

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on 8 November 2016

Present: Cllr J Stobart (Chairman); Cllr Mrs A Mace-Leska; Cllr M Neale; Cllr R Mann; Cllr Miss A Birch; Cllr K Sparkes; WCC Cllr L Caborn; WDC Cllr Phillips

Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall

Public: -

Apologies: -

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

None.

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 11 October 2016

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 October 2016 were taken as read, approved and signed.

7. Chairman's report

The Chairman reminded Councillors that at the Remembrance Service, this year being held on 13 November, it was customary for members of NLPC to attend Church and do a couple of readings.

8. Matters arising

A draft letter to WDC Development inviting a representative to attend a future meeting to discuss planning procedure was approved for the Clerk to send.

9. Parish Council Action Plan Update

Website – The Clerk advised that there was nothing new to report.

Community Speedwatch Programme – The Clerk advised that she was still awaiting news of training dates and therefore there was nothing new to report.

Traffic Calming – The meeting noted that the proposal has been approved and the order placed with County Highways.

Dog bins – It was noted that the damaged bin at the Village Hall appears to have been temporarily repaired. Following communication that had been received from the Senior Contracts Officer at WDC, concerning the emptying of the dog bins, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to WDC Phillips with all historical details and a revised map showing both the dog bins and ordinary waste bins, and requesting that the WDC Senior Contracts Officer meet with Cllr Mrs Mace Leska to discuss the issues.

10. To receive an update from the New Inn Salvation Squad and to receive the Business Plan

In addition to all Councillors declaring an interest as village residents, Cllr Miss Birch declared an interest as a Salvation Squad committee member. The meeting acknowledged receipt of the Norton Lindsey Community Pub Ltd Business Plan. Discussion took place regarding progress to date, and it was agreed that clarification was required regarding the Parish Council buying shares following a recent visit to a Pub in Derbyshire where its Parish Council had bought shares. The Clerk to make enquiries and email all councillors with findings, and an Extraordinary Meeting to be called if necessary.

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

New Inn – The Clerk reported that she had been advised that the person at Enterprise Inns responsible for site maintenance had now changed, but that the new person had not responded to the request for the hedge trimming work on the New Road boundary to be carried out. The Clerk to pursue.

Curliou Lane – The Clerk reported on a recent incident on Curliou Lane involving a mobility scooter which was unable to use the pavement due to volume of leaves. The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been reported to County Highways who will investigate the situation.

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

Noted. Correspondence from the Village Hall Trust concerning the refurbishment of the Village Hall was noted, as was correspondence relating to the future of community forums in the area which the Chairman will respond to. Discussion took place about a revised housing needs survey proposed by WRCC, and it was agreed that a survey would be commissioned.

13. Finance Matters

13.1 Payments received since last meeting:

Mrs J Bendall – repayment of PAYE - noted

13.2 Payments made since last meeting:

Clerk's Salary – October 2016 - noted

13.3 Expenditure for approval:

The Salvation Squad – donation - agreed

Society of Local Council Clerks – annual subscription - agreed

13.4 Reinvestment of matured Cambridge & Counties Fixed Rate Business Bond

The Clerk confirmed the interest rate on the 95-day notice account, and it was agreed to transfer the sum from the matured Business Bond into this account.

13.5 Transparency Fund application to cover website costs

It was agreed that funding for a 3-year hosting package would be applied for.

13.6 To note income and expenditure year to date

Noted.

13.7 Draft Precept for the year 2017/18 (to be agreed at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 6 December 2016)

A brief discussion took place regarding the Precept for the forthcoming year, and it was noted that a couple of items needed to be revised. The Clerk to update and circulate.

14. Planning Matters

14.1 To consider planning applications received:

Horsley House Farm – W/16/1726LB and W/16/1725 – no comments or objections, neutral response to be given.

14.2 To note planning application decisions received:

None.

14.3 To discuss matters of concern regarding building works within Norton Lindsey Parish

It was noted that a planning application for a proposed housing development on the Poultry Farm site had been received by WDC. This will be considered at a future meeting once the Clerk has received notification from WDC.

15. Parish Report

WCC Cllr Caborn advised that a volunteer transport scheme has been launched, and that a suicide strategy to be relaunched shortly due to the high instances of suicide in Warwickshire, the highest in the country.

WDC Cllr Phillips reported that there was an increase in homelessness, especially in Leamington where it is more visible than before. He advised that WDC had reconfirmed the removal of the council tax grant/ concurrent services grant by 50% in the next financial year, and 50% the year after, rather than over a longer period of time as proposed by WALC and other councils in the district. WDC is looking at the future operation of the district's leisure centres. Cllr Phillips advised there was a motion to resist merging parts of Warwick, which would include Norton Lindsey, with Stratford-upon-Avon, as proposed in the Parliamentary Constituency boundary review. Finally, he advised that a review of traffic in Warwick has been undertaken, specifically the Stanks roundabout on the A46 and within Warwick town centre.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6 December 2016 – Ordinary Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.37pm