MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE <u>NORTON-JUXTA-KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON</u> <u>THE 28TH JUNE 2018 AT NORTON PARISH HALL, LITTLEWORTH</u>

There were no public question time discussions.

1. Apologies for Absence: C. Dawson (early departure), H. Turvey, M. Reeves. These apologies and the reasons for them, were accepted and approved.

Attending: K. Fincher (Chairman), C. Dawson, D. Kelly, D. Lucas, M. Pollard, P. Richmond, Cllr. R. Adams (District and County Councillors), Mrs. J. Greenway (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer).

2. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr. Richmond was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Cllr. Lucas, seconded by Cllr. Kelly and all were in favour. Cllr. Richmond accepted this position and was elected as Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Richmond signed the Vice-Chairman's undertaking and declaration of acceptance of office. The Parish Council website will be updated, and Wychavon DC advised. Action: Clerk

3. Changes to Membership

Resignations of Cllr. Hughes and Cllr. Ritter were noted. The vacancy process has been commenced with Wychavon District Council.

4. Declarations of Interest

a) Reminder and requirements noted.

- **b**) None.
- c) None.
- d) None.

5. To Consider Areas of Focus and Agree Allocation of Areas of Responsibility to Councillors

Allocation of responsibilities was reviewed. Cllr. Kelly to become lead councillor for allotments and the Council PACT representative. Cllr. Pollard to join the Hall car park resurfacing group, with background papers to be provided. Action: Clerk

Cllr. Lucas to become lead councillor for land ownership/lease matters, with Cllr. Turvey leading on the project to develop a woodland walk.

Proposed Cllr. Richmond, seconded Cllr. Dawson and agreed by all.

6. Minutes

a) Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 24 May 2018 were approved. Proposed Cllr. Lucas, seconded Cllr. Pollard and agreed by all.

b) The minutes action summary was considered and will be updated following the meeting, to include removal of completed actions. Action: Clerk

7. 2018/145 Reports

a) Cllr. R.C. Adams (District & County Councillor)

Cllr. Adams advised that the Sentry statue planning application had been approved at the Wychavon Planning meeting. Cllr. Lucas confirmed his continued membership of, and liaison with, the Worcester Norton Regiment Group.

b) Finance

(i) Balances: current account £13,891.98 (14 June), deposit account £77,455.52 (1 June (after transfer made to the current account)). These include £25,130 Severn Trent Water land sale proceeds (allocated to resurfacing the Parish Hall car park). Balances including outstanding items of payment were also reported. 2018/19 S.137 expenditure is currently £398.94.

(ii) The monthly accounts and bank reconciliation to 31 May 2018 were noted, with no queries raised.
 (iii) A quarterly internal financial check will be arranged with Cllr. Dawson and the VAT return completed as soon as possible.

c) West Mercia Police

PC Carter provided an update and comments on local Policing matters including burglary rates, speeding/rat run issues and Police/Safer Road Partnership speed checks, a Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page and monitoring of anti-social behaviour within the Parish. PC Carter will provide an item for the next Parish Council newsletter. Action: Clerk

d) **St. James the Great Church, Norton** No report available.

8. 2017/146 Independent Internal Audit Report

The independent internal auditor's report was received and considered, with no matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.

9. 2017/147 Annual Governance Statement

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) referred to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18, was considered, approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk/RFO. There were no 'no' responses. Proposed Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Dawson and agreed by all.

10. 2017/148 Accounting Statements for 2017/18 and Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2018

The Clerk/RFO referred to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, supporting information for the external auditor, draft accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018 and bank reconciliation for the year ended 31st March 2018.

The draft accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018 were considered, approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk/RFO. Proposed Cllr. Richmond, seconded by Cllr. Kelly and agreed by all.

Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return – Accounting Statements for 2017/18, was considered, approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Richmond, seconded by Cllr. Kelly and agreed by all.

