

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on 12 July 2016

Present: Cllr J Stobart (Chairman); Cllr Miss A Birch; Cllr Mrs A Mace-Leska; WDC Cllr P Phillips; Cllr R Mann (for part of the meeting)

Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall

Public: Mr R Brook

Apologies: Apologies were received from WCC Cllr L Caborn and Cllr M Neale who had family emergencies, and Cllr K Sparkes and WDC Cllr A Rhead who were on holiday.

1. Chairman's notice regarding the recording and filming of the meeting

The notice regarding the recording and filming of meetings was displayed for those present to read.

2. Record of members' present

Noted.

3. Apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence

Noted.

4. Declaration of interest (existence and nature) on items on the agenda

The Councillors all declared that as residents of the parish they had an interest in the future of the New Inn.

5. Public comments

None.

6. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 June 2016

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 June 2016 were taken as read, approved and signed.

7. Chairman's report

None.

8. Matters arising

None.

9. Parish Council Action Plan for 2016-17 Update

Discussion took place regarding the updates to the Action Plan for 2016-2017, and the updated Action Plan was unanimously agreed.

The Clerk confirmed that training dates for the Community Speedwatch Programme had now been received from the Police, and would be forwarded to the volunteers.

Cllr Mrs Mace-Leska advised that the WCC Dog Warden had written to the dog owner who had left dog waste on the playing field, but as there were extenuating circumstances he had just received a warning. Cllr Mrs Mace-Leska advised that the Cricket Club Groundsman had been notified.

10. To discuss and agree an Asset Register Renewal Fund

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council will ring fence a sum of money for the renewal of assets. The Clerk to confirm what funds are currently surplus, and a decision to be made at the September meeting as to what amount will be set aside for the Asset Renewal Fund.

11. Dog waste bins:

- 11.1 Emptying of dog waste bins by WDC – WDC Cllr Phillips explained that WDC had reduced the number of dog waste bins it was emptying throughout the county, and that he had received complaints from other villages in his Ward, not just Norton Lindsey. He agreed to find out from the relevant department exactly what WDC policy now is and which bins are being emptied.
- 11.2 Discuss and agree if all dog waste bins should be retained due to cost implications – It was agreed to be defer this item until September when it is hoped that more information will be available from WDC
- 11.3 To consider quotes for emptying dog waste bins – the Clerk advised that WDC had not confirmed if in future it would empty the two bins that it was now not emptying or what the cost would be to do so. She also advised that she could find no companies either locally or nationally who were prepared to empty them. It was agreed to tape up these two bins until a solution can be found, and that a notice would be displayed advising where the nearest disposal is. It was agreed to add the WDC telephone number for villagers to contact WDC if they so wished.

12. To discuss the future of the New Inn, and to agree if NLPC should advise WDC that the community wishes to place a bid

Mr R Brook addressed the Council and explained his interest in supporting a community bid for the New Inn, and the steps that had been taken to date to establish the views of the parish. He explained that generally pubs saved in this way prove to be successful, and that there is a lot of support (grants, advice, etc) around if the community decides to take on the community asset. He advised that a villager had met with the selling agents and obtained information about a bid they had already received, and discussion took place concerning the validity of the bid. It was noted that there was some confusion over the deadline given by WDC in its notification of the sale of the New Inn. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would contact WDC to confirm the actual deadline date. It was also unanimously agreed that if the deadline is 13 July, the Clerk will notify WDC of its intention to bid on the 13th, and if the deadline is 20 July Mr Brook and other villagers will seek further information about the bidder and report back to the Parish Council on the 19 July, with a view to the Clerk notifying WDC of its intention to bid on the 20th. If the Parish Council does notify WDC of its intention to bid, a community meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 25 July and notices for this meeting will be circulated to all households in the village by Friday 22 July.

13. To discuss traffic calming within the parish:

13.1 To discuss and comment on the traffic calming design brief for Norton Lindsey parish prepared by WCC

It was agreed to defer this discussion to the September meeting when exact costings of each item on the design brief can be obtained from WCC Cllr Caborn, along with the overall grant that is available. Once this information is to hand, NLPC will ascertain the locations in the parish that are most in need of traffic calming.

13.2 To discuss and comment on the safer routes to school proposal prepared by WCC (Wolverton Primary School)

Following discussion, it was agreed that Option 2 was the more appropriate option. The Clerk to respond to WCC accordingly, and upload both of the options available for the public to view if required.

14. To discuss and agree a response to the letter from Chris White MP concerning the local authority structure

It was agreed that the Parish Council was in favour of a unitary authority in Warwickshire. The Clerk to draft for approval a letter in response.

15. To discuss issues within the Parish relating to highways (eg. the state of the roads, parking, overgrown hedges, etc)

The Clerk confirmed that the verge along Snitterfield Lane had now been cut. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact County Highways to ask that in future years this verge be included in earlier cuttings. The Clerk also confirmed that Enterprise Inns had advised they were arranging for the New Inn hedge to be trimmed.

16. Correspondence and Communications Report (circulated to Councillors prior to meeting)

Noted.

17. Finance Matters

- 17.1 Payments received since last meeting:
Mrs J Bendall – repayment of PAYE – noted.
- 17.2 Payments made since last meeting:
Clerk's Salary – June - noted.
Clerk's Expenses – April-May - noted
- 17.3 Expenditure for approval:
HMRC – PAYE – approved.
- 17.4 Submission of Annual Return – noted.
- 17.5 To receive budget update – noted.
- 17.6 New bank mandate for Clerk's salary increase – signed.

18. Planning Matters

- 18.1 To note and comment on planning applications received:
None.
- 18.2 To note decisions received:
The Barn, Big House Farm, Church Road (W/16/0535) – refused.
The Willows, Wolverton Road (W/16/0861) – refused.
- 18.3 To discuss matters of concern regarding building works within Norton Lindsey Parish:
None.

19. Parish Report

- 19.1 Vandalism in village on 6 July 2016 – The Clerk advised that she had reported this to the Police Community Support Officer at the Village Fete.
- 19.2 The Clerk advised that there are a small number of property markers available for a short time from the Neighbourhood Watch.
- 19.3 WDC Cllr Phillips advised that a survey had been issued from the new Police and Crime Commissioner where the Parish Council can report important issues (ie. speeding), and he also advised that the new parliamentary boundaries will be put out for consultation in September.

20. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13 September 2016 – Ordinary Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.54 pm.