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NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT**

FERNHILL HEATH BAPTIST CHURCH

On Monday October 3rd 2016 at 7.30 pm

**PRESENT:** **Chairman**

Cllr A McManus (AMM) **Vice Chairman**

Cllr J Carter (JC)

Cllr B Hollis (BH)

Cllr M Drinkwater

Cllr M Farmer

Cllr P Maybury

Cllr P Philips

#### To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.

There were apologies received and accepted from County and District Cllr A Miller Cllr M Sainsbury (MS) Cllr K Savage (KS) District Cllr L Duffy (LD) Cllr S J Routledge (SJR).

**2. Declarations of Interest**

a) Register of interests; Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.

b) To declare any other Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. There was an interest declared by Cllr KS in agenda item 11.1 re a payment to Ventutec.

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. There were no interests declared.

d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting. No requests were submitted.

Councillors who declared an interest left the room for the relevant items as per the code of conduct and the North Claines Parish Council standing orders.

**3. To consider the approval of the minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday September 5th 2016.**

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

The meeting was closed for **public question time** (PQT) and opened again after.

Public question time does not form part of the meeting and is therefore not minuted. Notes from PQT are attached to the minutes as an aide memoire where relevant.

#### Progress reports from the previous minutes and any matters arising for information

Footpath (NC 552) running through the Brum is in need of repair. The Clerk has contacted WCC and is awaiting comments.

Station Road. Request from resident in Station Road, that respect the residents

30mph signs be used. Dst Cllr LD to find information from WCC. Ongoing.

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Dog waste bin in Bevere

It was agreed that PM will ascertain ownership of the land in question and SJR/KS will arrange relocation of the bin if necessary thereafter. Ongoing.

**5 The Brum**

5.1 Councillor matters raised with regard to the Brum.

It was noted that the noticeboard outside the shop near the Brum was damaged and it was agreed not to replace this and to remove the noticeboard.

A complaint has been received re the parking on the emergency access for the Brum – AMM to ask local PC officer to visit.

It was agreed that Topcut should plant daffodil bulbs on A38 from the planter on the entrance to the village to Hindlip Drive.

5.2 Fun on the Brum and Fernhill Heath in Bloom – reports.

Fun on the Brum – was a great success and over £1200 was raised for the air ambulance. More people attended the event than ever before.

Next year’s event is to be 22 July and there are new committee members. The charity to benefit next year is St Richards Hospice.

Fernhill Heath in Bloom worked very well and there were more entries. The event was sponsored by David’s Nurseries. There were 2 open gardens who were very pleased with the day.

The Parish Council thanked Meg Farmer for all her hard work with these events and noted that the day was a great day for parishioners.

5.3 Christmas event is to be held on December 16th from 5-7pm. All local schools have been invited. There will be food, stalls and a Father Christmas grotto.

Cllr MF noted that she would like to introduce one further annual event to be held in Autumn – a scarecrow day. MF to consider costs and report back to the Parish Council.

**6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.**

6.1 Update on any highways actions from or since the last meeting.

Lights

No 11; Still awaiting Prismian to mend the light at Jacobs ladder.

Bins

New dog waste bin on the recreation ground – after theft. (access from Dilmore Lane – on the far left)

6.2 Village Planters.

Cllr MF noted that the planters needed restocking.

* Cllr JC to sponsor cost of the Planter in Hurst Lane
* AMM to see if West Mercia will sponsor the one by the Police Drive.
* Cllr MF to arrange sponsorship for the final planter.

6.3 Re network rail.

To report;

* Rotten Steps on railway bridge
* Footpath issues
* Trees on the Worcester side of the ground under the railway bridge.

7. Correspondence for information only.

CPRE Countryside Voice magazine.

Calc updates to September 2016.

St John Baptist Church magazine.

Police report September 2016

Wychavon DC Chairmans room - Community recognition award 2016/17

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SLCC notice of annual general meeting October 2016

Clerks and Councils direct – magazine.

8. Planning

8.1 Planning applications for decision

W/16/02250/PN

Fernhill Heath Care Home

Grange Lane

Fernhill Heath

WR3 7UR

Existing care home and adjacent dwelling to be demolished and replaced with a new care home. Variation of condition 17 in relation to external lighting design.

