

Norton & Lenchwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 3rd November 2011 No.11/11
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Present

K. Leonard Chairman, A. Hill V. Chairman, Councillors E. Weaving, J. Middleton,
 F. Fretwell.
 District Councillor C. Homer

1. Apologies

Councillor D. Bush, County Councillor C. Holt and Lengthsman B. Arrowsmith

2. Declarations of Interest

At this point R. Houghton was unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council.

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

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

5. District / County Councillors Report

Councillor C. Homer advised the Council to complete and return their response to the SWDP

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman and R. Houghton (prospective Councillor attended the SWDP meeting to gain an insight and any information available.

An email was sent to PC Simon Hall regarding the Neighbour Watch who responded by saying it is WIP.

The preferred Options Consultation for Planning took place on the 25th October. As Norton is a class 4 Village we have not been targeted nor are we mentioned on any current planning strategy maps.

It was still a concern as landowners had come forward to identify their land as available.

The known sites were discussed and as many Councillors that could would attend the consultation.

7. Field Path Officers Report

The budget for the strimming work has now been exhausted..

8. Lengthsmans Report

None

9 Street Lighting Officers Report

None

10. Finance & Policy Committee Report

The accounts were reviewed and our expenditure vs. budget over the first 6 months were on par and we will stay within our precept. The extraordinary expenditure we are required / proposing to make during the next financial year will see no rise in the precept.

Projects for the next 12c months are as follows,

1. Street Lighting upgrade to enable certification (estimated at £12,000)
2. Two extra dog bins including the first year emptying, £1,000
3. Vehicle Activated Signage contribution, £400
4. Signs for Playing Field (Dogs on Lead), £200

“Street Lighting will be funded from existing surplus funds”

11. Community & Outreach Committee Report

A street Lighting inspection has been requested to determine the overall condition of our lights. The lights and columns that do not pass will need to be repaired / upgraded. N & L has two redundant lights that need to be removed, and two lights installed on No's 9 & 10 that will not need to be required to be certified for another 4 – 5 years. Ten lights have never been certified.

Our lights should be on our asset register and they currently are not. These need to be added and also insured.

This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Worcestershire is currently conducting a Broadband survey. Money has been made available to help rural Broadband in this area. Councillors agreed to send the “link” survey out to our friends and people they know in the area.

The projected budget for the VAS project in conjunction with Harvington and WCC, the requirements for siting the poles were reviewed. Maps were passed out for Lenchwick, Kings Lane and the Evesham Road for Councillors living in those areas to identify potential sites to enable the PC to submit these to WCC Highways Department. It was noted that funding towards the overall cost would be received from Evesham Market Town Partnership (£2000) and that Norton & Lenchwick will receive £700) from County Councillor C. Holt towards the project

12. New & Ongoing Items

a) Bulk Buying of Fuel Oil.

The V. Chairman outlined the Bulk Buying details from WDC. This would need to be co-ordinated by parishioners and not the Parish Council

b) Street Lighting Report

Dealt with in item 12

c) Insurance

To be reviewed once certification of Street Lighting.

d) VAS.

The application for funding has been accepted and we await the funds, if successful.

e) Signage for Playing Field (Dogs)

Clerk to look at costs.

f) Pact

Apparently we have not been notified of these meetings. We are assured that this will be corrected.

g) Village Green Update

An outline of this was given by B. McClaren in the Public Session and a copy of this is lodged with the Parish Council.

h) SWDP Response.

The Chairman will complete the response form with any input from Councillors.

13. Planning

14. Finance

Precept. Copies of the 2012/2013 budget were given to Councillors for approval. This was unanimously agreed to keep the precept at £11,000.00. It was agreed to move the monies from the C&G and Business Instant accounts into the Treasurers Account.

Cheques already signed,
K. Leonard, Printing £13.16
Clement Keys, External Audit £162.00
Smart Cut, Grasscutting (Aug) £519.12
B. Arrowsmith, Lengthsman (Aug/Sept) £343.00
HMRC, 2nd Quarter Tax £72.20

Cheques signed,
M. Smith, Salary + Mileage (Sep/Oct) £229.00
Smart Cut, Grasscutting (Sep) £259.56
NPower, Electricity (07-01-11 thru 30-09-11) £88.12
B. Arrowsmith, Lengthsman (Oct) £132.00

15) Receipts

WCC, Lengthsman reimbursement £121.00
WDC, Precept £5,500.00
WCC, Lengthsman reimbursement £230.00

Date of the next meeting as 5th January 2012

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

Meeting Closed at 9.15

Signed.....

Date.....

Notes of the Public Question Time

B. McClaren gave a brief update on the Village Green (copy with Parish Council)