

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD JUNE 2019

PRESENT: Mr. D. Etchells-Butler, Mr. B. Aket, Mr. R. Lenko, Mr. S. Sadler,
Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)
Mr. H. Richardson – District Councillor
Mrs. J. Storey – County Councillor
3 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM –No comments from members of the public

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS - Attachment A & B

Mr. Richardson informed of the 210 houses outlined for Ixworth Road, Thurston and 200 proposed for Beyton Road, which may have an impact on Norton. A planning application has been submitted for 38 homes on former Stowmarket Middle School site.

Mr. Aket commented that although the Conservatives did not have a major but appeared to lead up the portfolios. Mr. Richardson stated the Green Party and Lib.Dems had been invited to form a coalition but they had refused. The Green Party did not want to be on Planning but were interested in the Environment.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR - Attachment C

Mrs. Storey stated the Badwell Ash School is up for sale. Suffolk Firefighters are to have new uniforms, and the old uniforms will be recycled. Suffolk County Council's Children's Services have been ranked Outstanding by Ofsted. SCC, being the third largest landowner in Suffolk, is looking at making better use of the land. SCC Highways have launched a self-help scheme.

The Council passed on good wishes to Mrs. Storey now that her health has improved.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

APOLOGIES: Ms. L. Paris, Mrs. T. Long, Mr. W. Turner

1. MINUTES

- 1.1 Amendment to the minutes of 8th May 2019 on Play Area 5.1 to show that Mr. Lenko had agreed to provide a monthly inspection.
- 1.2 The minutes of the meetings held on 8th May 2019 were approved and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

1. Cooption. 4 names were put forward. On a secret ballot, Michael Thorpe, Charles Fakes, and Richard Belham were elected to stand for the three vacancies.
2. Items for the 4 year Action Plan – Each Councillor outlined their objectives for the forthcoming term of office. The Clerk will put these items into a draft timetable for discussion at the next meeting.
3. Litter Pick – Mr. Sadler suggested the first weekend in August. It was agreed Sunday 4th August, 10am at the village hall.
4. Model Railway update. The Chairman has emailed FIT for their advice on using the playing field, probably near the trees near Greenacre Cottage as this would not

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encroach on the field. Mr. Aket questioned using public money for a private venture, but it was felt the Council may only be required to fence the area. However, there are still lots of issues to cover - insurance, risk assessment etc.

3. PLANNING

3.1.Planning Applications received in respect of:

3.1.1 Land to The South Of Little Owl Lodge, Ashfield Road, Norton, for erection of 2no. dwellings including parking and access DC/19/02282

On a vote one abstention and no objection from the other Councillors to this proposal

3.1.2 Halls Farm, Halls Lane, Norton for Extension of existing grain store for storage of forage DC/19/02168

The Council had no objection to this proposal

3.1.3 Land at Little Haugh Hall, Ixworth Road, Norton for Submission of Details under Outline Planning Permission DC/18/01673 - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of 2No. detached dwellings DC/19/02355

The Council felt consideration should be given to ensure adequate access on to and egress from the site.

3.1.4 2 Little Haugh Cottages, Ixworth Road, Norton for creation of dropped curb DC/19/02569

The Council had no objection to this proposal

2. Planning application approved in respect of

2.1. Southleigh, Ashfield Road, Norton for 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 Ref DC/19/01382

2.2. The Cotswolds, Ixworth Road, Norton for Full Planning Application - Sub-division and part demolition of bungalow to form 2no. dwellings, DC/19/01550

4.FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. The following accounts were approved for payments:

Mr. T. Matthews, Street Cleaner, £158.40 Cheque no 022150

Clerk and expenses, £245.56 Cheque no 022151

FIT, subscription, £65.00 Cheque no 022152

HMRC, £74.60 Cheque no 022154

Eastern Play Services Ltd., £3570.00 Cheque no 022155

History Recorder, £60.65 Cheque no 022156

2. The Clerk presented a budget statement to May 2019.

3. Request received from Village Hall Committee for £5000 towards their upgrade programme. This will be put on next month's agenda for a full discussion.

5. PLAY AREA

1. Monthly inspection report. Mr. Lenko reported a broken swing seat which he has reported to EPS to look at while other repairs are undertaken.

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2. Mrs. Long had inspected Prospect Road and reports swing seats needing replacing. Requests from children in the area are for slide, rubbish bin and picnic table. Mrs. Long will be asked to gain costs for discussion at the next meeting.
3. Goal Posts – allocated s106 money. The cost of posts will be £618. Confirmation of how much available s106 money is being clarified.

6. STANDING ORDERS

- 6.1 The Council approved and adopted the Equality Policy, and the Data Protection and Information Management Policy
- 6.2 CCTV Policy. A draft policy was circulated. The Control group will consist of the Council Chairman and Vice Chairman and a member of the Village Hall Committee. It will need to be investigated if there is a statutory time limit to retain the information before destruction/deletion. Where information should be stored will also need investigating. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Public rights of Way in Norton - summary of current state. – Noted. The information will be circulated to Councillors. Mrs. Mason will be thanked for her assistance.
2. Web Site – Mr. Jones stated it may be an idea to see if anyone else wants to take over the site. As he is in the process of getting another business off the ground which is demanding quite a lot of my time. He is also likely to be moving out of the village in the near / medium term. Ms. Paris stated she would be interested in taking over the task and would contact Mr. Jones for more information.
3. Suffolk Day celebration – Mr. Aket will enquire the School are taking part.
4. Consultation: Traffic commissioners. The Chairman agreed to complete the consultation.
5. VE Day 75 years – 8th May 2020 –The churches will be asked if any commemorations are planned.
6. SCC New Highways Self Help scheme – noted
7. Suffolk Highways – School Keep Clear Roadmarkings. Email received from Highways stating they had recently written to headteachers at schools where there are school entrance markings (yellow zig zags) to advise them of plans to introduce No Stopping restrictions on the school entrance markings on Mon- Fri, 8am – 4.30pm.
- 7.8 Community Action Suffolk - Suffolk Volunteering Conference 2019 - Inspire, Encourage & Enable Diversity in Volunteering - Thursday 6th June, Elmswell - Noted
8. SALC together with CAS (Community Action Suffolk) and SCC Most Active County ‘Suffolk Community Awards – Noted.
- 7.10. Haydon Holdings Ltd, Prospect House, Elm Farm Park, Great Green, Thurston, emailed Highways concerning Road condition Norton Road to Thurston via Great green and copied in Norton Parish Council. The Council supported their concern and the Clerk will contact Highways.

CORRESPONDENCE for information

- 7.11. Clerks & Council’s Direct
- 7.12. Glasdon brochures – village gateways, bins and seating.

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

8.1 Mr. Sadler enquired about having a map of the village showing house names.

8.2 Mr. Lenko enquired about a Norton Little Green sign.

8.3 Mr. Aket commented about out of date signs on noticeboards and lampposts.

Councillors agreed these could be removed as could notices without an advertised date.

8.4 Mr. Sadler stated the Galloway buses timetables have not been updated. Mr. Aket agreed to follow this up.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 Tuesday 2nd July 2019.