

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on 10 January 2017

Present: Cllr J Stobart (Chairman); Cllr M Neale; Cllr R Mann; Cllr K Sparkes; WDC Cllr A Rhead
Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall
Public: 2

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs A Mace-Leska who was unwell, Cllr Miss A Birch who had only returned from holiday that morning, and WCC Cllr L Caborn who had to attend another meeting

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. The Chairman welcomed the Chair of WDC Cllr Mrs Jane Knight to the meeting.

3. Apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence

Noted.

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

Cllr M Neale and Cllr R Mann declared interest in item 13.5 as members of the Cricket Club.

5. Public comments

A member of the public raised continuing concerns regarding speeding traffic on Curlieu Lane, and discussion took place regarding the proposed planning application in Stratford District (item 14.2).

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

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6 December 2016 were taken as read, approved and signed.

7. Chairman's report

None.

8. Matters arising

The Clerk confirmed that the WDC Head of Development Services had agreed to attend the February meeting to discuss the planning process, and she advised that if the Councillors had any specific questions these should be forwarded to WDC in advance of the meeting.

9. Parish Council Action Plan Update

Website – nothing new to report.

Community Speedwatch Programme – nothing new to report. WDC Cllr Rhead suggested that a letter should be written to the PCC advising the difficulty in setting up training, as this issue is one that the commissioner feels strongly about

Traffic Calming – nothing new to report. WDC Cllr Rhead advised that speeding in rural parishes was a concern to other parish councils, and suggested that a joint letter with other parishes to WCC and PCC expressing concerns about traffic calming and speeding would be useful.

Dog bins – The Clerk advised she was still awaiting a response from WDC. WDC Cllr Rhead to chase.

10. To agree distribution of Housing Needs Survey

The Clerk advised the schedule for distribution, collection of responses and issuing of report as agreed with WRCC, and distribution of the survey by the Councillors was agreed.

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

Review of issues reported at the last meeting:

- Brittons Lane – the fallen tree which had collapsed onto Brittons Lane was reported to County Highways and dealt with immediately.
- New Inn Hedge – following completion of the sale of the New Inn, the hedge has now been cut back

New issues:

- It was noted that the ditch opposite Blacon Farm drive had been cleared out.
- The Clerk noted that there was a pot hole by the side of the gully opposite windmill which is to be reported to county highways.

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

Noted.

13. Finance Matters

13.1 Payments received since last meeting:

NatWest Bank – interest - noted

13.2 Payments made since last meeting:

Clerk's Salary – December 2016 - noted

13.3 Expenditure for approval:

Mrs J Bendall – Clerk's expenses September to December 2016 - approved

Annual issue of grants to village organisations - approved

Norton Lindsey Village Hall – hire of hall for Extraordinary Meeting 9.1.17 - approved

13.4 Income and expenditure year to date - noted

13.5 To consider a request from Norton Lindsey and Wolverton Cricket Club for a grant towards the cost of installing a two-lane outdoor practice cricket net on the Playing Field in Norton Lindsey

Cllr Neale and Cllr Mann declared an interest. Following the declarations of interest, the meeting was not quorate. It was agreed that the Clerk would send confirmation of receipt of the request, and that the Cricket Club should forward a revised request specifying the amount of grant it would like the Parish Council to make. Once this is received, it would be forwarded to all Councillors, and it was agreed that the Councillors who had not declared an interest would take a vote.

14. Planning Matters

14.1 To consider planning applications received:

Poultry Farm, Warwick Road – W/16/1970

Following the extraordinary meeting held on 9 January, the Parish Council considered the views that had been expressed by the parishioners and it was agreed that NLPC objects to this planning application on the following grounds:

1. The proposed development is in the greenbelt and falls outside the kind of infill development envisaged in the draft local plan;
2. It represents overdevelopment of the site – an inappropriate dense cluster of houses some distance removed from the village proper;
3. NLPC has concerns about the volume of traffic onto the site, the potential parking issue along the road because the proposal has limited parking for visitors and service vehicles, and restricted access for service vehicles. In addition, NLPC would ask why the Highways Authority does not consider these issues to be of concern now when it

had serious objections 9 years-ago when there was a planning application to restore poultry buildings;

4. There is no provision for pedestrian access onto the site or into the village, and the proposal is therefore totally car dependent.

14.2 To consider proposed planning applications outside Norton Lindsey Parish:

2 Curlieu Cottages, Curlieu Lane (Stratford District) – the applicant addressed the Council on the proposed planning application in SDC. NLPC was not able to comment as the application had not yet been submitted.

14.3 To note planning application decisions received:

Horsley House Farm – W/16/1725 – granted – noted

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

None

15. Parish Report

WDC Cllr Rhead gave a brief report on activities within Warwick District Council. He advised that the local plan is going through the inspection process, and that there is likely to be a council tax rise, the first in 4 years. He also advised that the cost of the leisure centre refurbishments had raised slightly, but that the facilities would be state of the art once completed.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14 February 2017 – Ordinary Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.42pm