

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on 11 October 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
Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall
Public: 2 members of the 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

The Chairman welcomed representatives from Ritchie and Ritchie Architects who detailed proposals for a potential development on the chicken farm site, and answered questions from the Councillors.

6. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 September 2016

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 September 2016 were taken as read, approved and signed.

7. Chairman's report

None.

8. Matters arising

None.

9. Parish Council Action Plan Update

Community Speedwatch Programme – the Clerk advised that she was awaiting details of future training dates, and that she had forwarded the agreed speedwatch locations to the Police

Traffic Calming Measures – It was agreed that a notice from the British Horse Society would be displayed on website, noticeboards, and in the Parish Magazine. Discussion also took place regarding the traffic calming measures proposed by WCC and it was agreed, if possible, to include something by the Norton Lindsey sign on Snitterfield Road between Arles Cottage and the Clangers. Cllr Mrs Mace-Leska agreed to measure the verge at this location to see if it was wide enough for a "gate" to be installed, and the Clerk to contact WCC once this information is to hand.

Website – The Clerk advised that she had started to update the website.

Dog fouling – Cllr Mrs Mace-Leska reported an incident of dog fouling on the playing field which caused a football match to be stopped whilst the pitch was cleared. Discussion took place regarding how to raise awareness, and it was agreed that another article to be published in the Parish Magazine. The Clerk advised that she was in contact with WDC regarding the broken dog bin by the entrance to the Village Hall. In the event that the bin cannot be repaired, the Councillors considered the practicality of removing the broken bin completely as it is situated so close to the ordinary waste bin which takes poo bags, and re-opening the one on the pedestrian entrance to the playing field. It was agreed to get definitive confirmation from WDC how many bins they will empty, and a decision to be deferred until the November meeting.

10. To receive an update from the New Inn Salvation Squad, and to discuss the terms of the loan

In addition to all Councillors declaring an interest as village residents, Cllr Miss Birch declared an interest as a Salvation Squad committee member. She updated the meeting on the current status and advised that the share offer should be open at the end of the month. An article had been published in the Stratford Herald which was very positive, and local news stations and radios had been contacted. Cllr Miss Birch advised that there was a lot of support for the project and that much interest had been generated. She also advised that if successful, the New Inn will be the first community owned pub in Warwickshire. Discussion took place regarding shares. Cllr Miss Birch advised that the bank account was due to be set up shortly and it was agreed that the NLPC donation would be paid once it is open. The Clerk updated the meeting on information she had received regarding loan security, and guidance received from WALC and WCC. It was agreed that NPLC was still happy to go ahead with the loan subject to satisfactory scrutiny of the business plan when it is available, and the terms of loan to be agreed then.

11. To consider adopting the Local Councils Charter as recommended by WALC

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that NLPC would adopt the Local Councils Charter, and it was agreed that a copy would be uploaded to the website.

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

Village Hall hedge – The Clerk advised that she had sent thanks to the Village Hall Trust for the recent hedge cutting works along Wolverton Road.

New Inn hedge – The Clerk to chase for a response.

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

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed that following correspondence received from Warwickshire Rural Community Council NLPC would undertake a new housing needs survey. The Chairman offered to draft answers to the Government consultation on proposed changes to the precept and forward for approval prior to submission. Correspondence from WALC detailing a WCC grant for community buildings would be forwarded to the Village Hall Trust, and the Chairman advised that he would attend a training support session for town and parish councils organised by WDC.

14. Finance Matters

14.1. Payments received since last meeting:

WDC 2nd half of Precept and Concurrent Services /Council Tax Grant – noted.

14.2. Payments made since last meeting:

Clerk's Salary – September 2016 – noted.

14.3. Expenditure for approval:

HMRC – PAYE – noted.

14.4. Completion of Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2016, and comments made by Auditor:

Noted.

15. Planning Matters

15.1 Planning applications received for consideration:

None.

15.2 Planning appeal notification received for consideration:

Horsley House Farm, Norton Curlieu Lane (W/16/1401HR) – appeal reference APP/HGW/16/415 – it was agreed that NLPC had no comments to make

15.3 Planning application decisions received:

The Garden House, Wolverton Road (W/16/1198) – granted

15.4 Matters of concern regarding building works within Norton Lindsey Parish

Discussion took place regarding WDC decisions on planning applications appearing to disregard comments made by NLPC. It was agreed that a letter would be written to WDC Planning Department requesting that the decision process be explained, and inviting a representative from WDC to address NLPC. The Clerk to draft and forward for approval.

16. Parish Report

WCC Cllr Caborn advised that the budget process had been started. He also discussed the proposed Warwickshire Unitary Authority and advised that it was unlikely to go ahead due to lack of support from all areas.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8 November 2016 – Ordinary Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.08pm.