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Norton and Lenchwick Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting, 11th May 2017

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

Public present: 5

1. Apologies

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.

T. Battersby asked to be excluded from any conversations about planning applications for number 78 Lenchwick Lane.

3) Pubic Session

No questions asked.

4) Review of minutes of previous meeting.

 Approved the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 2nd March 2017

5) District/County Councillor’s reports

District Councillor C. Homer

Cllr. Homer is still trying to get the cycle path from the Valley to Evesham, He feels this needs pushing through as Boardman bikes would be coming to The Valley shortly.

Cllr. Homer is still addressing the litter issue raised in the January Meeting.

Cllr. Homer also arranged a meeting with Eagle One on Monday at 9am with regards to Boardman.

Cllr. Battersby asked Cllr. Homer about Twyford Golf course. C. Homer believed that this was still on track as previously discussed.

County Councillor A. Hopkins

The Chair welcomed Cllr. Hopkins to his position as County Councillor.

Cllr. Hopkins addressed the Council, stating that he had not yet been fully inducted.

Cllr. Hopkins said that the County Council needed to save £100mill. There is a massive amount of money needed for the care of children.

Cllr. Hopkins stated that he has been a Parish Councillor for 15 years and looks forward to working with our council.

6) Chairman’s Report **133**

 The Chair had no report.

7) Field Path Officer’s report.

E. McLaren felt a little overwhelmed after the training. The Chariman intended to have a meeting with him to clarify the work.

8) Lengthsman’s Report

 No report.

9) Finance and Policy Committee report

The Internal Audit report was returned as satisfactory. The Annual Return was agreed and signed by the Chair.

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

1. Cllr. T. Battersby felt that as there had been very little support for the proposals (10 emails) that had been put forward by the Speeding Focus Group, he wished to withdraw them. He felt he could not ask the Council to spend so much money with so little support from residents. However the Council felt that it still needed to address the speeding issues so asked Cllr. Battersby to cost options 2 and 3 on the proposal.
2. PACT was held last week, it was very well attended. Issues raised with PACT included road safety outside Harvington School, dog fouling regulations, how they were supposed to enforced and by whom and fly tipping. One thing that was discussed was the purpose of PACT and what does it wish to achieve. PCSO S. Hall has been told by his supervisors that he is not to be involved with any of the administrative duties for PACT due to the lack of resources available within the Police. Cllr T. Battersby expressed concern about the impact the lack of resources is having on the morale and attitude of the Police.
3. The Council agreed to pay the £6 entry fee for the parish games.
4. B. Mclaren had asked the Council for funds to hold an anniversary party for the Village Hall’s 20th birthday party. The Council felt that this request was too general and would require more information on who would be doing the work, and a costing for the party. The Council therefore unanimously refused the request.

11) Progress reports and New Items.

1. The Council thanked Miss Cope for her hard work, and wished her well in her future work.
2. The Council decided that, in order to be open and transparent, there is a need to advertise the position of Parish Clerk before anyone is formally considered for the position. The Council decided to advertise the position for a week. If more applications were received then the Council would arrange interviews.
3. The Clerk (Miss Cope) had been using her own computer for Council work. As she will be leaving, the Council needs to address that there are no IT systems or

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hardware available. The Council agreed to purchase all the necessary and appropriate hardware and software.

Chair K. Leonard indicated she would be happy to take this task on board and make recommendations.

1. The Council agreed to apply for funds to pay for the IT Upgrades via the transparency fund.
2. The Chair wished to make the Council aware of DPGR (Data Protection General Regulations). The Council will need to look into this going forward.
3. The Council welcomed Edwin Heald as a new Parish Councillor.

14) Planning

 No Plans

15) Creditors to be paid.

All paid.

16) Date of next meeting

 Meeting the 6th July 2017

Meeting adjourned 8.39pm

Signed/dated

Kathleen Leonard, Chairman