The supporting information to be submitted to the external auditor with the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, including the year end bank reconciliation, explanations for significant year on year variances, explanations for any differences between Annual Return boxes 7 - 8, reserve levels and dates for exercise of public rights, was considered and approved for submission. Proposed Cllr. Richmond, seconded by Cllr. Kelly and agreed by all.

11. 2017/149 Exercise of Public Rights

The Clerk advised that the audit will be advertised to comply with requirements, including the period of the first ten working days in July.

12. 2017/150 Completion of the Remainder of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and Submission to the External Auditor

The supporting information to be submitted to the external auditor was considered and approved under agenda item 10 above. Completion of the remainder of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return was considered and approved. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return and supporting papers will be submitted to the external auditor by 9th July. Action: Clerk

13. 2017/151 To Consider the Council's ongoing Risk Assessment Procedures

Risk assessment procedures were discussed and will be developed as new Council activities arise. Risk assessment templates/guides will be circulated to members. Action: Cllr. Richmond To better document risk assessments, assessments will be undertaken for:

 Hall car park resurfacing project
 Allotments
 Action: Hall Car Park Resurfacing Working Group Action: Cllr. Kelly

14. 2017/152 Parish Council Bank Account Signatories

The bank account signing mandates will be amended to remove Cllr. Hughes following his resignation, with Cllr. Richmond added as a new signatory. Proposed Cllr. Kelly, seconded Cllr. Pollard and agreed **Action: Clerk** by all.

15. 2018/153 Data Protection Regulation Changes – The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The training provided by Cllr. Kelly and the Clerk to Cllrs Fincher, Lucas and Pollard before the Parish Council meeting was noted. It was agreed to:

- Re-run the training session for members not in attendance
- To provide further training to other members of staff
- Password protect documents containing personal data
- Arrange for new 'Councillor' email addresses to be set up

- Ensure adequate security access to emails, phones and personal computers, including up to date antivirus software Action: All

- To review personal data held (electronically and hard copy) and to delete/securely dispose of data as appropriate and in line with GDPR/Parish Council retention policy guidelines. Action: All The Clerk provided an update on development of the GDPR action plan and the audit of personal data. A draft General Privacy Notice, draft Privacy Notice for Staff, Councillors and Role Holders (including contractors) and a draft Consent Form were considered and approved. Proposed Cllr. Kelly and Cllr. Lucas. These will be published on the Parish Council website and referred to in a new email footer to Parish Council emails. Action: Clerk

Bulk shredding/shredder information is being explored further for review.

16. 2018/154 Planning

a) Current Planning Applications

The following applications were noted. Approvals

Ingwelala, Hatfield Lane,

Norton. Ref: W/18/00740/FUL

Amendments to previously approved scheme for the erection of 4 no. dwellings (W/11/00181/PN) including raising of eaves, increase in ridge heights, alterations to porches, solar panels and enlarged garage to plot 1 without compliance with southern conditions 4, 9, 10, 12 to remove conifer hedge on boundary and replacement hedge planting. Hedge proposals supported, with further information requested regarding other proposals.

Installation of third wire to existing overhead line. Parish

Eastfield, Wadborough Road, Kempsey. Ref: W/18/01144/OL

Refusals - None

Awaiting Decision

Land to the south of the City of Worcester, Bath Road. Malvern Hills DC Ref: W/13/00656/OUT Welbeck Land

Land adjacent to Lobelia Close, **Cranesbill Drive, Broomhall Green** and the A4440 Broomhall Way Worcester City Ref: P13A0617 **St. Modwen Developments**

Middle Battenhall Farm Worcester City Ref: P13B0632 **Miller Homes**

Outline planning application, including approval of access (appearance, landscape, layout and scale reserved) for a mixeduse development with local centre to the south of Worcester. Application approved subject to the s106 agreement being agreed.

Erection of pedestrian/cycle bridge over A4440 Broomhall Way to facilitate access to a mixed use development comprising of up to 255 dwellings and employment (B1) (b and c), B2 and/or B8, on land between Taylors Lane and the A4440 Broomhall Way.

