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Norton and Lenchwick Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting, 3Th November 2016

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

Public present: 27

1. Apologies

C. Homer

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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 Part One

Graeme Beamish address the council, about the plans for Number 78 Birds Farm. They showed the council what they wished to apply for in there planning permission. The council thanked them for coming, but is unable to make comment until a planning application is made.

The order of the meeting was changed so Cllr T. Battersby could address the public with regards to how the council has been dealing with the speeding issue within the parish.

4) Community, Outreach and P.A.C.T committee report

Cllr T Battersby produced a power point presentation (See appendix 1) which was passed out in the meeting. Cllr T. Battersby then continued to give a talk on the presentation.

Cllr T. Battersby stressed the fact that to be able to address any issues we need to have proof.

5) Public session Part Two Speeding.

24 Members of the parish attended the meeting to protest against the speeding with in the village. (List in appendix 2). S. Granger from Church Dean explained that they have contact Creswell’s couches 3 times with regards to their speed. E. Hogan Stepps cottage, has been in contact with D. Stanley at West Mercia, who said the speed gun was away being calibrated. The council was informed that there is a community lead speeding enforcement activity where by members of the community use a speed gun to warn drivers of their speed.

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D. Williams relayed that this is enough to get people to slow down and the council could have speed camera signs installed. A show of hands was asked for as to whether people would volunteer to do this. There was unanimous support.

It was suggested to start a Facebook page and email specific to the speeding. Other suggestions included; adding a weight limit to the Evesham Rd. to stop the heavier traffic using the road as the old black and white buildings shake when HGVs pass, White lines also in the 30mph section to reduce the dangers overtaking.

Would the council consider posting items onto other Facebook page’s, like spotted Evesham? Would it possible for the council to have a meeting with stagecoach, and other large vehicles companies, to discuss their drivers speeding. Would it be an idea to contact English heritage, with regards to the listed building.

4) Review of minutes of previous meeting.

Approved the minutes of the Council Meeting held 8th September 2016

5) District/County Councillor’s reports

No reports

6) Chairman’s Report

The Clerk and Cllr K Leonard attended the Parish meeting last week. The Chair reported it was one of the less informative Parish meetings although Clair Marchant gave an interesting talk about what Worcestershire is up to.

There has been some antisocial behaviour at the park. Cllr K. Leonard reported it to 101. The chair felt that the 101 was not interested in the issues although the local policing team would be informed.

7) Field Path Officers report

No report. It was suggested to ask a local man who walks around the parish on a regular basis whether he wished to take on the position.

8) Lengthsman Report

No report.

9) Finance and Policy committee report

1. The council agreed to budget until the precept calculation is published. Should there be need for adjustment the council agreed to view this via email.
2. The council unanimously agreed to only insure items with a replacement value of over £1000.00.
3. Financial regulations where accepted by the council.

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11) Progress reports and New Items.

1. The council voted unanimously to accept the updated freedom on information schedule.
2. The Council agreed unanimously for the clerk to address small planning applications once she has taken advice from to Cllr. D. Bush, and Cllr S. Drayton. Under Delegated Planning.
3. The council are happy with the price and work of Smart cut. It was unanimously agreed to continue with them.
4. Standing orders where accepted by the whole council.

14) Planning

No Plans

15) Creditors to be paid.

All paid.

16) Date of next meeting

Meeting changed from 5th January to the 12th January.

Meeting adjourned

Signed/dated 9.10pm

Kathleen Leonard, Chairman