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Norton and Lenchwick Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting, 3rd March 2016

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Present: K. Leonard, Chairman, D. Bush, Vice Chairman. Councillors: S. Drayton, T. Battersby, and S. Cope Clerk.

Public present: None

1. Apologies

None

2) Declaration of interest

K. 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.

3) Pubic Session

 Anne Heald, asked about the impact that the then new Richmond retirement village will have upon the A44. She is very concerned about the heavy construction traffic, and the possibility of a lot more traffic once the village is finished.

 The Council answered that the retirement village would be a mainly a dementia care unit, and that a survey was carried out when the planning permission was first put forward which stated that the increase in traffic would be minimal. A. Heald asked C. Holt if there was a possibility to get the speed limit reduced. However there is not enough houses along that road to warrant a drop in speed limit.

S. Cope said she would pass on the full plans submitted for the development to A Heald.

4) Review of minutes of previous meeting.

 Approved the minutes of the Council Meeting held 7th Jan 2016

5) District/County Councillor’s reports

C. Holt

Firstly the budget for the county council was approved. The council tax will go up 3.9%. 2% is a ring fenced budget for social care. The County council has allocated 12 million pounds to improve C roads and footpaths over the next 2 years. C. Holt was called out to Evesham Rd by residents with regards to people parking on the grass verge. K. Hempstock, traffic management officer joined C. Holt. He purposed to put up more bollards on the grass verge side to stop the cars parking there. He also will be replacing the ballads on the road side. K Hempstock also address the speeding issues the council has raised with C. Holt, via email to C. Holt, on new road signage. He believed that any extra items would not be much help and unlikely to happen. However some current items need to be replaced, and he will look at this. C. Holt highlighted that the 90% of the speeders are local people, and maybe it would be an idea to try and educate locals.

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C. Homer

Wychavon’s budget was agreed last week, there is a 0.44p increase per mouth on the council tax bill. Due to the containing cuts from central government Wychavon will be expected to be self-sufficient by 2020. This will be helped by Business rates, as the council will no longer have to pay them to Central government. Wychavon’s budget has made funds available to stop fly tipping. The SWDP has now been formally adopted.

The currently is a traffic survey being done for the whole of the Evesham area. Hopefully it will address the issues that surround the council currently face. Also £150,000 was given to the Evesham area to help improve the roads.

Diggerland is rumoured not to be opening until July.

NHB if you have it use it.

6) Chairman’s Report

 S. Cope and K. Leonard went to the Parish conference, a power point presentation was sent out to the other councillors after the Conference. One item from the Conference, was devolution. This would mean that the Parish Council would get more powers. Also there is emergency planning template with what to do in a disaster.

 AFFRD have provide 1.9 million for targeting growth in rural Worcestershire. Areas they are aiming for is cycle and footpaths between heritage sites.

 K. Leonard has written letter to the Salford Priors caravan sits with regards to their sale signs placed on the street furniture. A response was received noting our concerns.

7) Field Path Officers report

 . No report.

8) Lengthsman Report

 Lengthsman has completed the path widening on the Evesham Rd.

9) Finance and Policy Committee Report

 Bank reconciliation viewed and accepted by the council.

10) Community, Outreach and P.A.C.T Committee Report

 T. Battersby attended the PACT meeting, which also had representatives from Safer Road Partnership, Dave Presage. It was very helpful to have him at the meeting as other members were able to quiz him on the criteria to fulfil to get the SRP Van in the area. Dave was very concerned about the speeding on Kings Rd. The approach should be to prevent rather than punish, Educate, Engineer and Enforce. The results from the meeting is to continue with the VAS. The SRP checked the calibration of our VAS and it triggers a 31mph. Contact other local parish councils and ask them to put something in their newsletter and contact local schools, and the local paper.

Hare Coursing/lamping; It has been reported that on the 22nd someone was caught by the police but no details have been passed onto PACT.

Next PACT meeting is 7th June.

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11) Progress reports and New Items.

A) Bus shelter rendering; we currently have one quote. S. Cope will try and get another quote.

B) Bus shelter light; the council will wait until after the bus shelter is done to make a decision.

C) The council are very pleased with Judith Selcuk’s suggestions to run the painting of the bus shelter as a community project.

D) The Annual Parish meeting will be held on the 29/4/2016. It will also include the consultation for the New Homes Bonus, and the council will supply refreshments. No more than £150.00 to be spent on refreshments and advertising.

E) A letter from A Hill in regards to the state of Kings Lane between Manor Farm and the playing field. T. Battersby will take this query on board when he addresses highways with the regards to speeding.

14) Planning

 No plans.

15) Creditors to be paid.

 All paid.

16) Date of next meeting

 12th May 2016

Meeting adjourned 8.44pm

Signed/dated

Kathleen Leonard, Chairman