

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room, Norton Lindsey at 7.45pm on 28 November 2016

Present: Cllr J Stobart (Chairman); Cllr Miss A Birch; Cllr M Neale; Cllr Mrs A Mace-Leska; Cllr K Sparkes; Cllr R Mann
Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall
Public: -

Apologies: Apologies were received from WDC Cllr Phillips and WCC Cllr Caborn who were both unable to attend due to having prior commitments.

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. In addition, Cllr Miss A Birch declared an interest as a committee member of the New Inn Salvation Squad.

5. Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

6. To Consider Buying Shares in Norton Lindsey Community Pub Ltd

In addition to all Councillors declaring an interest as village residents, Cllr Miss Birch declared an interest as a Salvation Squad committee member.

The Clerk confirmed that, as requested by the Councillors following receipt of the Norton Lindsey Community Pub Ltd Business Plan, she had sought clarification from the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils regarding NLPC purchasing shares in the Norton Lindsey Community Pub Ltd. WALC had contacted the National Association of Local Councils for advice from its legal team, and the Clerk confirmed that that advice had been forwarded to all Councillors prior to the extraordinary meeting.

Discussion took place concerning the advice received, and it was agreed that NLPC was not able to purchase shares in the Norton Lindsey Community Pub Ltd as it is deemed to be trading.

However, the Councillors felt that they would still like to provide a loan if possible, as the guidance from NALC was less definite on this matter. It was agreed that an independent solicitor would be approached to give their opinion. Cllr Mrs Mace-Leska to pursue and report back at a future meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting

6 December 2016 – Ordinary Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.31 pm