Outline planning application for the construction for up to 200 dwellings, open space, new vehicular junction and access and associated infrastructure.

supports.

Action: Cllr. Kelly/Clerk Action: Cllr. Kelly/Clerk **Action: Clerk Action: All/Clerk**

Lavender Cottage, Woodbury Lane, Norton. Ref: W/18/00395/CLE	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use - use of outbuilding. Parish objected to.
33 Vimiera Close, Norton Ref: W/18/00791/HP	Replacement of rear conservatory with new extension, extending front bay window to lounge and reconfiguring existing garage with office over and side carport with tools/workshop at rear. Parish Council supports.
Land at Crookbarrow Road, Norton Ref: W/18/01026/FUL	The erection of a 2m high statue/sculpture of a WW1 British Soldier of the Worcestershire Regiment. Parish supports with comments for clarification.
Land off Pershore Road, High Park Ref: W/18/01065/ADV	Free-standing, post-mounted signage to advertise opening of Worcs Parkway Rail Station. Parish comments submitted regarding highway safety impact and period of display.
<u>Internal Consultation</u> Norton Hall Nursing Home, Woodbury Park, Norton Ref: W/18/01232/FUL	To continue the use of a porta cabin for office and administration space as previously approved in application W/15/00890/CU
EnviroSort, Off Woodbury Lane, Norton Ref: Worcs CC 18/000035/CM <u>Other</u> - None	Application to vary conditions 2 (approved drawings), 14 (control of noise), 18 (control of odour), 29 (control of external operations) and 32 (closing of doors) of planning permission reference number 14/000050/CM, dated 26 March 2015 to facilitate amendments to the EnviroSort facility and its operation

Appeals - None

The EnviroSort planning application was considered. It is understood that neighbouring residents are aware of the planning proposals via the EnviroSort community liaison group. Cllr. Adams will check that all liaison group members and local residents have been informed of the proposals. Concerns were expressed that there is the potential for the proposed changes to have a negative impact upon the local community and agreed that alternative proposals should be found to address the plant's operating issues. It was agreed for a response to be drafted and circulated to members for agreement prior to submission (by 26 July). **Action: Cllrs Fincher and Richmond**

The response to the Village Facilities and Rural Transport Survey (VFRTS) consultation was agreed for submission. Proposed Cllr. Fincher, seconded Cllr. Pollard and agreed by all. Action: Clerk

Cllr. Dawson gave his apologies and left the meeting at 9pm. The meeting remained quorate.

17. 2018/155 Parish Hall

A report was received from Cllr. Fincher (Parish Council Chairman, Council Parish Hall representative and Chairman of the Hall Trustees). The coffee shop continues to be a great success, generating surplus funds for Hall development/maintenance e.g. refurbishment of toilet facilities and improved security of doors. The nature of the sections of the Parish Hall Lease and Trust Deed was considered, with agreement given to obtain a legal overview of the content of the document, at a cost of £200 plus VAT, to aid understanding and assist with a review of its terms. Proposed Cllr. Fincher, seconded Cllr. Richmond and agreed by all.

Following installation of the external defibrillator at the Hall and the Parish Council's previous agreement to contribute towards the cost of installation and operation (in view of its availability for the Hall outside space), a £50 donation to the Hall was agreed to cover the cost of replacement pads. A letter of request and copy invoice will be provided in support. **Action: Cllr Fincher**

Proposed Cllr. Lucas, seconded Cllr. Pollard and agreed by all.

18. 2018/156 Parish Hall Recreation Facilities and Outside Space

Litter was noted as a problem and this will be raised with the Hall Trustees. No further news relating to the car park resurfacing project. **Action: Cllr Fincher**

Future football bookings were considered, with agreement to discontinue hire to adult football teams (although this may be considered if an adult team was formed within the Parish). There will remain two football pitches on the Hall playing field for the summer of 2018 and 2018/19 football season. These will be available for hire by junior teams that do not require line marking. Football bookings will revert to being managed by the Hall Manager in view of the close link to Hall bookings. Proposed Cllr. Richmond, seconded Cllr. Pollard and agreed by all.

