

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
NORTON-JUXTA-KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
THE 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2011 AT NORTON PARISH HALL, LITTLEWORTH

Public question time; Cllr. Lucas recommended that a valuation of the parish hall for insurance purposes be obtained. Currently the hall is insured for is £573,521.00. The Trustees suggested that as the owners the Parish Council should obtain the valuation.

**1. Apologies for absence:** P. Richmond, K. Fincher, J. Greenway. These apologies were accepted and approved.

**Attending:** H. Turvey, Mrs. C. McGovern, A. Bennett, Mrs. D. Hewison, D. Lucas, J. Sparling, M. Reeves Cllr. R. Adams (County and District Councillor).

In the absence of Mrs. J. Greenway, Mrs. C. McGovern took the minutes.

Best wishes to Jane for a speedy recovery.

**2. Signing of Outstanding Undertakings and Declarations of Office**

Some items remain outstanding and Cllr. Turvey will follow up on those.

**3. Changes to Membership**

To be discussed at next meeting.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Mrs. McGovern expressed a personal interest in agenda item 14(b)

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

It was proposed by Cllr. Lucas, seconded by Cllr. Sparling and all were in agreement that the minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> June be approved.

**6. 2011/177 Reports**

**A) Cllr. R.C. Adams (District Councillor)**

Cllr. Adams advised that the lines outside the school will be extended to outside the Methodist Church. The 20mph limit outside school will be completed during August. The white van near coppice cottage is now parking further away from the corner and this is deemed acceptable by the police.

Correspondence from the Local Community Energy event and Pershore Youth Centre was passed to Cllr. Sparling to be included on the local website. Figures relating to the recent traffic survey for numbers and speed were requested. Cllr. Turvey read out a letter from the police with speed findings.

**b) Planning**

i) Full planning application for Crookbarrow road has been submitted for comments by 28<sup>th</sup> July. Clarification of where the pedestrian crossing and the bus shelter are needed to be followed up by Cllr Turvey.

ii) SMH operating hours. Cllr Richmond and Cllr Turvey had attended a meeting with Wychavon Planning on this matter. Wychavon have advised that there may be difficulties in enforcing the times for vehicle movements, as the planning conditions are not consistent and not well drafted. One point of view was that money may not be well spent pursuing this. However, it was agreed by a vote 4-1 to obtain legal advice up to an amount £300 as a double check.

iii) Cllr Lucas has spoken to various members of Morganite Crucible Business Park and they feel a meeting would be good practice. Cllr. Turvey and Cllr. Bennett to set up a meeting inviting Peter Morgan to join them in September.

There was a planning condition attached to Norton College to enforce turning right when leaving the premise but we are unsure if Arrow are bound by same planning condition. Cllr. Turvey to check.

**C) Allotments**

All allotments have been allocated and are monitored. A request for a shed has been agreed with conditions not to install on permanent standing, a wooden shed in colour to match, and to be removed if plot is given up. The hedge along Wadborough road will be cut in August after the bird nesting season. Cllr. Turvey will acquire quotes for the removal of the moles.

**d) Playing Fields**

See items 16 and 17

**e) Public rights of way**

The field through which footpath NJ508 passes has been ploughed and the path has not been reinstated. Cllr. Turvey to investigate. Signs have appeared along the footpath behind the firing range NJ563 stating that it is a live firing area. Cllr Turvey to check who put up the signs and ask for them to be removed. The hedge by Joystans at top of Wadborough Road has been reported as too high. Mrs. Greenway to find out legal height restrictions before writing to the residents.

**f) Finance**

In the absence of the Clerk only approximate figures were available for the bank balances. Mrs. Greenway is now receiving statutory sick pay.

**g) West Mercia Police**

No report from the police had been received.

**h) Parish Plan**

Parish Plan is still on course of being completed.

**i) EnviroSort**

Cllr. Lucas is still waiting for an answer to the incorrect signage on Woodbury Lane, which was raised at the last liaison meeting.

Lawrence vehicles had been reported travelling through the village, they may have been to AKS Karting or Molton Metals but not EnviroSort. Cllr. Lucas is following up on this.

**7. 2011/178 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Complaints Procedure and scheme of delegation**

Cllrs. Fincher and Turvey had held a meeting with the Clerk to review these. Revised versions should be available for discussion at next meeting.

