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Norton and Lenchwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 1st July 2021 at 7.30pm

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Present: Vice Chairman Cllr Mark Funnell, Cllr Edwin Heald, Cllr Jasper Sealey-Wade, Cllr Jessica Arthurs-Pitts, Cllr Ian Sherborne, Cllr Samantha Cope, Wendy Cope Parish Clerk, David Iorns Lengthsman

1) Apologies Chairman Sue Drayton

2) Declaration of interest, None

3) Public Session, There were several members of the public present. Kathryn Hamlin and Anne Castle asked the Parish Council to look into several problems in Lenchwick: overgrown gardens affecting the footpaths; litter; dog poo; speeding The Council advised: The reporting system at Worcestershire County for overgrown footpaths; a new litter bin has been ordered for Lenchwick; That they could look into a vas/cid machine to be positioned in Lenchwick and also that Speedwatch was in operation in Lenchwick. Jayne Merrett and Derek Castle addressed the issue of overgrown footpaths and verges by The Kingdom Hall with The Council; The Lengthsman will cut back the overgrown footpath and The Clerk will report the verges to County.

4) Review of minutes of previous meeting

Approved the minutes of The Parish Council Meeting held on 6th May 2021.

# 5) District Councillor’s Report

Not present

6) County Councillors Report

Not present

7) Chairman’s Report

Cllr Drayton had sent a report with The Vice Chairman Cllr Funnell, because she was shielding due to covid.

I am really sorry not to be at the first proper face to face meeting!

On Monday I attended a ‘Community Engagement’ training course and the good news is as a parish we are doing pretty well compared to other councils. Having an overlap between The Parish Council and The Village Hall Trustees does help and it shows we are a friendly village. I have spoken to quite a few people around the village lately about things. I have found out that two people are looking into buying some of the old allotment site by the village hall but they haven’t got back in touch yet with their progress.

I have been involved more with the Ashmore’s Farm Woodland project – I managed to get two loads of bark mulch from the place in between Norton and Ellenden shop for free. This will be used to suppress the weeds. There are a lot of weeds and Ragwort especially is a big problem. The group have got lots of good ideas about the layout of the site with wild flower meadows, wildlife pond, orchards and statement trees around the edge. Some of it will be for people to have the opportunity to buy trees for the community orchard part but we feel that we will get the site a bit more planted before we do this. The local famer who is renting the two fields where the orchards will be has unfortunately lost the crop he planted there. Volunteers from Worcester and from our group will be getting together next Thursday for some maintenance work. A kissing gate has been sourced but I am not sure when it will be installed by the gate by the A46 bridge.

8)Field Path Officer’s Report

Dear Parish Councillors. Please accept my sincere thanks for the unexpected but most welcome and generous gift in recognition of my activity on the local footpaths. Barbara and I have enjoyed living in the Parish for over 50 years and keeping the paths open was my small way of putting something back into The Community. Your gift will be used to purchase something for the garden that will be an enduring reminder of your kindness. Barbara and I have enjoyed walking for many years and in many parts of The World. Every step we have taken has been on a path that someone somewhere has created and tended. Maintaining our own Parish Paths

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has given me the opportunity to extend to others some of the pleasures that we have enjoyed when on our walks. Thank you again for your generous gift and kind thoughts.

9)Lengthsman Report David reported that he had been busy trying to keep the footpaths clear. He said he would endeavour to clear the footpaths near The Kingdom Hall asap. He reported that the hedge opposite The Norton Grange was severely impeding the footpath there! Cllr. Sealey-Wade reported that the owner had died. The Clerk said she would report it to County. David also reported the graffiti damage to The Play Park immediately after the renovations had been completed. The Clerk reported that this had been reported to the police however due to a lack of evidence nothing could be done.

10) Finance and PolicyThe Clerk informed The Council The balance of the account was £8,493.94 and that the mowing allowance from County of £1,137.94 had been received.

11) Community Outreach and PACT Cllr Funnell reported that Speedwatch was now up and running again. Cllr Funnell explained to The Public how Speedwatch worked. He said that we now needed to train more people. The Clerk volunteered David The Lengthsman, and Cllr Sealey-Wade volunteered his wife. Cllr Funnel said that if The Speed van could not be used on Evesham Road maybe the police with a speed gun could, this had happened before. Cllr Funnell reported that The Cyclepath project now had a website and would be publishing A Newsletter, they are progressing if slowly.

12) Progress Reports and new items

A) The Clerk reported that The Trustees, had agreed to look after the land adjacent to the village hall after finding plans that stated it was for the use of The Village Hall

B) The Clerk reported that the repairs to The Play Park had now been completed.

C) The Council decided that the quad bike nuisance was an infrequent disturbance and that it would be best reported to The Police as and when it occurred.

D) The Clerk reported that the electricity to The Telephone Kiosk would be connected at the beginning of August and the renovations could then begin.

E) The Clerk reported she had asked David to renovate the notice board at Chadbury for now, but The Council should think about moving it because it is in a dangerous position.

F) The Clerk reported that she had a meeting with Wychavon to determine the position of the new waste bin in Lenchwick.

G) Cllr Sherborne suggested that The Clerk send an email to The Church Warden suggesting that The Glebe land be cleared and planted with wild flowers.

H) The Clerk suggested it would be best to publish A newsletter at the beginning of August after The Prime Minister had confirmed the new measures concerning Covid, in the middle of July!

I) The Clerk reported that she had been approached by A parishioner for the provision of allotments.

J) Live and Local is an organisation that provides entertainment for local bodies and Village Halls. The Council will consider these after lockdown restriction are eased!

K) The Clerk said that she would send the police survey to each Councillor.

L) Chris Davies Parish Councillor for Harvington had published a report on social media, regarding the change of boundaries for Harvington and Norton. The Clerk appraised The Council of this.

M) The Chairman had been approached by a concerned Parishioner about some horses in a paddock by The Kingdom Hall, it would seem they are housed on Council land. The Clerk will inform Wychavon.

13 Correspondence none

14) Planning – 48A Evesham Road plans amended to Parish Councils requirements

15) Invoice to be paid – all paid per addendum

Next meeting Thursday 2nd September 2021

Meeting adjourned 9.30

Signed/date