

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on 6 December 2016

Present: Cllr J Stobart (Chairman); Cllr Mrs A Mace-Leska; Cllr M Neale; Cllr R Mann; Cllr K Sparkes; WCC Cllr L Caborn; WDC Cllr Phillips
Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall
Public: -

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Miss A Birch who had a prior commitment

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 (item 10). Cllr J Stobart declared an interest in item 14.1 as neighbour to the applicant.

5. Public comments

None.

6. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 November 2016 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 28 November 2016

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 November 2016 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 28 November 2016 were taken as read, approved and signed.

7. Chairman's report

None.

8. Matters arising

The Clerk advised that the WDC Head of Development Services was willing to visit a future meeting of NLPC to discuss the planning process. The Councillors agreed that she should be invited to the Ordinary Meeting in February 2017. The Clerk to confirm.

9. Parish Council Action Plan Update

Website – The Clerk advised that there was nothing new to report.

Community Speedwatch Programme – The Clerk advised that she was still awaiting news of training dates but that she would chase the trainers to see if any dates were available in the New Year.

Traffic Calming – it was noted that there was nothing new to report but confirmation was given that the order had been placed with the engineers who had been instructed to proceed.

Dog bins – the meeting noted that there had been no response from the WDC Senior Contracts Officer, and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Mace Leska would contact the WDC Senior Contracts Officer. Cllr Sparkes offered to repair the broken bin by the Village Hall.

10. To receive an update from the New Inn Salvation Squad

It was noted that as at 5 December 2016 the New Inn Salvation Squad had raised £336,000 and that the share offer had been extended to try to reach a new target of £400,000. The purchase had now been confirmed and the sale was due to complete within the week. The meeting was advised that the Salvation Squad was to be featured in an ITV programme to be broadcast on 8 December. Cllr Mrs Mace Leska reported that the Salvation Squad had decided not to pursue a loan from the Parish Council as its fund-raising target had been met. In view of this, the Councillors agreed that a second legal opinion regarding a potential loan would not be sought at this present time. It was noted that Enterprise Inns have secured the site with barriers.

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

- Fallen tree across the road at the end of Brittons Lane (Henley Road end). The Clerk to report to County Highways.
- Farm traffic sign displaced on Snitterfield Lane due to hedge cutting. It was noted that the farmer had been advised.
- New Inn Hedge – the Clerk advised that Enterprise Inns had still not responded to the request that the overgrown hedge be cut back. Cllr Mann advised that he had offered to deal with the hedge and dead trees once the pub sale has gone through.

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

Noted. It was noted that the WDC Chair would be visiting NLPC at the January meeting. The WALC training schedule for 2017 was noted. Discussion took place regarding the concerns of a resident about speeding traffic on Curlieu Lane, and WCC Cllr Caborn offered to contact County Highways to find out costs and practicalities of additional traffic calming measures.

13. Finance Matters

13.1 Payments received since last meeting:

None.

13.2 Payments made since last meeting:

Clerk's Salary – November 2016 – noted.

13.3 Expenditure for approval:

None.

13.4 To note income and expenditure year to date

Noted.

13.5 To note internal audit of accounts

The Clerk advised that Cllr Miss Birch had carried out the internal audit of the accounts and had signed them off.

13.6 Draft Precept for the year 2017/18

Following discussion and consideration of budget requirements for the forthcoming financial year, it was unanimously agreed that the Precept would be raised by £250.00 to £6750.00 to ensure that sufficient reserves are held for asset renewal, and to ensure that NLPC holds adequate contingency funds. The Clerk to submit the precept request to WDC.

14. Planning Matters

14.1 To consider planning applications received:

The Old Post Office, Wolverton Road – W/16/2146:

Cllr Stobart declared an interest as neighbour to the applicant. Following discussion, it was agreed that NLPC had concerns with the size of the planned extension relative to the size of the original house, and would therefore ask for a consistent approach to other applications in the village (The Willows, opposite). Clarification is also sought regarding the status of the planning consent previously granted in 2014. Neutral comment.

14.2 To note planning application decisions received:

Norton Lindsey Village Hall, Wolverton Road – W/16/1482 - granted.

14.3 To note planning appeal notices received:

The Barn, Big House Farm, Church Road – W/16/1308, Appeal reference: APP/T3725/W/16/3163438 – noted.

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

None.

15. Parish Report

WCC Cllr Caborn reported that the WCC Chief Executive has resigned. He advised that the Health Report had been published and was available on the WCC website. He also advised that there was nothing new to report on the proposed Unitary Authority, and that the budget process was due to commence.

WDC Cllr Phillips advised that the leisure centres redevelopment had been given the go-ahead, and that the Local Plan examination was almost over and that there was no news yet. The WDC budget process had already started. Cllr Phillips advised that the WDC parliamentary boundary review had closed and that there had been a unanimous response to keep Warwick and Leamington together. WDC is now awaiting a response from the Boundary Commission for England.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10 January 2017 – Ordinary Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.42pm