Future non-football field bookings were considered. It was agreed that the field remains public open space and that the hirer does not have exclusivity of use. It was also agreed for field bookings to be managed by the Hall Manager, and for no charge to be made for field use where this is part of a Hall booking. The field booking terms and conditions will be reviewed and updated to include permitted activities (and those specifically not permitted), refundable deposit rates and general guidelines/ conditions/parameters, including insurance requirements and litter picking after events. For enquiries for bookings outside the list of permitted activities, hirers will be required to submit a satisfactory risk assessment to the Hall Manager. Field terms and conditions will be drafted for review and comment by Council members prior to adoption.

A Parish Hall site tree survey has been undertaken, with the report and recommendations awaited.

19. 2018/157 Parish Mowing/Litter Picking

Feedback from the groundsman/litter picker was considered. It was agreed that no areas should be litter picked where the litter picker has any safety concerns. Areas of grass that are not suitable for mowing using the Parish Council mower should be strimmed and not cut using another privately owned mower. The litter picker/groundsman will be advised. Action: Clerk

20. 2018/158 Norton Pre-school

The old container will be moved shortly. The uprights to the old fencing will be removed as part of the car park resurfacing work and will be highlighted as a potential hazard within the car park pending their removal. The groundsman will be advised. Action: Clerk

21. 2018/159 Worcester Parkway Station

The station development is progressing well, with the next stakeholder presentation in July. Complaints about disturbances from piling work have been passed to Worcs CC for resolution and further communication to a wider geographic area of residents. It is understood that the situation has improved. Concerns regarding noise from station announcements have been passed to the project team for comment. An update was received regarding the Norton Active Travel Corridor; details of firm proposals are awaited and timescales have been sought, with implementation requested prior to the station being operational. Cllr. Adams advised that the Parkway and Southern Link Road project teams have been requested to liaise on road closure plans to minimise their impact.

22. 2018/160 Southern Link Road (SLR) Improvement Works and Crossing Points

Cllr. Adams will seek clarification on the possibility of Carrington Bridge road closure plans and the situation regarding funding for the work to complete the road dualling work under the new railway bridge. Action: Cllr. Adams

23. 2018/161 Adoption/Maintenance of Development by Garden Centre

An update was received from the Trust Green landscape maintenance company which has taken over the areas of open space within this development. No objections were raised regarding the play area signage proposed by Trust Green. Confirmation will be sought about which other areas of green space within the Parish are managed and that Trust Green give consent for their contact details to be shared with residents. The update will be shared with the resident acting as a liaison point for outstanding maintenance matters. **Action: Clerk**

24. 2018/162 Neighbourhood Plans

An update was received including progress with analysis of responses, a meeting to discuss results and next steps. It was noted that whilst the response rate is low, this is understood to be at an average level and whilst only a minority of the residents of the Parish have responded, all have been provided with the opportunity to respond and therefore this was considered satisfactory based on other response rates. An update on the Locality Grant application will be sought from Cllr. Turvey, as this is due to cover a significant proportion of the Neighbourhood Plan costs. Action: Clerk

25. 2018/163 Employment Matters

It was agreed for the Assistant Clerk to carry forward 8 hours holiday in to 2018/19. Proposed Cllr. Richmond, seconded Cllr. Pollard and agreed by all. Action: Clerk

26. 2018/164 Allotments

Allotment matters are in hand and efforts continue to be made to locate the stop tap for the water trough to allow repair. An incident relating to a water trough was reported and the groundsman will be requested to install some form of cover/grid to the water troughs. Action: Clerk

27. 2018/165 Public Rights of Way (PRoW)

Procedures regarding PRoW maintenance were reviewed in light of feedback following recent trimming of brambles/overhanging hedges/branches. An apology will be provided to the resident for any misunderstanding and unintentional upset caused. Action: Clerk

