

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT: Mr. A. Burt, Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. P. Blackmore, Mrs. K. Fullam,
Mrs. P. Mathieson, Ms. L. Paris, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)
Mrs. S. Mansell – District Councillor
Mrs. J. Storey - County Councillor
1 member of public

PUBLIC FORUM – no comments.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Appendix A

Mrs. Mansel stated the draft Local Plan will be available in June. MSDC will be funding 2 PSCOs to cover villages. They could be invited to attend Council Meetings through the District Councillor if there is a Police matter on the agenda. The Area Parking Plan sets out policies relating to parking and is enforced by Districts and Boroughs. Locality Funding has been allocated and Norton PC will be receiving £1000 towards the cost of the CCTV. Prospect Road grass area – questions have been raised but the Council are loath to turn it into a hard standing and in fact are considering bollards to prevent parking there. However, it is going to client brief to Property Services and there will be a site visit. Highways may be involved. Mrs. Mansell has requested neighbour engagement and consultation.

When asked why the Local Plan would not be available until after the election, Mrs. Mansel stated she had been informed it was felt Parishes could not cope with an election and the Local Plan.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR - appendix B

Mrs. Storey commented that places are available to take part in the 2019 Great East Swim programme.

Highways have invested £300,000 in Nu-phalt Thermal patching technology which involves an 8-minute heating cycle of the road surrounding the defect, then raked, topped with bitumen binder and compacted. This process allows for the 15-minute temporary road closure.

Additional places are required for 300-400 children with special educational needs. The proposal is to borrow £45.1 million to fund the places.

The Council budget meeting takes place on 14th February. Council meetings can be viewed live on-line.

Mr. Burt enquired whether the £45m borrowing will cut the normal spending. Mrs. Storey stated these are separate pots.

Mr. Aket enquired whether special units would be attached to main schools. Mrs. Storey felt it would be a new school with a referral unit, but she agreed to check details. Mrs. Fullam asked whether it would be primary or secondary school age, but again Mrs. Storey stated she would check.

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2019

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST – Mr. Burt declared an interest in planning item 3.3.1

APOLOGIES: Mrs. P. Croft, Mr. D. Etchells-Butler, Mr. J. Levantis, Mr. G. Walton.

1. MINUTES

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2019 were agreed and signed after noting it should read Mr. Aket in District Councillor's report.

2. MATTERS ARISING

1. Prospect Road grass matting – see District Councillor comments.
 2. War Memorial – repairs are nearing completion, but query on masonry paint colour. The Clerk confirmed it to be Sandtex masonry cream.
 3. Security Cameras – second quote is being chased by Chairman.
 4. Grit bins – 5 bins have been fixed and concreted in on pads. The Clerk confirmed she had submitted a request to SCC to fill the bins. Litter bins in Play Area still to be sited and fixed.
- 2.5 Buses – No update.

3. PLANNING

1. Planning Applications received in respect of:
 - 1.1. Land at The Rear of The Salvation Army Hall, Woolpit Road, Norton TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - DC/19/00406 for Notification of Works to Trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 398 2010 - T2 (Oak) Crown lift by 20ft, reduction of canopy by 10ft and removal of dead wood.
The Council approved the work for the protection of the Oak tree with a TPO.
 - 1.2. Jasmine Cottage, Heath Road, Norton, DC/19/00379 for Notification of Works to Trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 398 2010 - T1(Oak) Crown lift by 20ft, reduction of canopy by 7ft and removal of dead wood.
The Council approves the work for the protection of the Oak tree with a TPO.
 - 1.3. Land west of Ixworth Road for creation of new vehicular access – DC/18/05603
The Council felt unable to comment on this application at this time as it agreed with Highway's comments that more information was required regarding use as the driveway does not appear to lead anywhere and does not show a turning facility. Explanation had not been given to ensure access is appropriate for use and meets the required standards. The Council also felt this application to be a pre-cursor for additional development on this site.
2. Planning permission granted in respect of:
 - 2.1. Norton Village Hall for new air conditioning system (DC/18/05241)
 - 2.2. Vine House, Ixworth Road, Norton, - Erection of 3 Bay Garage DC/18/05338
 - 2.3. Heathercroft, Woolpit Road, Norton, - DC/18/05140 for discharge of Conditions Application for DC/18/03866- Condition 4 (Highways - Parking)

