

## Norton & Lenchwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013 No.07/13

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### Present

K. Leonard, Chairman, A. Hill, V. Chairman, Councillors Derek Bush,  
County Councillor C Holt, Lengthsman Paul Parfitt.

### 1. Apologies

Clerk to the Council Mike Smith. Councillor K Davies, District Councillor C. Homer.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None

### 3. Public Session

None

### 4. Review of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous minutes were agreed

### 5. County Councillors Report's

- a) Councillor Holt outlined the results of the recent County Councillors election
- b) The reductions in Job Seekers (lowest since 2008)
- c) The reduction in costs in Sick Pay (10 % less) since the change in waiting days

### 6. Chairman's Report

Telephone call from Bromley Associates proposing to hold a Public consultation meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 regarding the proposed development on the Stratford Road Norton. They will be advertising this in the Evesham Journal and it has also been posted on the Village Face Book page.

Complaint received from Parishioners Mr & Mrs Houghton that people attending dog's classes on Friday mornings were clogging up the footpaths on Kings Lane and making it difficult for other to use the footpaths

Resignation letter from Councillor J Fretwell received.

We have received communication from the Estate Agent for the Diocese asking if we are still interested in their land for the use as Allotments. We will be recommending that this project be dropped off our active list for the time being. Due to the excessive amount of time that the Diocese has taken to respond we no longer have the funds or people in place to move forward.

Letter from the Chair of the Village Hall, Eileen Stanton regarding the overgrowth encroaching from land adjacent and owned by Smith & Wadley and can we assist in any way to get them to clear the overgrowth.

Letter received from Smith & Wadley regarding land adjacent to the Village Hall stating their intentions to fence in the land adjacent to the village hall and requesting the letter be entered into minutes.

### **Parish Land News**

The large field between Norton & Lenchwick has been purchased by Manor Farm and we are advised that this will remain as Agricultural Land.

The land for sale behind St Egwins is in the process of being purchased by someone who lives on St Egwins intending on extending their garden and keep the field for personal use. It may be worthwhile sometime in the future, approaching them for use of some of the land for allotments as there is good access.

### 7. **Field Path Officers Report**

We have just received the allocation for the last fiscal year. The reason for the delay is a change in the the system . We have now had the documents for this years grant and we have been verbally assured that funding would be available. There are some slight variations from last years plan which we will discuss with the Clerk and the Lenghtsman before assigning projects.

Countryside Access has contacted the Chair about complaints filed for the overgrowth of Dr. Shankleys hedges. We will send them some photographs as evidence and they will write to the land owner as overgrowth is always the responsibility of the landowner.

It should also be noted that the new ownership of the large field if it has crops we will no longer be required to strim. The landowner is not required to maintain grass but they are required to maintain the path if crops are planted.

### **Streetlight update**

The Parish Clerk E Mailed Prysmian to report that the street lights were not yet reinstated. No reply as yet, the Clerk to pursue.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chair had a meeting with Andrew Ford, Senior Planning Officer Policy and District Councillor Charlie Homer and below are the main points.

- The Parish Council submits an application to Wychavon DC declaring their intentions. We will the be eligible for £7,000 in funds to fund the process
- We will produce a document that identifies the issues and needs of the community. It must be planning based but there is the opportunity to develop non-planning issues not adopted by Wychavon. Evidence must be backed up by need and evidence it is deliverable.
  - ❖ Need for housing and site availability
  - ❖ Bio diversity issues
  - ❖ Social development
  - ❖ Amenities
  - ❖ Land use planning
  - ❖ Design guidance

- The plan is submitted to Wychavon (6 week consultation period)
- Submitted to and independent examiner who looks at the evidence and must find that it is deliverable.
- Submitted for local referendum
- If adopted, it becomes part of the SWDP (South West Development Plan)

### **Requirements to declare intention**

- Cover letter with correct jargon
- Statement that we are qualified (relevant body)
- Suitability of boundary
- Map of boundary

### 8. Lengthsmans Report

The Lengthsman reported the following points

1. Footpaths between Norton Grange and Kings Lane had now been cleared
2. Drains in Kings Lane and Lenchwick have now been cleared
3. Grips in Chadbury Road have been cleared
4. The Bus Shelter by Norton Grange needs roof repairs estimated at £245
5. The footpath opposite Norton Grange (owned by Highways) is in poor condition  
we will write to the highways dept
6. The VAS equipment continues to be rotated between the agreed sites
7. The recreation ground is cleared on a weekly basis
8. The seats in the recreation ground need re-varnishing. First estimated cost is £30 x 8 seats.  
This cost is to be confirmed

### 9. Finance & Policy Committee Report

None

### 10. Community & Outreach Committee Report

None

### 11. New & Ongoing Items

- a) Clerk to chase Prysman
- b) New Homes Bonus, following the recent surgery, play equipment and fencing will be a priority
- c) Neighbourhood Plan. See notes above
- d) Quiz night. To be considered at a later date.
- e) New Homes Bonus. A letter has been received from Mrs. R Keen voicing objections to using the new homes bonus as suggested by the PC and offered her own suggestions. .  
Mrs Keen is not on the Electoral Register for the Parish.

### 12. Planning

None

### 13. Finance

N/A due to the absence of the Clerk

Receipts

N/A due to the absence of the Clerk

14. Date of next meeting

The date for the next meeting will be 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013

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

Meeting Closed

Signed.....

Date.....