

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST APRIL 2019

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

PUBLIC FORUM – All members of the public stated they were interested in planning item 3.1.1.

The Developer stated the proposal would be for self-build in conjunction with Potton Homes, with affordable housing. He would be open to Highways input.

Questions raised were vehicle access onto Hawes Lane, emergency vehicle access, time scale to complete all buildings, settlement boundary, lack of infrastructure and facilities, if self build, then lack of CIL payment to village, footway onto A1088 not suitable, and proximity to Nature Reserve.

The Chairman reminded that the Council is only a consultee, and urged members of the public to submit views via the planning portal.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Appendix A

Due to the moratorium period Mrs. Mansell was only able to present her factual report.
Mr. Levantis had no further comments to add.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Appendix B

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

APOLOGIES: Mrs. J.Storey

1.MINUTES

1.1 The minutes of the meetings held on 4th and 20th March 2019 were approved and signed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

1. Prospect Road grass matting – Mrs. Mansell confirmed that MSDC would be asking engineers/architects to come up with a proposal, before funding is sought. This is likely to take 18-24 months and consultations will be undertaken.
2. Security Cameras – The Chairman commented that the new Council would need to ensure there is a policy in place and GDPR is taken into account.
3. Grit bins and refills – The Clerk informed that SCC changed their procedure and all grit bins now require licences in order to be refilled. The Clerk has obtained the forms and in the process of completing and submitting.

3.PLANNING

1. Planning Applications received in respect of:

3.1.1 Land Off Hawes Lane, Norton DC/19/01236 - Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved) - Erection of 20 dwellings and construction of vehicular access and pedestrian link.

The Council objected to this application for the following reasons:

1. **T10 – This is a small road. There is strong concern about increased traffic generated by the proposed properties on this small single carriage road. As there is no public**

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footway along Hawes Lane and Heath Road so the Council consider that further development in this area would present a serious risk to pedestrians. With additional family housing, and also during construction work, safety concerns exist for families using Heath Road with no footway. It would have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the area by means of additional traffic generation and safety.

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2. T10 – The single carriage road is very narrow and there is a lack of road width which would not allow access by emergency vehicles, particularly fire service vehicles.
3. A1088 – The junction of Heath Road joining the A1088 has been the subject of several near miss accidents. Visibility of vehicles coming from Ixworth is poor and with additional vehicles and construction vehicles using Heath Road this gives rise to concern for safety reasons. (Policy T10)
4. T10 – the proposed pedestrian link to the A1088 and main village exits directly on to the A1088 with no pavement which is a pedestrian danger. It is opposite a bus stop and does not allow full visibility of vehicles travelling South from the Ixworth direction, which would present a danger to pedestrians attempting to cross the A1088.
5. SC1 - Physical Infrastructure – it is questioned whether drainage and sewerage systems would be sufficient to cope with an additional 20 properties. The local school (which is already at near maximum capacity) and the local Health Centre would not cope with the additional workload. There are currently a number of sites with approved application so this site would result in over 50 proposed new houses for the village, which the Council feel the infrastructure could not deal with.
6. The Council is concerned about the proximity of the proposed development of 20 houses to the Wildlife Nature Reserve and the impact additional houses and vehicles would have on this protected area.
7. Part of the proposal site is outside the settlement boundary.
8. It is strongly advised that Highways look at all the potential problems from this development and address the concerns.

3.1.2 Southleigh, Ashfield Road, Norton, DC/19/01382 - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act DC/18/05172 without compliance with Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) to allow various amendments.

The Council had no comment to make.

3.1.3 Little Owl Lodge, Ashfield Road, Norton for erection of a single storey extension to the south elevation DC/19/01415 and LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/19/01416

As Listed Buildings are involved with this application, the Council had no comment to make.

3.1.4 The Cotswold, Ixworth Road, Norton – DC/19/01550 for sub-division and part demolition of bungalow to form 2 dwellings.

The Council feel sufficient parking on site should be guaranteed for two separate dwellings and access and egress visibility onto the A1088 should be ensured.

3.2 Planning application approved

3.2.1 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.

3.2.2 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.

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- 3.2.3 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.
- 3.2.4 Land to the south of Halfboys – DC/19/00549 for erection of 5 dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping.

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3.FINANCE

- 3.1 The following accounts were approved for payments:

Street Cleaner, £166.40, Cheque no 022133
Clerk, £136.00, Cheque no 022134
HMRC, £75.60, Cheque no 022135
SALC, £37.20, Cheque no 022136
SCC street lights, £3433.79, Cheque no 022137
MSDC (bins), £248.00, Cheque no 022138
Baptist Chapel, hall hire, £60.00, Cheque no022139

2. The Clerk confirmed receipt of Recycling grant from MSDC - £480.58
3. War Memorial - The Clerk confirmed she had liaised with the Insurance Company who had stated the insurance claim for the War Memorial repairs would be paid in the next few days. It would be net of VAT and less the excess of £125. Once the claim has been agreed by the other party, the excess would be returned.

4. PLAY AREA

- 4.1 Play area equipment repairs – Quotes received from Eastern Play Services for Prospect Road for £618.75 + VAT and Village Hall play area repairs for £4075 + VAT. This work had been agreed at the meeting on 20th March 2019 and EPS will go ahead with the work ready for the annual inspection.
2. Goal Posts – allocated s106 money – Mr. Burt stated the cost for goal posts from Mark Harrod would be £618 a pair, or £750 including nets. He felt this item should be left to the new Council to finalise.
3. Vertas will be asked not to strim around the equipment as there is damage to the wood, but to request weed killer only.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSDC Housing Land Supply Position review 2019 - noted
2. Second Advance notice of new CIL round (1st May to 31 May) - noted
3. Planning Direct – Neighbourhood Planning Seminar - 30th April, Ipswich. - noted
4. MSDC - Joint Area Parking Plan consultation - noted.

CORRESPONDENCE for information

1. Clerks & Council's Direct

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

7.DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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7.1 8th May 2019 including AGM of new Council

The District Councillors were thanked for their support over the past years and their help and input to the monthly meeting.

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