

Norton & Lenchwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 1st September 2011 No.09/11
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Present

K. Leonard Chairman, A. Hill V. Chairman, Councillors E. Weaving, J. Middleton,
 District Councillor C. Homer and County Councillor C. Holt

Parishioners, Derek Bush, John Fretwell and Ray Houghton

West Mercia Police, PC Shortell and CSO Simon Hall

Councillor K. Leonard welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly outlined the agenda and the process of the meeting.

1. Apologies

M. Smith, Clerk. Councillor A. Hill agreed to take the minutes of the meeting

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. **The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these Minutes and also the following Reports.**

Parishioners D. Bush and J. Fretwell confirmed their willingness to join the Parish Council and handed their completed application forms and were duly co-opted to the Norton & Lenchwick Parish Council. Parishioner R. Houghton will be sent an application form for completion in readiness to be co-opted at the November meeting.

4. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th July 2011 were agreed

5. District / County Councillors Report

Councillor C. Holt explained the new "Village Hopper" bus service and gave leaflets for distribution by the Parish Council.

Councillor C. Homer described the first phase of consultation for development (Housing) project and invited Councillors to attend the first meeting which will be held at Harvington Village Hall on the 25th October 2011.

6. Police Officers Report

PC Shortell introduced himself and explained that he had taken over as our contact following the recent retirement of PC Toms. He also stated that he was particularly keen to address the village's problems of speeding and inappropriate driving and to also address the levels of anti-social behaviour

CSO S. Hall explained the revised structure of CSO's for our Parish and is optimistic that the service and frequency of visits would improve. He also said that he would support the Parish application to introduce VASS (Vehicle activated speed signs) to help with speeding reductions.

7. Chairman's Report

Councillor K. Leonard gave an update on the recently distributed Newsletter. Feedback received to date has been both positive and encouraging.

Councillor K. Leonard thanked Councillor C. Homer and the police for their support with the VASS.

8. Field Path Officers Report

Paths 502 and 505 to be cleared by the Lengthsman agreed.

Councillor K. Leonard stated that she had attended Telford County Court as a material witness to an accident / incident that had occurred at the Evesham Country Park. The claim was rejected by the defendant.

Councillor K. Leonard stated that she had been requested to assist with a review into the possibility of establishing an "Otter Sanctuary". Details TBA and confirmed at a later date.

9. Lengthsmans Report

None

10 Street Lighting Officers Report

Councillors K. Leonard, J. Middleton and the Clerk are still attempting to ascertain ownership.

11. Finance & Policy Committee Report

No further update available

12. Community & Outreach Committee Report

No further update available.

13. New & Ongoing Items

a) Dog Bins. Although the Parish Council agreed that more dog bins would need to be budgeted for in the 2012/2013 Precept.

b) Bus Shelter. Councillor to obtain details from Harvington PC re the artwork

c) Playing Field Signage. Clerk to obtain cost / quotations re Dog Fouling sign.

d) Notice Boards. The work to repair / replace the notice boards within the Parish have now been finished with excellent results. Our thanks to N. Bennett have been recorded.

e) Wicksteed Report. It was agreed that the Lengthsman will action the highlighted points.

f) VASS. Grants are available. Clerk to evaluate and advise.

14. Planning

Wood Norton Retirement Complex. Application received for time extension to original outline application. Parish Council had no objections.

15. Finance

Cheques already signed,

HMRC, 1st Quarter Tax £72.00

NPower, Electricity 01-04-11 thru 30-06-11 £87.16

Cheques signed,

B. Arrowsmith, Lengthsman £159.50

Smart Cut, Grasscutting (Jul) £259.56

WDC, Election Fee £25.00

M. Smith, Salary, Newsletter P&D, Mileage £315.32

N. Bennett, Notice Board Renewal / Replacement £266.97

16) Receipts

- WCC, Lengthsman Reimbursement (Jul) £269.50
- WCC Grasscutting Rebate £908.00

Date of the next meeting as 3rd November 2011

Items for the Agenda must be received 14 days prior to the above date

Meeting Closed at 8.30

Signed.....

Date.....

Notes of the Public Question Time

None