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Norton and Lenchwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 5th July 2018

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Present: D Bush Chairman Kathy Leonard Vice Chairman Cllrs: S. Drayton, E. Heald, K. Davies, and W. Cope Clerk.

1) Apologies

 Trevor Battersby, Charlie Homer

# 2) Declaration of interest

 Cllr. Leonard is married to the Lengthsman, and must be excluded from any conversations in relation to this. She

 is also a trustee of the parish hall.

# 3) Public Session

No members of the public present

4) Review of minutes of previous meeting

 Approved the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 3rd May 2018

# 5) District Councillor’s Report

The District Councillor unfortunately could not attend however he had sent an email to The Clerk, expressing his pleasure that The New Homes Bonus had been granted. He also stated that once again he had written to the developers of the golf course for an update on that development. He also said he would be contacting Councillor Battersby regarding PACT meetings.

5) County Councillors Report

Councillor Hopkins reported that one set of dragon’s teeth had been replaced on the A44 Chadbury Lane junction, but there was still another set to be done. The hedge cutting on the main road at Chadbury was listed with maintenance and should happen soon. Councillor Hopkins reported that the enforcement officers would be keeping a stricter eye on the road by the golf course development.

 6) Chairman’s Report

 Councillor Bush reported on the meeting he had attended at County Hall.

1. Planning meetings must be minuted and published.
2. The Norton and Lenchwick precept is very low at £26.00 for band D the average being £64 for band D.
3. Rules of Competence can be used if The Clerk is CILCA trained, this will be undertaken now as the Clerk has been in office for over one year.
4. Confidential discussions must be referred to generally, in the agenda.

7)Field Path Officer’s Report

The Field Path Officer reported that he had completed his strimmer course on Saturday the 26th May 2018. Unfortunately, because of the delay a lot of the footpaths were severely overgrown by then. The Field Path Officer found the course very useful and learned that he was able to borrow a strimmer from Worcestershire County Council, all he had to pay for was the consumables, he was then able to open up most of the footpaths in The Parish, working really hard over one weekend. He also learned that certain paths in The Parish are covered by an annual path maintenance scheme i.e. The Riverside Path and Blaney’s Lane, these will be cleared by Worcestershire County Council. He learnt that this would be carried out within the next few days, which he was greatly relieved by as they were both severely overgrown. The Field Path Officer also reported that the linking of The Riverside Path with the Chris Hoy cycle track will not happen in the short term,

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 although he did not specify the reasons for this. However, he did point out that The Riverside Path is still a very

 enjoyable walk.

8) Lengthsman Report

 The Lengthsman reported that there was a blocked drain on King’s Lane which he had reported.

9) Finance and Policy

 The Clerk reported the bank balance was £17,409.59; Vat reclaim £811.46; New homes Bonus £5941.00

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

The Bursary, an application had been made from Aimee Robinson, to purchase ice skating boots and monies for lessons. The Parish Council approved the sum of £225 for this, and asked for photos and receipts, whilst wishing Aimee good luck.

11) Progress reports and New Items.

1. GDPR: step 6 DPIA was discussed, and it was decided that this did not apply to The Parish. A locked box had been purchased to house sensitive information.
2. The Standing orders were advised and approved
3. A motion was made to approve the replacing of The Playing field fence this was carried.
4. The Clerk reported that she was still waiting for an updated quote from the contactor, with regards to the trees on King’s Lane
5. The New Homes Bonus had been granted.
6. A motion was made to update the notice boards and this was carried.
7. County Councillor Hopkins had already reported on the dragon’s teeth in his report.
8. The Council decided to look at the possibility of more planters in The Parish next year.
9. Councillor Leonard reported that she had not attended another meeting for cycle paths as she felt The Parish was already ahead with it’s planning, but she looked forward to the other Parish Councils involved catching up.
10. The bursary had already been reported on in the outreach part of the meeting.
11. Planning Committee Meetings, it was agreed that these would take place as and when required.

12) Correspondence

 None.

13) Planning

Norton Farm, Castle Field Farm, Broadview, KFC signs approved, Old Court, Lenchwick.

14) Invoices to be approved

All paid per addendum

# 15) Date of next meeting

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 Meeting adjourned 9.02pm

 Signed/dated

 Derek Bush, Chairman