**8. 2011/179 Review of Polling district and Polling places within Wychavon District Council**

Cllr. Adams feels we are happy with venue, but disappointed that after many years Les Simms was moved to a different area.

**9. 2011/180 New homes Bonus Consultation**

Cllr. Turvey was unable to attend the recent meeting at Wychavon on this topic as he had hoped, but will look at the slides from the meeting that have been sent.

**10. 2011/181 South Worcestershire Development Plan**

Cllr. Turvey said there has been considerable concern following the publication of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Preferred Options document particularly with regards to the area of

land defined as Norton Barracks Extension, and showed a map that had been produced as part of the documentation. This was a surprise as the Parish Council had been advised some months ago by Wychavon that if the Crookbarrow Road development proceeded there would be no other development sites within the Parish included within the SWDP.

However, he advised members that since the publication of that document, he had held a number of discussions with Paul Middleborough Leader of Wychavon Council, Judy Pearce Deputy Leader of Wychavon Council, Executive Board Member for Planning and a member of the Joint Advisory Panel, Cllr. Rob Adams the District Councillor, and Planning Officers at Wychavon to clarify the position.

Furthermore he was pleased to advise that Paul Middleborough has confirmed that there will be no housing or employment development sites in that plan within the Parish east of the Norton Road, which was exactly in line with what had been agreed with Judy Pearce on 4<sup>th</sup> July, and covered in detail at the meeting with Fred Davies on 5<sup>th</sup> July which was attended by Cllr. Richmond, Cllr. Adams and himself. The northern part of the area marked Norton Barracks Extension on the map is to be reserved for the construction of a secondary school at some future point. In the event that the Broomhall Extension proceeds, there is also to be a green gap to the west of the Norton Road/Broomhall to separate that development from Norton. The SWDP Preferred Options documentation will be amended accordingly prior to publication.

The Parish Council had indicated at an earlier meeting that its wish was for there to be no development in the area in question, but at the meeting attended by Cllrs. Richmond and Turvey on 5<sup>th</sup> July prior to the Wychavon Council meeting they agreed to the above compromise proposals as the basis for consultation.

Cllr. Turvey said he appreciated the cooperation he had received from Wychavon Councillors and Officers in resolving this matter satisfactorily, and felt these assurances should alleviate fears residents may have regarding the current Norton Barracks community being absorbed in Worcester City. He added that we know from the high level of response in support of the earlier petition, that residents want to retain the individual rural identity of the village, and do not want it to coalesce with the city.

Mr. Dyer, Cllr. Fincher and Cllr. Turvey to produce a flier to send to residents to keep them updated and advise them of the above.

A 'consultation' meeting was held by JTP on behalf of Welbeck Land regarding their proposals for development in the area. Cllr. Turvey said that the SWDP Working Party feel it is far too early for site specific consultations to start, and it has created confusion for the residents and is misleading. Cllr. Turvey read out a proposed letter to send to JTP, which was agreed.

Cllr. Adams said that he had spoken to Peter Luff who advised that he will support the wishes of the Parish Council. Peter Luff has asked for the Parish's views on the SWDP. It was agreed that Cllr. Turvey will write to him with these, which will follow the policies already agreed by the Parish Council. There is to be a formal consultation meeting in the Parish regarding the SWDP, but the date is not yet known. The date will be included in the next newsletter.

Members agreed that the SWDP Working Group should take those actions it felt necessary to secure the agreed Parish Council objectives which are no development within the Parish other than the Crookbarrow Road development for 74 homes for which outline planning approval has already been granted, a significant green gap between Norton and any new development with no vehicular access on the Norton Road, Broomhall or Broomhall Lane, and a reduction in the numbers from what is currently

proposed of any south Worcester urban extension. The Working Group will contact members if their input on any matter is necessary prior to the next meeting and will also keep members informed.

**11. 2011/182 Flooding issues**

a) Network Rail need to complete their work on the upstream ditch. Cllr. Reeves to obtain a quote from Mr Gill for work to be done in his fields.

b) Still waiting response from David Lavender over proposals for additional flood alleviation measures.

**12. 2011/183 Norton Pre-school proposals**

The shelter to be moved in the summer holidays. Cllr Lucas to follow up.

