

Norton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 16th of December 2016 at 7:30pm in Norton Village Hall

Present: Cllr Eirwyn Jenkins - in the Chair
Cllr Colin Edwards
Cllr Steve Norgate
Cllr David Rolls

In Attendance:
Eleven Parishioner

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Graham Garbutt

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

There were none.

3. Parishioners contributions

The council was addressed by Andrew Goodman who represented the Norton Fields Development in Cook Lane. They wish to inform the council that the new development intended to connect the foul water to the Cook Lane pumping station. There have been problems with the pumping station since 2011 and residence have suffered foul water backing up to sinks and toilets. Residents have raised concerns with the developers of Norton Field and with Severn Trent. The developer has written to the residents stating that the pumping station was designed for the Cook Lane only and any additional flows will exceed the design capacity. The full submission is available.

These concerns were echoed by other Parishioners and also stated that the pumping station on Tewkesbury Old Road has problems during the year and emptied by tanker. The validity of the housing needs survey was questioned, especially the way in which the final 'needs' were calculated.

4. Planning application - 16/01172/FUL - Erection of 22 new dwellings at Part Parcel 3100, Wainlode Lane, Norton

The discussion was led by Cllr Rolls and he presented a discussion paper prepared by Cllr Garbutt. Amongst other points:

- a. Plan is in conflict with the emerging NDP
- b. The scheme is unduly large and poorly designed for this context
- c. It is very poorly related to the existing settlement. The site was rightly rejected as a SHLAA site by the borough council for this reason.
- d. Based on a deeply flawed housing needs survey with misleading statistical analysis and inadequate background work. Local affordable need can be met without this
- e. The scheme is unduly large and poorly designed for this context, in effect seeking to impose a suburban-style estate onto an open agricultural field

- f. The area has long suffered from foul water drainage problems, notably in relation to the Cooke Lane development. There are conspicuous gaps in proposals to deal with this longstanding issue, and missing responses from the statutory agency responsible.
- g. We regret that, given the borough council's direct involvement in promoting this project, this must be regarded as a failure in its duty to cooperate.
- h. In the event that the Borough Council is minded to grant consent, given its direct involvement in the project and its contentious nature we ask that the application is referred to the Secretary of State for determination.

It was agreed to submit comments to the planning committee based on the Cllr Garbutt's discussion document.

5. CIL requests related to 16/01172/FUL application

It was thought that if we submitted S106 request it would affect our opposition to the planning application. It was agreed to postpone the decision until the next meeting in order to get more information with regards to S106 spending.

6. Planning application - 16/01348/FUL - Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling at Brookelands, Tewkesbury Road, Norton.

The Council agreed to oppose the application.

7. To approve payment of £232 to cover the cost of the publication of Norton News and £22.75 for the hire of the Village Hall.

Proposed by Cllr Norgate seconded by Cllr Edwards - payments approved by the Council

8. AOB.

New Dawn Homes – Cllr Norgate reported that New Dawn Homes have been in touch and that they intend to refurbish and open the pub and restaurant in 2017.

Date of the Next Meeting: 25th of January 2017.

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