton stated he had an interest in items 2.3 security cameras, 2.4 parking on paths, and grit bins.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Appendix A and B

Mrs. Mansell stated there would now be phased funding withdrawal from CAB.

Mr. Aket asked for clarification on MSDC borrowing money to invest elsewhere. Mrs. Mansell confirmed that money is being borrowed to invest, for example, in a supermarket in Harlow and warehouse in Milton Keynes. Mr. Aket enquired whether the income from investment covers the interest charged and generates a profit. Mrs. Mansell stated that as far as she was aware it does, but she felt investment by MSDC should be in local businesses. When asked, she stated many other Councils do the same, with long term investment and risks involved. Mr. Burt enquired about the 2% rise in Council Tax and asked about support for the investment. Mrs. Mansell stated these were from separate pots.

Mr. Burt asked about the Casinos in Suffolk. Mrs. Mansell stated there are regulations concerning the Gaming Act so there could potentially be a ban for Suffolk.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Appendix C

Mrs. Storey confirmed she could possibly allocate £1000 from her locality fund for the security cameras on the Hall. Mr. Burt agreed to try and get a second quote.

Mr. Aket enquired about the CAB fund cuts and the withdrawal of £180,000 as help is given to the less fortunate. Mrs. Storey commented that CAB has opportunity to acquire other funding and CAB have considerable reserves, but SCC needs to cut back as much as possible.

Mr. Burt enquired whether funding of the repairs to the entrance of the car park could be requested from her Highway's locality fund. Mrs. Storey confirmed this could be a possibility. She confirmed funding for the grit bins from her Highways locality budget.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST – Ms. L. Paris declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning item 3.1.2.

1. MINUTES

1.1 The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd December 2018 were agreed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

1. Prospect Road grass matting- Mrs. Mansell stated she had raised this with housing but funding could be a problem. Four of the houses are council owned but 2 are private. She was informed that parking on the green and cars parking on the pavement causes problems for the bin lorries trying to access the area. Mrs. Storey wondered if the locality funding could help with finance and Mrs. Mansell agreed to pursue

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but could not guarantee. The quote received for grass matting is £7250, and Mrs Storey wondered if planning permission would be required. Mr. Burt enquired who should be approached to have the road adopted by Highways. Mrs. Mansell felt that SCC should adopt as it is part of the Highways network but it is owned by MSDC who could be responsible. Another quote for matting will be sought, but would require the criteria on the number of car park spaces against number of houses which could help the case

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to get the work carried out. Disabled badge holder spaces could also help sway to get funding for the work.

2. War Memorial – The Clerk confirmed that work would be starting shortly on the memorial. The Clerk stated she had written to CWGC informing them one of the names on the memorial was incorrect and would be changed when repairs are undertaken. CWGC stated they have no responsibility for memorials erected by local communities and as such there is no requirement to inform them of any proposed amendment.
3. Security Cameras – Mr. Burt confirmed funding may be available, but he needs another quote.
4. Parking on the Street. Mr. Walton enquired how the Council could resolve the problem of cars that park on the pavement overnight and not in their own driveways. Mr. Burt felt there was not much that could be done, but a reminder would go on the Facebook page asking residents to park responsibly and considerately.

3.PLANNING

1. Planning Applications received in respect of:
 - 1.1. Norton Village Hall for new air conditioning system (DC/18/05241). The Council fully supported the application.
 - 3.1.2 Vine House, Ixworth Road, Norton, - Erection of 3 Bay Garage DC/18/05338. The Council supported this application. The 3 bay garages will be sited out of public view and will have no impact on the surrounding properties.
 - 3.1.3 Planning amendment granted in respect of:
Field View Cottage, Woolpit Road, Norton for non-material amendment to DC/18/04116 – proposal to change roofing material on both the garage conversion and the flat roof.
 - 3.1.4 Site of former property The Glen, Ashfield Road, Norton for discharge of conditions application for 1197/13 – condition 3(external facing and roofing materials)
2. Mr.Aket reminded the Clerk to seek Suffolk Preservation Society's comments on the two planning applications that have been taken to appeal.

4.FINANCE

- 4.1 The following accounts were approved for payments:
 - Street Cleaner, £166.40 (cheque No. 022113)
 - Clerk, £136.00, (cheque No. 022114)
 - HMRC, £75.60 (cheque No. 022115)
 - MSDC (Play area inspections) £116.90 (cheque No. 022116)
 - Tenhats, December and January, £442.76 (cheque No. 022117)
 - Legend Services, £36.00 (cheque No. 022118)
- 4.2 The Clerk confirmed receipt of VAT repayment for 17-18 of £6719.75
- 4.3 Bank statement received showing a current account balance of £23722.27.

5.PRECEPT

- 5.1 Review of Clerk's salary. Mr. Etchells-Butler suggested an increase in line with inflation 3% equating to

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£5 per month. Mr. Aket suggest this should be reviewed by a sub-committee of 2 councillors. This will be added to next month's agenda.

5.2 Expenditure and spending for 2019-20 were reviewed with no additional projects proposed.

5.3 Section 137 expenditure limit for 2019-20 of £8.12 received and noted.

5.4 Mr. Aket proposed keeping the Precept for 2019-20 at £20,000, Mr. Etchells-Butler seconded, with all in agreement.

6. PLAY AREA

1. Monthly inspection report – Mrs. Fullam stated she had found one of the missing signs but others are still lost. Mr. Walton agreed to see if it could be repaired and to obtain a further quote for new signs. The

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new rubbish bins will require to be fixed on concrete pads, as will the grit bins when they arrive and EPS will be asked for a quote.

2. Play area Report – This will be given to Eastern Play Services for their opinion and quote to carry out the necessary work.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership - New Guide to Riparian Ownership in Suffolk - noted

2. MSDC Designation of the Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan Area (20 Dec 2018) - noted

3. MSDC concerning Sudbury car parking charging - noted

7.4 Proposed changes to Post Office Ltd with information available via the consultation Hub - noted.

- 7.5 MSDC – FOOTPATH - Proposed diversion of Norton Public Footpath No 7 & creation of a new footpath. The Council supported the proposal to divert as it would resolve the Health and Safety issue of the public walking through a working, busy farmyard.

CORRESPONDENCE for information

6. Seasons greetings received from Jo Churchill - noted.

7. MSDC Register of electors – noted

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

- 8.1 Mr. Etchells-Butler stated the footbridge on the footpath new the school has a plank missing. The Rights of Way officer will be informed.

- 8.2 Mr. Etchells-Butler informed the Council that the 16.40 bus from Bury has been cancelled so the only bus to return from Bury in the evening is at 18.40. Mr. Aket agreed to try his contact on buses for an explanation.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 4th February 2019