

**NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**PRESENT:** Mr. A. Burt, Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. P. Croft, Mr. D. Etchells-Butler, Mrs. K.Fullam,  
Mrs. P. Mathieson, Ms. L. Parish, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)  
Mrs. S. Mansell and Mr. J. Levantis – District Councillors.  
6 members of the public.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – no comments

**REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – Appendix A and B

Mrs. Mansell reminded that as from 26<sup>th</sup> March she would be unable to voice any opinions due to the moratorium period. Councillors thanked her for her past support and felt it would be a big loss to Norton. When asked about the delay in the draft Local Plan Mr. Levantis stated the officers could not complete it on time and the advice had been to leave until after the elections.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR** – Appendix C

The Chair pointed the Councillors to the consultation on the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service which runs from 11<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST** – Mrs. Croft declared a pecuniary interest in Planning item 3.1.5.

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs. P. Blackmore, Mrs. J. Storey.

**1. MINUTES**

1.1 The minutes of the meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved and signed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

- 2.1 Prospect Road grass matting – No update, but Mrs. Mansell believed MSDC will try to consult with residents before a working programme is put in place, but she will get clarification on this. Residents commented that the bin lorry has asked vehicles to park completely off the road as they are unable to get through. When asked about adoption of the road, Mrs. Mansell confirmed that SCC will need to adopt, but felt Highway standards are probably not met. An update cost for proposed grass matting was £10,500.
2. Security Cameras – Quotes received from 3 firms, ranging from £2000 to £3000 for 4 cameras. To cover the play area an additional camera would be required. There would be no on-going payments, just maintenance and cleaning costs and they would be sited on top of the hall in boxes so should be vandal proof. It was stated they would reach the gateway as there was covering of 50m with infra-red in the dark. The Council agreed to the 4-camera system and agreed to the hall installing an internal wall for the hard drive system at a cost of £350.
3. Rubbish bins in Play Area – Mr. Burt stated the bins would be sorted in the next few weeks.
- 2.4 Buses – no update.

**3. PLANNING**

1. Planning Applications received in respect of:
  - 3.1.1 Fair Oak, Ashfield Road, Norton - DC/19/00722 for Demolition of existing garage and erection of two story gable-ended extension in its place, erection of 2nd floor extension and balcony and extension of the existing gable end roof, and demolition of existing flat roofed front porch and erection of new pitched roof front porch.

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**The Council had no objection to this application.**

3.1.2 Land on The South Side of Halfboys, Ixworth Road, Norton - DC/19/00549 for Erection of 5no. dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping.

**The Council supported this application for smaller affordable housing.**

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**The Council commented that from local knowledge there was reported to have been a pond in this area which was potentially used as an ammunitions dump.**

**The Council understood there may be a barn owl roosting in this area.**

3.1.3 The Cottage, Ixworth Road, Norton, - DC/19/00795 for erection of rear and side extensions and erection of a two-bay cartlodge and garden store.

**The Council felt the roofline of the proposed side extension should be lowered.**

3.1.4 Land Adjacent to Greenacre Cottage, Ixworth Road, Norton - DC/19/00830 for erection of 1No two storey dwelling.

**The Council commented this appears to be a large dwelling for a small site and considered this to be overdevelopment.**

3.1.5 George Farm House, The Street, Norton for works to facilitate the conversion of existing attic spaces to habitable rooms and the installation of 4no. conservation grade rooflights as per design, access and heritage statement. | DC/19/00960 and LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/19/00961

**The Council supported this application.**

#### **4.FINANCE**

4.1 Request received from Suffolk Age UK for financial support. The Council declined.

4.2 The following accounts were approved for payments:

Street Cleaner, £166.40, Cheque no 22127

Clerk and expenses, £277.31, Cheque no 22128

HMRC, £75.60 Cheque no 22129

Tenhats, £243.72 Cheque no 22130

SALC, £30.00 Cheque no 22131

G.J.Bream £7404.90 Cheque no 22132

4.3 The Clerk confirmed receipt of Cleansing grant from MSDC for £255.13

4. The Clerk presented bank statement to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 showing a balance £21,619.84

5. SCC forwarded street lighting maintenance and energy costs for 2018-2019 for confirmation prior to an invoice being raised. They informed that MBFU lamps will not be able to be repaired if they fail.

6. Mr. Aket informed he had attended a SALC Digital Mapping course, which had been very informative and may be something for the new Council to undertake.

#### **5. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

1. Due to the Pre-election period the Clerk had forwarded the advice from SALC and so requested a change of APM from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 13<sup>th</sup> May. The Councillors agreed to this proposal.

#### **6. PLAY AREA**

1. Play Area inspection report. Dan Millyard (EPS) attended the meeting. He advised that although not too bad there are a number of issues that need addressing. The Gates in particular need replacing to ensure they close properly, the area at the seats needs slabbing to protect the worn grass area and the worn grass area at the football pitch gates needs reseeding. Mrs. Mansell stated the CIL pot could possibly be considered for funding the work. Mr. Burt agreed to meet with Mr. Brown to formalize a

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programme of repair and present to the Council at an extra meeting, which Councillors agreed to hold in a couple of weeks.

2. Goal Posts – Mr. Burt stated there is still allocated s106 money of £520.83. He proposed replacement of the small goal posts behind the village hall, which would cost around £700. He agreed to get a firm quote for the posts to present to the Council.

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**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Update from CAB informing Councillors that although SCC will reduce their funding in 2019/2020 the shortfall will be made up by two Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups. This funding will be for one year only and so alternative sources of funding will continue to be sought for the future.
- 7.2.Road safety at the junction of Heath Rd and A1088 – Email received from Mr. Cockburn-Evans regarding the recent near miss accident at the crossroads. The Councillors discussed various options to improve the area, i.e. rumble strips, portable VAS, Speed Watch. It was agreed to ask Jo Churchill MP to visit the area and School Close at congested school times.
- 7.3Parking in School Close – Congested area particularly at school times. There is landrover continually parked in School Close which causes a problem particularly at School times. It is also parked close to the junction.
- 7.4 Advance notice of new CIL round (1<sup>st</sup> May to 31 May)- noted. The VHMC will be informed about application as a possible source of funding for their building work.
5. SPS - Heritage Training on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – noted
6. County Lines (Henry Blake’s Film) on 20 March at The Regal – noted.

**CORRESPONDENCE** for information

7.7 Clerks & Council’s Direct

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

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9.1 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, 7pm, Baptist Church

9.2 Date of May meeting and AGM to be 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 following the election.

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