

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room following the Annual Meeting on 10 May 2016

Present: Cllr J Stobart (Chairman); Cllr M Neale; Cllr R Mann; Cllr Mrs A Mace-Leska; WDC Cllr P Phillips
Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall
Public: None

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Miss A Birch and Cllr K Sparkes who were both 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. Declaration of Interest (existence and nature) on Items on the Agenda

None.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. To Approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 March 2016 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3 May 2016

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 March 2016 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3 May 2016 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

5. To provisionally approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly (Open Meeting) held on Tuesday 12 April 2016

Councillors are advised that the Minutes of the Open Meeting will be officially signed at the next Annual Parish Assembly (Open Meeting) to be held in April 2017. A minor correction was noted and authorised, and the Minutes were taken as read, confirmed and provisionally signed.

6. Chairman's Report

None.

7. Matters Arising

- Discussion took place concerning the pot-hole repair on Church Road which had been reported to WCC County Highways earlier in the year and had recently been carried out. The road has been repaired, but half the area concerned has been planted with grass seed rather than being tarmacked. It was noted that this area has never been grassed over in the past, and the reduced road surface will make parking along Church Road more of a problem than it has been. The Clerk to contact County Highways to discuss.
- It was noted that Enterprise Inns have never responded to correspondence from NLPC concerning cutting back the hedge on New Road. The Clerk to chase.

8. Parish Council Action Plan

• Website

It was noted that a second round of Transparency Funding was available, and it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate if NLPC is eligible for a second grant for the purpose of acquiring paid website hosting, training, etc. The Clerk also to look into facebook, etc, and to report back on both items at the June meeting. It was agreed that a Neighbourhood Watch page would be added to the website.

- Dog fouling

Cllr Mrs Mace-Leska advised that the Cricket Club groundsman has recently witnessed someone not picking up after their dogs and had signed a witness report but he is concerned that no action will be taken. It was agreed that the Dog Warden would be contacted, and discussion took place about a possible visit to the dog owner concerned for a chat.

- Community Speedwatch Programme

The Clerk confirmed that following the call for more volunteers at the Open Meeting, another volunteer had come forward. The completed police vetting form is to be sent off and new training dates will be set up.

9. To Discuss Issues Within the Parish Relating to Highways (eg. the state of the roads, parking, overgrown hedges, etc)

Discussion took place regarding small jobs that need doing within the parish, and the possibility of hiring a "lengthsman" contractor to carry out these works. The Clerk to look into what grants are available to fund such works.

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

Noted. Discussion took place concerning a letter received from Chris White MP concerning the local authority structure and it was agreed that the opinion of villagers would be canvassed by placing a notice in the Parish Magazine and on noticeboards. Communication from WCC regarding the school safety zones and routes task force was also noted. The Clerk advised that she would study in depth the communication from WALC concerning the Governance and Accountability Guide, and also a new round of funding for ensuring compliance with the Transparency Code for which NLPC may be eligible for the purpose of acquiring a "paid" website. Correspondence from WDC concerning the Joint Standards Committee and the United Benefice of Wolverton with Norton Lindsey and Langley were also noted, along with confirmation from CSW Broadband that superfast broadband is now available in Norton Lindsey. Correspondence concerning the road repair along Church Road was discussed at length under Item 7.

11. Finance Matters

11.1 Payments received since the last meeting were noted:

Mrs J Bendall – repayment of PAYE

Warwick District Council – 1st half of Precept/Concurrent Services Payment/Council Tax Grant

11.2 Payments made since the last meeting were noted:

Clerk's Salary - March and April

HMRC – PAYE

Warwick District Council – Rural Footway Lighting

The Cumbria Clock Company Ltd – Church Clock Servicing 2016

11.3 The following expenditure was approved:

Norton Lindsey Village Hall – hire of Village hall for Open Meeting

12. Planning Matters

12.1 To note and comment on planning applications received:

None

12.2 To note decisions received:

Littleworth Farm W/16/0312/AG – prior approval not required

Horsley House Farm W/16/0474/LB and W/16/0473 – permission granted

12.3 To receive notice of appeal:

Arden Wold W/15/1900, appeal ref APP/T3725/W/16/3142783 - noted

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

Discussion took place regarding the recent landscaping at St Hild for which planning permission had been required.

13. Parish Report

WDC Cllr Phillips discussed budget planning and advised that the Community Forums were being restructured. The WDC Executive has agreed to look again at how and what support parish councils receive, in light of the move away from Government funding, and it is considering reducing the support it gives to parish councils.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13 June 2016 – Ordinary Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36pm.