In view of the rapid growth along parts of the Radley bridleway (NJ552), Shear Perfection will be requested to undertake an interim cut of this path to provide safe passage for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Costs for an interim cut will be factored in to the 2019/20 budget. Action: Clerk It was also agreed to undertake an interim cut of the pavement side of the allotments hedge, that on the boundary of the field adjacent to Coppice Cottage and the hedge in front to the Parish Hall car park, in view of feedback and pedestrian safety concerns. A quote will be sought for an interim cut to remove growth overhanging the pavement (from the contractor that currently cuts these hedges).

Costs to be confirmed with the Parish Council Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Richmond, seconded Cllr. Kelly and agreed by all. Action: Clerk

The condition of the Radley bridleway (NJ552) was considered and Cllr. Turvey will be requested to review refurbishment of this PRoW (including its surfacing) and to provide ideas and costs for the Parish Council to consider. **Action: Cllr. Turvey** Cllr. Adams advised that he has raised proposals to improve the bridleway from the end of Wadborough

Cllr. Adams advised that he has raised proposals to improve the bridleway from the end of Wadborough Road to Stonehall Common (in collaboration with Kempsey Parish Council) with Worcs CC Countryside Services and that they will contact Cllr. Turvey to discuss further.

Cllr. Richmond gave his apologies and left the meeting at 10.25pm. The meeting remained quorate.

28. 2018/166 Bus Services

An update on bus services was received following recent Vale Passenger Transport Group meetings which included representatives from First Midland Red and Worcs CC. Passenger numbers for the 50's services appear to have plateaued and services are being reviewed with the potential for changes in September.

29. 2018/167 Bus Shelter in Littleworth

Further options and costs are being obtained for review.

30. 2018/168 The Norton Worcestershire Regiment Group (NWRG)

An update was received including approval of the sentry statue planning application and the Group's community consultation flier regarding use of New Homes Bonus Funding. Cllr. Lucas will liaise with the Group and report on updates to the Parish Council. Action: Cllr. Lucas

31. 2018/169 Worcester Norton Sports Club (WNSC)

An update was received following a fallen tree by the Cricket Club pavilion/club house. An update will be sought regarding potential developments/facility improvements on the site. Action: Cllr. Lucas

32. 2018/170 Highways, Verges and Drainage Matters

Feedback from residents regarding volumes of traffic and speeding through the Parish was considered. Traffic calming measures planned as part of the SWDP and Parkway developments should help to alleviate these problems, with speed checks and the vehicle activated speed sign being used to ease the problems in the interim period. The Southern Link Road improvements between Whittington and The Ketch should also improve travel times along this section of road, which should reduce the need for the Parish lanes to be used as a rat run. An update was received regarding one of the trees along Salamanca Drive and maintenance work proposed by Wychavon DC.

33. 2018/171 Parish Council Owned Lands

Meetings will be sought with the tenants of the two Parish Council owned fields adjacent to Green Lane, to discuss lease arrangements and potential projects to develop use of the fields. Action: Cllr. Lucas Registration of land ownership with the Land Registry will be progressed when resources allow.

34. 2018/172 Finance

a) It was proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Lucas **and all were in agreement** that the accounts presented to the meeting, as summarised below, be approved for payment/confirmation. Accounts for Confirmation:

Category of	Detail	Amount £
Expenditure		
Administration	Final 50% of 2017/18 annual accountancy fee	540.00
	Internal audit fee	100.00
	Summer 2018 newsletter net of advertising revenue	481.00
Grounds	Strimmer line	25.25
Maintenance	Norton churchyard mowing	106.20
	Hall playing field mowing May 2018	192.00
	Pothole filling Norton Parish Hall car park	1,260.00
	TOTAL	2,704.45

Accounts for Payment:

Category of	Detail	Amount £
Expenditure		
Staff Costs	June 2018 payroll - Clerk & Assistant Clerk honorarium and	2,289.31
	groundsman and litter picking work (all gross incl. expenses via	
	payroll), NEST pension contributions, employer's NI.	
Administration	General administration costs	48.85
Grounds	Norton churchyard mowing & 2nd cut of public right of way NJ543	284.40
Maintenance	Lengthsman duties	375.00
	TOTAL	2,997.56
	GRAND TOTAL	5,702.01

35. 2018/173 Correspondence for Information

See Appendix 1 for a list of correspondence received and noted.