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2019

- 2.4. Southleigh, Ashfield Road, Norton for erection of replacement dwelling and 1no. dwelling with shared access (following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings) DC/18/05172
- 2.5. Land to the North of Ashfield Road, Norton for erection of 3 dwellings Ref DC/18/03996.
3. Planning Appeal lodged in respect of
 - 3.1. Land South West of Rose Cottage, Ashfield Road, Norton for Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Erection of up to 8 dwellings with garages. Appeal Reference: APP/W3520/W/18/3215143. Appeal Start Date: 10/01/2019
4. Appeal allowed and planning permission granted
 1. Land to the north of Ashfield Road, Norton, for erection of up to 8 dwellings in accordance with the terms of the application Ref: DC/18/01681 Appeal Ref: APP/W3520/W/18/3207786
5. Reply from SPS – SPS were not aware of these applications when they were going through the planning process with MSDC and so had not looked into the issues associated with the sites – they are not always consulted by MSDC and therefore rely on local people contacting them or spotting potentially contentious applications themselves when reading the weekly lists. They noted that one of the applications (18/01681) had very recently been allowed at appeal. The Inspector’s decision notice examined the impact of the proposal on the setting of the church and the character of the landscape and he concluded that in both cases there is no harm. Unfortunately as MSDC is unable to currently demonstrate a 5 year supply of housing land, the benefit of the provision of 8 new houses weighs highly in the Inspector’s decision making and led to the appeal being allowed. The Inspector at the upcoming appeal on the second site will be mindful of this decision but each proposal should be assessed on its own merits. Therefore if there are issues which are relevant to the second site which perhaps were not raised in relation to the first, these should be highlighted.

4. FINANCE

- 4.1 Request for financial assistance received from SARS. Mr. Aket proposed £150.00, Mrs. Mathieson seconded with all Councillors in agreement.
- 4.2 The following accounts were approved for payments:
 - Street Cleaner £166.40 (cheque no 022119)
 - Clerk £136.00, (cheque no 022120)
 - HMRC £75.60, (cheque no 022121)
 - Vertas, £54.04 (cheque no 022122)
 - Glasdon, £596.70, (cheque no 022123)
 - Eastern Play Services, £600.00 (cheque no 022124)
 - A.Burt, £35.63, (cheque no 022125)
 - Suffolk Accident Rescue Services, £150.00, (cheque no 022126)

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2019

3. MSDC confirmed receipt of Norton Parish Precept 19/20 request for £20,000, stating this gives the Parish a Band D amount of £47.67 representing a decrease of -2.85% on 2018/19

4.4 Review of Clerk's salary. The Council passed a 3% increase as from April 2019.

5. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

5. After discussion of dates and with consideration for the election, it was agreed to hold the APM on 1st April at 7.45pm.

6. PLAY AREA

1. Mr. Burt stated the rubbish bins are in place but not yet fixed.
2. Play area Report/Repairs. Mr. Burt will forward to Eastern Play Services for review and quote.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Spring litter pick 2019 - MSDC stated they are happy to support a litter pick with bags and waste collection with photos, number of people who joined in and amount of waste collected so they could promote Spring Clean Suffolk campaign. This will be added to a future agenda to arrange date and Organiser.
2. May elections – MSDC informed that they are still in the process of collating information and instructions which should be out to Councils within the next couple of weeks. Mrs. Mansell stated completed application forms need to be returned in person and she offered to take any forms to Ipswich.
3. 2019 Town and Parish Liaison Meetings – MSDC informed that meeting dates will be out towards the end of February/March.
4. Consultation under Regulation 16 - Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) - THURSTON Neighbourhood Development Plan – noted that a 6 week formal public consultation commenced on 21 January and will close on 6th March.
5. SALC Area Meeting dates 2019 - noted
6. MSDC Housing Land Supply Position Statement 2018/2019 and Mid Suffolk draft Housing Land Supply Position Statement consultation – noted.
- 7.7 Heritage Training at Lavenham Village Hall, Tuesday 12 March 2019. Mr. Aket expressed an interest in attending.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.8 Clerks & Council's Direct – noted.

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

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 4th March 2019, 7pm, Norton Baptist Church.

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2019