**13 .2011/184 Land adjacent to St Peters Garden Centre**

The £80,000 which the council will receive after the first house is sold will be used to develop the tennis court area into a multi-purpose play area. Cllr. Turvey to liaise with Gem Teal at Wychavon for advice. The £10,000 will be available on commencement of the development will be used towards a cycle way over the southern link. Cllr. Richmond to look at plans for the play area.

**14) 2011/185 PAYE Registration of the Parish Council**

Mrs. Greenway will have details for the September meeting.

**15) 2011/186 Parish Clerk Contract**

To be finalised, once completed will be circulated for councillors to approve.

**16) 2011/187 Parish hall Recreation Facilities.**

See agenda item 13.

**17 )2011/188 Playing Field Hire**

Will be discussed at September meeting.

Cllr. Turvey to liaise with Cllr Hewison over a Ladies Football training team possibly using the field.

**18) 2011/189 Bus Service review**

Still waiting to hear whether there will be an additional service at a reduced rate for students attending Pershore High School. Cllr. Sparking to obtain figures from Wychavon over bus usage particularly in the evenings and produce a questionnaire for the newsletter asking if parishioners would use this service? Newsletter article letting all know changes in bus service.

**19) 2011/190 Traffic Calming measures**

In view of the potential additional houses, the police are to be asked their views on a 20mph speed limit along Crookbarrow Road. Cllr. Turvey to follow up.

**20) 2011/191 Churchyard Car Park**

The landscaping has yet to be completed which was part of the planning condition. Parish to write to Rev. Sloggett.

**21) 2011/192 Allotments**

Discussed under agenda item 6 c)

**22) 2011/193 Land Ownership**

No further news

**23) 2011/194 Newsletter**

Further information needed.

**24) 2011/195 Finance**

Proposed by Cllr. Hewison and seconded by Cllr. Bennett and agreed by all that payments would be made.

**25) 2011/196 Correspondence for Information**

No requests made.

**26) 2011/197 Clerk's report on urgent Decisions since the last meeting**

No items other than those discussed within the agenda.

**27) 2011/198 Items for update to local M.P.**

Although the Council understands that the MOD land will have to be sold at market value the Parish would like to see affordable homes for injured or ex-servicemen as has been suggested by Cllr Adams. Rooftop housing is interested.

**28) 2011/199 Councillor's reports and items for future agenda**

The hedge on the corner of Salamanca Drive is still growing over the sign.

Mr. Reeves has a flag pole if the Parish Council would like it. Cllr. Turvey to visit to see the pole.

**29) 2011/200 Date of next meeting: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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25<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Dear Sir

**Welbeck Land**

As you know the South Worcestershire Development Plan Preferred Options consultation was recently approved by the three councils and it will be going to public consultation in September. We were surprised by your decision to run an event recently on behalf of Welbeck Land as we think it far too early for site specific consultations to start. It has created confusion for the residents and is misleading. The Councils are following a plan-led approach which developers should follow. Once the SWDP has completed its public consultation process, and the policies and sites have been formally approved, then we believe it would be appropriate, and desirable, for site specific consultations to be held working within the SWDP policies. Furthermore development of any 'urban extensions' has been phased towards the latter part of the plan period, so there is no need to move on these with undue haste.

For these reasons, the Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council does not feel it appropriate to participate in a site specific forum at this stage. We recommend that any site specific consultation is deferred until later date.

We attach a copy of a document we prepared in 2009 that defines the major considerations and requirements to ensure that the identity of our village is retained, in accordance with the plan policy. The residents of Norton-juxta-Kempsey have made it very clear from the previous events we have held that they do not want their villages to coalesce with Worcester City.

We were disturbed by your failure to make a commitment that you would not bring forward a planning application in advance of the SWDP. We would appreciate confirmation on this point. We would also be interested to see a plan that shows precisely which land you have options on as this was not at all clear from the documentation you presented.

If you have any queries that you would like to ask the Parish Council, then you are quite welcome to attend the public question time at the start of the Parish Council meeting (as it is open to any member of the public) or to write to us. Members of the Parish Council are of course not precluded from attending events you hold as individuals, and expressing their personal views. Finally members of Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council do not give authority for their photographs to be used in your materials without prior approval.

Yours sincerely

Jane Greenway  
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