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Norton and Lenchwick Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting, 4th July 2014

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Present K. Leonard, Chairperson, A Hill, V. Chairperson. Councillors: K Davies, D. Bush, C. Holt, County Councillor, C. Homer District Councillor, and S. Cope Acting Clerk. PC D. Shortell

Public present: 2

1) Apologies

2) Declaration Of interest

None.

3) Public Session

Steven Bullen gave a small talk on cycling initiative in the Vale. He asked the council to adopt a cycling and mobility issues for Norton and Lenchwick. Also to promote family cycling is normal.

K.Leonard brought up the issue of 106 funds not being offered to the Council in past. How should we address that in the future and could we use these funding for cycling.

PC David Shortell informed us what the police are doing in relation to speed and drugs. 14 police hours on speed enforcement has been completed within the parish on Norton Lenchwick and Harvington. He also mentioned the cardboard police man which is currently undergoing health and safety testing.

Sue Drayton mentioned the missing speed sign. S. Cope to report issue to County.

4) Review of minutes of previous meeting.

Approved the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st May 2014.

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5) District/County councillors report’s

Cllr. Holt

Headline figures for employment decreased again. Lowest since September 2008. The small council tax increases that were made earlier in the year raised 4 million ponds which went in to safe guarding children as there is a 22% increase in looking after children.

Cllr. Holt also received a complaint about the hedge on the Evesham road to the roundabout.

Cllr. Homer 83

Two large developments that had been turned down have now been awarded by the Secretary of State. This is very worrying as the SWPD is still not in place. Calls for sites has been made, and currently being looked at.

Plans ahead for merging the CEO roles of Malvern and Wychavon. Wychavon has agreed to this.

6) Chairperson Report

We require people to get involved in the Neighbourhood plan and as a council we cannot more forward until we have more input from the Parish. All we can do is keep mentioning it in our Newsletter and Facebook page with the hope for some from the parish.

7) Field Path Officers report

We have spent our P3 grant money but after speaking to Fiona Argyle our Area Manager from Countryside Access, she can send someone to do the heavy clearance for us on NL520.

8) Lengthsman Report

S.Cope has arranged for P. Parfitt and N. Bennett to take the Lengthsman course, which means both men will now be qualified to do the job.

9) Finance and Policy committee report

A) Motion to move banks from Lloyds Bank to Unity Trust Bank after payment of Play Park

Improvements passed unanimously

B) Motion passed to move to online banking once the PC changes banks.

C) All councillors agreed to be signatory’s with Unity Trust bank. D) Report on the Annual return. External Auditor reposted that Council tax support grant should not be included with the Precept, PWLB Loan was reported incorrectly.

10) Community and Outreach committee report

With regards to the current cost and effectiveness of the newsletter; Current cost is £136.00 for printing. K. Davies believes that the current publishing of every 2 mouths is a good way to inform the parish and looks good for the council. A. Hill believes it could become hard to fill newsletter on a 2 month basis. It was agreed to continue to publish every two months until January 2015 Parish council meeting.

11) New and Ongoing Items.

A) Npower have not yet confirmed that the WCC has taken responsibility of the lights.

B) Motion Passed by all councillors to move ahead with the quote from Playdale, for the upgrade on the park.

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C) Motion passed by all councillors to send a request to the village hall, formally asking to no longer be charged for the hire of the hall.

D) Motion passed by all councillors to fund the clerk’s CiLCA training.

E) The council has to by Law offer a pension to the clerk, K.Leonard will investigate this instead of the clerk.

12) Correspondence for Information

Email from J.Gardener. Agreed to send a reply. Copy attached.

13) Planning

None

14) Creditors to be paid.

S. Cope, Salary £576.72

K. Leonard £40.00 Expenses

Smart Cut £1153.80

Prysmian £360.00

Calc Training £300.00

Grant Thornton £120.00

Paul Parfitt £714.90

Iain Selkirk £75.00

Wicksteed £54.00

15) Date of next meeting

Next meeting to be held on the 4th Sept 2014

Meeting adjourned 8.50pm

Signed/dated

Kathleen Leonard, Chairman