

Norton & Lenchwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 1st November 2012 No.09/12
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Present

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

1. Apologies

Councillors D. Bush & K. Davies

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Session

Two members of the public were present (Mr & Mrs Holland)

Their concerns were the many speeding signs along the Salford Priors to Evesham road but none that advised motorists to slow down and with many sited in the wrong places. They were advised that our VAS were due to be erected on this stretch of road as from Monday next week for two weeks to monitor the speeding. Mr Holland asked if we could inform the police of his concerns. Councillor A. Hill will be attending the next PACT meeting and will speak about this issue.

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

5. District / County Councillors Report's

DC C. Holt asked for copies of the draft Minutes along with the Agenda for future meetings. The Clerk will arrange this.

6. Chairman's Report

I attended the development committee meeting to speak against the proposed development on the protected open space by the Village Hall. After finally getting my three minutes at 7.00pm with one exception, councillors present had no comment. Perhaps they were all tired from sitting there for five hours, but the one glimmer of hope was the one councillor who did speak asked that a one year limitation be placed on the approval. She felt if the project was not started in one year it should expire. The presumption being by then their planning rules will be in place and they will not likely to get planning after that time.

After sitting in chambers for over four hours I learned that there is no regard for protected open space and although sustainability requirements are at the forefront of Wychavon August 2012 Planning update in actuality they are paying lip service to sustainability. Norton, as a 4b unsustainable Village by Wychavon's own definition should be the last place to see development on protected open space. There are no rules at the moment, and it appears to me that Wychavon is taking license to do what they want without regard to the Community or the P.C. They are also very keen to get the numbers of houses up to meet targets. As targets have not yet been determined, slapping houses in everywhere seems a very irresponsible strategy. We should be very afraid over the next year.

I received an email that a Pact meeting is due to be held on the 14th November at the home of Andy Clements (Harvington). I would like to nominate Councillor A. Hill to attend as our representative.

7. Field Path Officers Report

All paths have now been strimmed as per or agreement with Countryside Access and the Clerk will be asked to submit our invoice for payment
Path NL502 has been cleaned by Countryside Access

8. Lengthsmans Report

The Recreation Ground has been attended to on a weekly basis which will cease at the end of October and will recommence at the beginning of March.
Evesham needs more attention.
VAS movements are ongoing and no problems incurred.

9. Street Lighting Officers Report

Councillor J. Middleton reported a fault with L/C 1 to Prysman

10. Finance & Policy Committee Report

None

11. Community & Outreach Committee Report

Ideas presented at the PC Surgery on the 1st September were reviewed. Although there were many good ideas presented, we were keen to undertake projects that had the best chance of succeeding. We could then use that success to build on with other ideas.

- “Debbie” from Kings Lane has asked to join the committee but was unable to make this meeting. She would be a community representative on the committee. Her nomination would be proposed at the next PC meeting.
- The idea for a Facebook Group for Norton & Lenchwick looked a promising way to let the younger generation know what was going on in the Parish. It was noted that this would have to be a group for Norton & Lenchwick and not connected to the Parish Council. It would also have to be moderated. We will asked the woman who made the suggestion if she would be willing to set up the group and / or moderate it.
- It was decided that to pursue the suggestion of a Quiz Night,
 - Entry to be kept affordable, to include food such as a jacket potato & chilli
 - Need to inquire about legalities of BYOB, but liquor would not be sold
 - Theme would be Christmas and intended as a night for families to enjoy
 - Ideas for promotion would have to be formulated
 - Costing of a Quiz Night to be developed by the committee
 - Proposal for the PC to fund a family Quiz Night with a Christmas theme to be made at the next PC meeting
- One of the other suggestions that the committee would look into further was how to implement A bad weather network for the elderly in the village

12. New & Ongoing Items

a) Street Lighting Update

Motion to clarify quotation form WPD proposed by KL and seconded by AH. Unanimous.
Clerk to clarify

b) Village Green Update

Councillors K. Leonard, A. Hill, K. Davies and the occupant of No. 4 Byrd Row met with Edgar Powell from the Open Space Society to discuss the Village Green issue. It seems that the Growth & Infrastructure bill will make it hard to apply for Village Green status.
B. McClaren has handed over the application documents to the occupant of No. 4 Byrd Row to continue with the process.

- c) Allotments Update
Still awaiting an update from the diocese.
- d) VAS Update
The data collection is still not working. A new cable is awaited from Westcotec. The unit will be out of service at the weekend but will be tested on Monday.
- e) Signs for Park.
Motion to approve three signs (eighteen inches in width) subject to wording TBD at the next PC meeting
- f) Neighbourhood Watch
Ten to twelve names already signed up
- g) Dog Bins Update
The two new dog bins have now been installed
- h) Grit Bins
No data available

13. Planning

Application for the Holland's, no objections
Application for Mr Wills, objections forwarded to WDC

14. Finance

Copies of accounts were made available for Councillors
Proposal for the precept for 2013/2014
It was decided that councillors would review this and a decision would be made at the January meeting.

Cheques signed,
Smartcut, Grasscutting (Sep) £519.12
Npower, Electricity 01/07/12 thru 30/09/12 £87.94
M. Smith, Salary Sep / Oct £251.70

Receipts

None

15. Date of the next meeting as 3rd January 2013

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

Meeting Closed 8.45

Signed.....

Date.....

Notes of the Public Question Time