36. 2018/174 Clerk's Report on Urgent Decisions and Expenditure Delegations since the Last Meeting As reported during the meeting.

37. 2018/175 Items for Update to Local M.P.

Nothing to report at present.

38. 2018/176 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda None.

39. 2018/177 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting: to be confirmed subject to availability for 18/19/26 July.

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 11.05pm.

Correspondence Received for 28th June 2018 Parish Council Meeting		
Sender	Subject	
CALC	Updates including Data Protection/GDPR, Local Council Award Scheme, Community Organising Workshop, First World War Ceremony of Remembrance, Elgar Archive, Ledbury Town Council Judicial Review and legal briefing note, Remembrance Day Silhouette Installation Grants, Community Organising Workshop, P&CC - March update, WCC Parish and Town Council conference, World War 100, Kidwells Solicitors free will writing service, CALC Executive Officer's June report, Data Protection seminar, lack of resources for planning enforcement, SWDP review call for sites consultation, Superfast Worcestershire, reminders from CALC, news from NALC, dates for the diary, training opportunities, vacancies	
Highways England	E-bulletins and weekly updates, including M5/M6 works	
Resident	Enquiry re St James Church, Norton booking	
Resident	New regulations regarding septic tanks	
Resident	Crookbarrow Road hedge maintenance	
Resident	Traffic concerns	
Resident	Query re possible fly tipping	
Resident	Gazala Drive grass verge – parking and tree maintenance	
Resident	Disturbance from Parkway Station works and guidance on reporting parking issues	
NALC	Newsletter June	
Open Spaces Society	Invitation to AGM, Annual Report, 2017 accounts and open spaces newsletter	
Rural Services Network	Bulletins: Rural opportunities, Rural Vulnerability Service, Rural News Digest	
Soc. Local Council Clerks	Information updates/bulletins	
St Richards Hospice	Write a Will Scheme and Parish newsletter	
Vale Public Transport	Public meeting on 20 June regarding local bus and rail services	
Group		
West Mercia Police	Wychavon Area Rural Matters Newsletter	
West Mercia Police &	News from your Police and Crime Commissioner- May Update	
Crime Commissioner		
Worcs CC	• Elgar Archives Petition	
	Roadworks reports	
	Autumn Parish Conference 9 October	
Wychavon DC	• Flag is flown for Armed Forces Day	
	• Droitwich Lido voted most family friendly	
	• Pinvin pub to host more art classes	
	• Residents urged to find out about Pershore road closure plan	
	Worcestershire Plastic Reduction World Cup	
	• Music workshops	
	• Evesham hosting stage of OVO Energy Women's Tour and road closures	
	• Intelligently Green Awards – finalists and winners announced	
	Bringing generations together arts project	
	 Partners Together event focuses on social mobility 	
Wychavon DC Planning		
wyenavon De Flammig	 Planning meetings: Agenda 28 June 2018 and minutes 31 May 2018 <u>Approval Notices</u>: <u>W/18/00740/FUL</u>: Ingwelala, Hatfield Lane – Amendments to approved scheme for the erection of 4 no. dwellings W/11/00181/PN) including raising of eaves, increase in ridge heights, alterations to porches, solar panels and enlarged garage to plot 1 without compliance with conditions 4, 9, 10, 12 to remove conifer hedge on southern boundary and replacement hedge planting 	
	<u>W/18/01144/OL</u> : Eastfield, Wadborough Road, Kempsey – Installation of third wire to existing overhead line	