

## Norton and Lenchwick Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

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Present: K. Leonard, Chairman, D. Bush, Vice Chairman, Cllrs: S. Drayton, E. Heald, T. Battersby, K. Davies and W. Cope Clerk.

1) Apologies

none

2) Declaration of interest

Cllr. Leonard is married to the Lengthsman, and must be excluded from any conversations in relation to this. She is also a trustee of the hall.

2) Public Session

Two members of the public attended. No issues arose.

3) Review of minutes of previous meeting.

Approved the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017

4) District Cllr. C. Homer.

Cllr. Homer reported KFC planning at the Valley was still ongoing. Boardman Bikes should be completed in February and they hope for a pre -Easter opening. The Valley will be scheduling an informational meeting before the end of the year with the parish & district councillors.

5) County Cllr. A. Hopkins

Cllr. Hopkins reported that he had been contacted over a parking dispute within the Parish, which he was endeavouring to resolve. He also reminded the Council we could apply for monies from his Divisional Fund.

6) Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk would begin going through the GDPR 12- step preparedness program before the next meeting. The issue previously brought up by the path warden about the deteriorating steps at the Valley has been resolved by the landowner.

7) Field Path Officers report

The footpath warden's written report noted circular path around the glebe land of the Evesham Road has been cleared and is being maintained. The footpath within our parish from the sewerage plant to Manor Farm caravan park by Harvington Brook has also been cleared. Blaney's Lane footpath is now walkable.

Clearance has been done on the public footpaths creating a walkable 4km path from Heathfield Lane through Lenchwick, Chadbury, Wood Norton to below Craycombe He has logged in with CA the requirement for winter clearance of NL515 & NL514.

8) Lengthsman Report

The Lengthsman has adjusted the two gates leading into the playing field and has positioned the new prohibitive dog signs leading into the play park.

9) Finance and Policy committee report

A) The draft 2018/2019 budget was presented by the Clerk. The Chairman highlighted we have not received notification of the status of the grant from Wychavon and the budget had been worked on the basis that we would receive the grant. Until the tax base is known, discussion about raising the precept would be on hold until the final figure was known. It was noted that if some of the proposed new projects were approved, the budget would need to be altered to accommodate the ongoing expense. It was reported there is five years left on the Public Works Loan. The payments would come back into the budget at that time.

B) Statement of cash reflected £6,000 allocated toward contingency, £8,000 towards the new perimeter fence around the playing field, £700 toward a new dog bin, and £1,300 for planters.

10) Community Outreach and P.A.C.T reports.

Cllr. Battersby reported he was contacted by a parishioner concerned about deer being struck on the Evesham Road between Orchard Farm and her property. He further consulted with highways who agreed to arrange for deer warning signs to be erected.

The dragon's teeth were returned to the Evesham Road after recent road repairs covered them over.

Cllr. Battersby received the accident statistics from the Safer Road Partnership for A44 at Chadbury and reported 4 accidents since 2014; 2 serious and 2 minor.

PACT has collapsed with the police claiming budget cuts prohibit them from participating. Cllr. Homer reported other parishes, like Broadway, have a robust PACT group. Harvington & Norton had a robust group until we received notification PACT would not be supported. It was decided to write a joint letter signed by the Parish, District and the County Cllr's asking the police to continue supporting PACT.

Community Speed Watch Scheme reported their testing results and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile on Kings Lane was 33.5 miles per hour qualifying Kings Lane for community speed watch. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile within the 30-mph section of the Evesham Road was 40.5 miles per hour, which is unprecedented and supports what residents have been saying all along. Community Speed Watch would not be allowed in this location the speed is too fast. The Community Speed Watch Committee will contact the Parish Council once they have worked out what can be done.

11) Progress reports and New Items.

A) The Clerk reported getting people to come out to quote for the fence has been difficult. One company has come out to measure and quote, but a second company would not come out and the resulting quote was flawed as a result.

The New Homes Bonus available to the parish is £4,869 and will be requested to help fund the fence after the appropriate consultation was completed. The Chairman asked the Clerk to consider other avenues of funding and report back.

- B) The Clerk has only been able to acquire one quote for the tree inspection thus far. She was confident that another quote would arrive soon. The quote noted that £400 of immediate work was required and the remaining work could be undertaken later. The chairman asked that a decision could be made after the second quote arrived.
- C) A motion made to purchase gates, if approved by Highways, at the Norton Grange end of the parish was approved. Cllr. Battersby to liaise with Highways for permission.
- D) A motion was made to approve the installation of a dog bin to be sighted at Heathfield Road end of the alley leading to Lloyd Close.
- E) A motion was made to install planters supplied by Limebridge at the existing white gates on the Evesham Road. The motion was approved.
- F) A motion was made to consider a request for £200 to supplement funding for the children's Christmas Party. The Parish Hall has approved a grant application for £500 and that grant application was presented to the council for reference. The motion was passed.

#### 12) Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from Worcester County Council regarding the street lights clarifying our contract with them was for maintenance and any replacements would be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

#### 13) Planning

Plans under review; Chadbury shop requesting planning for a Coffee shop.

A motion was made to accept the Planning Terms of Reference. The motion was approved.

Cllr. Battersby commented work has started renovation of the derelict house previously own by the late Mr. Byrd. Planning permission will be sought to develop the rest of the land at some point after probate was sorted.

#### 14) Creditors to be paid.

All paid per addendum

#### 15) Date of next meeting

Meeting the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Meeting adjourned 9pm

Signed/dated

Kathleen Leonard, Chairman