

Norton & Lenchwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 6th September 2012 No.09/12
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Present

K. Leonard, Chairman, A. Hill, V. Chairman, Councillors K. Davies, J. Middleton, J. Fretwell
 M. Smith, Clerk and C. Holt, District / County Councillor, C. Homer District Councillor &
 P. Parfitt, Lengthsman

1. Apologies

Councillor D. Bush

2. Declarations of Interest

K. Leonard, Byrd Row Development

3. Public Session

None

4. Review of the minutes of the previous meeting. These were agreed

5. District / County Councillors Report's

Councillor said that there was nothing for N & L to be concerned re the SWDP.

Councillor agreed that there is still confusion over the new Planning Regulations

The Parish Council need to list the register of assets within the villages

St. Egwins surfacing has now been completed. The Chairman offered a vote of thanks to Councillor Holt for following this through

Councillor J. Fretwell asked councillor if he could arrange the destruction of the ragwort which is again a problem.

Councillor K. Davies asked Councillor if the footpath to Twyford Island could have the brambles cut back. This needs to be placed on the Hub.

6. Chairman's Report

There were 20 people who attended the "Surgery" with Councillor K. Davies in charge of collecting ideas for future events etc. as per the following,

1. A Facebook page for the parish

2. Family Wildlife Walks

3. Family Bulb Planting

4. Monthly Events, Quiz Night, Bingo, Burns Night (yearly) New Years Eve party for Villagers

5. Tea Dance / Book Club

6. Village Green, Extend Sport Area, Outdoor Bowling Green, Small Music Festival, Teddy Bears Picnic

7. Mobile Shop / Post Office

These suggestions will be discussed by the Community Outreach Committee with hopefully some Community members joining the Committee

A special thank you goes out to Iris Middleton and Neville Bennett for their help with serving tea and washing up I spoke with Paul Bowness from Hall Estate Agents in Worcestershire. He was supposed to have brought our request for allotment land up at the mid-July Diocese board meeting but from the way spoke I think he forgot. He said things were slow at the moment but he would bring it up again

I said we expected to pay a reasonable rent fee but if we did we would expect a 5 year commitment as we would have to make some improvements. I also told him I had spoken with the planning dept. about the paddock land and he asked if I would forward a copy to him. He gave no indication to when he will speak with the diocese again but I will follow up prior to the next meeting.

Twenty two people have signed a petition supporting the Village Green application and requesting the process proceeds. The Clerk will send a copy of the petition along with a letter to Barbara McClaren to request she instruct Fiona Morgan (Solicitor for Worcestershire) to proceed with the petition without delay as this has the support of the village.

We still do not have the data collection for the VAS. I have spoken to Westcotec and they seem to think it may be a faulty cable so they have despatched a replacement and we will test it on Saturday.

If this does not work a replacement unit will be requested

7. Field Path Officers Report

I have liaised with Fiona Morgan regarding the allocation of the funds given to the Parish Council for path clearance. As the approval of our grant was received so late we were unable to clear NL501 early in the season and as a result it was no longer light clearance but heavy clearance, something we had not budgeted for.

In addition paths NL520, 521 & 522 which normally require one cut per year, now require a second cut due to the weather and Morris's field is usually cut for hay and has not been.

Fiona has confirmed that she had no complaints on record for NL501 and she would try and have it cleared under her winter clearance budget. We could use the balance of our funds to have a second cut of NL520, 521 & 522.

8. Lengthsmans Report

The lengthsmen reported that there were no problems and the work completed was as per his worksheets.

9. Street Lighting Officers Report

None

10. Finance & Policy Committee Report

None

11. Community & Outreach Committee Report

None

12. New & Ongoing Items

a) Street Lighting Update.

The Clerk would be meeting Prysmian on Friday 14th to discuss the work required

b) Surgery Results

As per the Chairman's report

c) Village Green Update

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d) Allotments Update

Chairman spoke with Paul Bowness from Hall Estate Agents in Worcestershire. He had no further information from the Diocese to provide. Availability of the paddock land was discussed and it indicated the PC would pay a reasonable rent but would require a five year commitment from the Diocese. No indication was given when he would speak to the Diocese again but asked the Chairman provide him with a copy of the planning opinion of allotments on the land which was done

e) VAS Update

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f) Park Signs re Dog Walkers

Councillors were asked to create a sample of wording for the next meeting

13. Planning

Be aware of any planning application re Caravan Club

Byrd Row.

V. Chairman A. Hill to email the Clerk with the Parish Councils objections to this application

Wood Norton

No Objections

Harvington (Flood Containment)

No Objections

14. Finance

Copies of accounts were made available for Councillors

Cheques signed,

Smart Cut, Grasscutting June / July / August £778.68

Westcotec, VAS Pole Brackets £768.00

Wychavon Sport, Parish Games Entry £6.00

WDC, Dog Bins £1,081.15

HMRC, 2nd Quarter Tax £76.20

M. Smith, Salary, £251.70, P& D of Newsletters, £60.00, Electricity Bill, 01/04/12 thru 30/06/12 £86.97, VAS Admin for Harvington £75.00, Flowers, £24.00

Total £497.67

Lengthsman, Jul / Aug + Recreation Ground, Strimming of Footpaths NL520, 521 & 522 £343.25

Receipts

WCC, Lengthsman Duties May / June £160.00

15. Date of the next meeting as 1st November 2012

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

Meeting Closed 8.30

Signed.....

Date.....

Notes of the Public Question Time