

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on 13 September 2016

Present: Cllr J Stobart (Chairman); Cllr Mrs A Mace-Leska; Cllr M Neale; Cllr R Mann; WDC Cllr P Phillips; WCC Cllr L Caborn (for part of the meeting)

Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall

Public: -

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Miss A Birch who had family commitments and Cllr K Sparkes who was 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 12 July 2016

A minor amendment was noted and agreed on the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 July 2016 which were then approved and signed.

7. To approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 19 August 2016

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 19 August 2016 were taken as read, approved and signed.

8. Chairman's report

None.

9. Matters arising

Following a public consultation period, a draft letter in response to a letter received from Chris White MP regarding the proposed unitary authority in Warwickshire was approved for the Clerk to send.

10. Parish Council Action Plan Update

Community Speedwatch Programme – The Clerk advised that the planned training had not been able to go ahead due to the late arrival of the trainers on the day and not all requirements for a CSW Programme being in place. The Councillors discussed and agreed possible locations within the Village for the volunteers to carry out the speed watch, which the Police now have to approve. The Clerk to liaise with Police and volunteers regarding these locations and to set up new training dates.

Website – It was noted that some content on the website was out of date. The Clerk to update.

Dog fouling – See item 11.

11. To receive update on the emptying of dog waste bins

Discussion took place regarding the dog waste bins and it was noted that Stratford District Council dog waste bins are being replaced with ordinary bins. WDC Cllr Phillips advised that he had sought clarification on policy from WDC Contract Services, and advised that contracted bins are emptied once per week, but that WDC will send a rapid response team if a bin is full at any other time, and that WDC will possibly empty all bins if they are provided with the locations. It was agreed that the Clerk will forward a map with the locations of bins to WDC Cllr Phillips who will send a request to the Head of Department that all four bins be emptied once a week. It was requested that if the service is reinstated, WDC provide dates for recommencement of emptying to enable the two bins currently not in use to be reopened.

12. To agree the value of the Asset Register renewal fund

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that £1,200 (5% of total assets) currently held in the Parish Council Reserves would be ring fenced for the Asset Register renewal fund, with a further annual increase to be agreed as part of the budget setting process in December 2016.

13. To discuss the terms of the loan to the New Inn Salvation Squad

Concerns were raised over the repayment of the loan if the community bid on the New Inn is not successful, and it was agreed that more information should be sought prior to a final decision being made. The Clerk to make enquiries with WALC/NALC/WCC, and Cllr Mrs Mace Leska to attend the Salvation Squad public meeting on Monday 19 September, and both to report back thereafter. Decision to be deferred until October meeting.

14. To consider the traffic calming design brief for Norton Lindsey parish prepared by WCC

The meeting considered the traffic calming brief and agreed where the traffic calming measures should be sited. The Clerk to confirm the locations to WCC.

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

New Inn hedge – The Clerk advised that she had chased Enterprise Inns regarding the cutting of the New Inn hedge down New Road, and had received an acknowledgement that Enterprise Inns would look into the matter.

Village Hall hedge – It was noted that the Village Hall hedge along Wolverton Road is growing out over the footpath. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Village Hall Secretary.

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

Noted. It was agreed that at the October 2016 meeting NLPC would consider adopting the Local Councils Charter send by WALC. Items 17 and 18 on the Agenda refer to correspondence received.

17. To consider the WDC review of support to Town and Parish Councils

It was unanimously agreed that NLPC would defer to the opinions of other Warwick parish councils.

18. To consider the request for funding from the Village Hall Trust

Discussion took place regarding the availability of funds. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a response and forward for approval prior to sending.

19. Finance Matters

19.1 To note payments received since last meeting:

None.

19.2 To note payments made since last meeting:

Clerk's Salary – July and August 2016

WALC – annual subscription

Norton Lindsey Village Hall Trust – hire of village hall for meeting regarding future of New Inn (held on 25.07.16)

19.3 To note expenditure for approval:

Clerk's Expenses – June, July and August 2016

19.4 To note maturity of Cambridge & Counties Fixed Rate Business Bond and to consider reinvesting the money

The meeting noted that the Fixed Rate Business Bond in which £30,000 of the depot fund had been invested had matured with interest of £538.52. It was agreed to invest the sum into the 95-day account also held with Cambridge & Counties, subject to confirmation of interest rates.

20. Planning Matters

20.1 To consider planning applications received:

Norton Lindsey Village Hall (W/16/1482) – After consideration it was unanimously agreed that NLPC strongly supports this application. The proposal addresses a long standing need for a larger, more modern village hall facility, without impacting negatively on the adjoining sports and recreation area / neighbouring premises.

20.2 To note decisions received:

The Barn, Big House Farm, Church Road (W/16/1308) – refused

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

None.

21. Parish Report

WCC Cllr Caborn reported on forthcoming WCC budget proposals, and that news of progress with the West Midlands Combined Authority had gone quiet.

WDC Cllr Phillips advised that he had nothing to report from Warwick District, but talked about the proposed parliamentary boundary changes that bring Warwick and Stratford together.

22. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11 October 2016 – Ordinary Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.13pm.