NCPC agreed there was no objection to this application.

W/16/02038/PP

1 Goodwood Green

Fernhill Heath

Worcester

WR3 7XG

Extension to property to provide accommodation at ground and first floor.

NCPC agreed that they could not comment on this application as there was not adequate information provided on the environmental impact on the trees in the immediate vicinity.

W/16/02263/PP

72 Dilmore Avenue

Fernhill Heath

WR3 7XA

Single Storey side/rear extension.

NCPC agreed there was no objection to this application.

8.2.1 Planning applications refused by Wychavon.

None received.

8.2.2 Planning applications approved by Wychavon.

W/16/00758 White Lodge, Bevere Lane, Bevere, WR3 7RQ.

Change of use of land to domestic curtilage. Proposed tractor and implement shed and repositioning of tennis court.

8.3 Neighbourhood Plan Committee

8.3.1 Update on progress of the neighbourhood plan.

The plan is currently with the examiner and a report will be sent to Wychavon within

the next few weeks. AMM is to speak to LD to see if the referendum can be held in

November/December.

AMM noted that if the plan is accepted, then a committee will need to be formed to

be responsible for its implementation. The formation of this committee is to be

placed on the next agenda.

AMM is to attend a meeting with Wychavon on 26/10/16 to discuss the possibilities

of a railway halt at Fernhill Heath. JC noted that work had been undertaken on this

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in the past and AMM asked him for all relevant documents pertaining to this previous work.

8.4 Committee for Community Facilities

Update on progress of this committee.

The Committee is currently working with Fernhill Heath Working Men’s Club and

are trying to ensure a positive outcome for the future.

8.5 Delegated planning decisions

The Council agreed with the proposal that planning decisions be delegated to the Clerk under section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972. This enables the Clerk to circulate details about applications which the Council did not have opportunity to consider at a council meeting and the Clerk is to decide the Councils response in the light of replies received.

9 Report from District and County Councillor.

9.1 Reports. AM and LD were not available for the meeting.

10. Newsletter and website

10.1 Update on the newsletter – Autumn 2016 issue. It was suggested that an article be

inserted on safer driving around horses and cyclists. The issue should be distributed

by the end of October 2016.

10.2 Website update.

Cllrs KS and MD were unavailable for comment on the progress of updating of the website and the scheme of publication for NCPC.

11 Finance.

11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting.

Invoices were noted and cheques written accordingly.

11.2 Money received.

Wychavon DC 2nd installment of precept £43,000

**12 Parish Maintenance** **-** Items for consideration/notification.

12.1 Update on the contract for services and other parish maintenance issues.

* Litter picking is to be held on 17 November and 15 December 2016
* Pathway by Brum to Lane House reported as in a very bad condition

13 Councillors items for consideration

None were reported.

14 Dates of the next Parish Council meetings.

7 November 2016 and 5th December 2016

Abbreviations

AM – County and District Cllr A Miller

AMM - Cllr A McManus

BH – Bob Hollis

Cllr – Councillor

JC – Cllr John Carter

KS – Cllr Kevin Savage

LD - County and District Cllr L Duffy

MD - Cllr Margaret Drinkwater

MF - Cllr Meg Farmer

MS - Cllr M Sainsbury

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

NPC – Neighbourhood planning committee

PM - Cllr P Maybury

PP - Cllr P Philips

SJR - Cllr S J Routledge

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council

Notes from Public Question Time

* Light point number 32 is out.
* Query over light requested in Okeys Lane.
* AMM to deal with report of antisocial behaviour in Okeys Lane
* Noted that 1408 speeding vehicles triggered the VAS on Station Road. AMM to approach safer roads partnership and ask them to do a survey of the road.
* Bridge steps at Station Road – are rotton – Clerk to report to Network Rail.
* The area to the bridge is access to the railway, but is also a footpath – it gets damaged by vehicles and the curb is often smashed up. Clerk to ask highways to visit and consider.
* A comment with regard to Dilmore lane – land on the corner – currently for sale. Nothing that the PC can do.