

NORTON & LENCHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Norton & Lenchwick Parish Council Meeting held on
12th May 2009 in the Village Hall at 20h45

Present

Cllr Fletcher (Chair)
Cllr Leonard
Cllr Worthington
Cllr Middleton
Cllr Hill
Cllr Iorns
Cllr Weaving
Cllr Richards
Mrs Spence (Clerk)

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Prew and Holt
2. **Declaration of Interest** – No declaration of interest was made
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2009** were approved as a true and correct record.
4. **Chairman's Report** – Cllr Fletcher extended thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to outgoing Chairman, Cllr Worthington. Several projects had progressed during the past 12 months and it was hoped that the success of the council would continue during the year ahead.
5. **District Councillors Report** – No District Council report.
6. **Field Path Officer's Report** – Cllr Leonard reported £420.00 had been applied for by the Parish under the Countryside PPP3 scheme, it was hoped this would be received. An abandoned car in Heathfield Road had been reported. Path 520 had a new ditch crossing installed by County Council. Path 518 needed a ditch crossing. Path 500 required signage. Path 522- landowner has cleared the field. There had been several queries regarding allotments. Clerk to contact Smith Wadley. It was agreed that Lengthsman should cut back brambles in vicinity of Kingdom Hall.
7. **Playing Fields** – It was reported that the annual equipment inspection had been undertaken by Wicksteed Leisure. Generally in order. Comments were made about grassing the area around the shelter and goals; and that the open area from play area on to the Smith Wadley field (in front of Village Hall) should be fenced. Clerk to contact regarding permission to do fencing and request a contribution to the cost. It was agreed that a gate at the bottom of the play area was

required, however County Council had previously said this could not be approved. As the request was made as part of the play area inspection, Clerk to contact County again. Cllr Leonard to forward email received from County previously in this regard.

- 8. Lengthsman** – Most footpaths in Norton and Lenchwick needing widening were complete. Mowing had not been to usual standard – clerk to report. It was noted that 3 extra dog waste bins were needed for the parish. Clerk to action. All agreed that daffodils should be planted at entrance to village for next Spring. It was noted that the parcel of land next to the Church would be required as an extension to the churchyard at some point in the future. It would be the council's responsibility to ensure the land was made suitable for this purpose ie. Drainage etc. - this must be taken into account in future precept applications. It was noted that a complaint had been received regarding some work the council had done on Footpath 522 regarding cutting back of brambles etc. This had been carried out as a result of complaints from parents that children were using overgrown area inappropriately. Permission had been obtained from the landowner. The complaint had questioned whether it had been the right time of year for the work to be carried out with regard to nature etc. The council felt it was urgent and did not feel the work had caused any harm to wildlife.
- 9. Street Lighting** – Clerk and Cllrs Middleton & Leonard to meet at the site the next day to discuss.
- 10. Future of St Egwins Church** – The church was generally struggling to raise funds to continue as were many churches. Several ideas to commercialise the church and hire it out for meetings etc had been considered. The main issue was that the church did not have any toilet facilities. The council had received a request from the Church for a donation. All agreed that the council would rather fund a specific item that was needed for the church in place of a financial donation. Clerk to write to Secretary.
- 11. Draft Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009** – It was agreed that accounts could be forwarded for internal audit by Iain Selkirk. External audit would be carried out thereafter by Clement Keys.

12. Finance

- a. The following payments were approved:

Clerks salary & expenses	£245.30 (April + May 2009)
Lengthsman	£91.84 (Play field maintenance)
CPRE	£29.00 (Annual Subscription)
Allianz	£602.01 (Annual insurance)
Smartcut	£248.75 (Parish mowing March 09)
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NPower	£86.20 (Electricity Jan-March 09)
Worcs CALC	£354.99 (Annual subscription)

- b. First Precept payment of £5500 had been received. Lengthsman subsidy reimbursement received £1106.30 from Worcestershire County Council

13. Planning

(a) Scottish Power Renewables re Temporary Met Mast, Evesham Road, Norton – the application was approved at Development Control Committee Meeting

(b) Trustees of PM Haines re Blayney House, Blayneys Lane, Evesham – the application was approved

14. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Relocation of Chadbury Notice Board

15. Correspondence – Correspondence was circulated

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 7th July 2009 in the Village Hall at 19h30. The meeting closed at 21h30.

Signed:

Chairman _____

Date _____