

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS E JENKINS (EJ); D ROLLS (DR); S. NORGATE (SN); G. GARBUTT (GG);

IN ATTENDANCE: P CLARKE (CLERK)

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287/ APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Edwards and the Village Agent

288 VILLAGE AGENT

Not in attendance, invited to next meeting

289/ REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION OR OTHER DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None

290/ MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2015

The minutes were agreed and signed, to add GG was in attendance

291/ MATTERS ARISING

170: Defibrillator; EJ has applied for 3 units with a grant, at the village hall, the church and by the green. The church has given permission and now needs to ask the PCC, all units will need an electric supply

292/ COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

None

293/ BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

None

294/ JOINT CORE STRATEGY

The Inspector has published an interim report, noted there is still more work needed.

The total need for houses in the County now stands at 39,000.

Some areas may be reviewed and this increases pressure on Twigworth site. NDP group is fighting this and feel will win. GG also noted GCHQ need to expand.

The MP, Lawrence Robertson has stated there are too many houses allocated in Gloucestershire.

The Inspector feels there are too many allocated in the Cheltenham area and therefore will have to spill over to Tewkesbury or Gloucester.

295/ NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

The planning decision on the Twigworth site is expected next week then can go to public consultation, if necessary.

296/ VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Village Hall meeting minutes were circulated and noted,

297/ PRECEPT – TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS BY THE CHAIRMAN PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Noted the Clerk had resigned and the salary scale of the new clerk will be reviewed.

The budget was agreed with an addition of £600 as a contingency.

The precept of £7065 with a support grant of £87 was agreed.

298/ PLANNING

Decisions:

15/01116/FUL - Land to The Rear Of Barn Farm Business Park

15/00870/OUT - Land Adjoining Walnut Farm Tewkesbury Road

Noted

David Lynham had circulated a letter (attached) to the Council for their comments, it was agreed the NDP was working on the points raised and GG would refer him to George Sharpley **A: GG**

299/ ASSESSMENT OF LAND AVAILABILITY - ANNUAL CALL FOR SITES FOR GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS AND TRAVELLING SHOW PEOPLE IN TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

This was discussed and noted

300/ FINANCE REPORT

Clerk circulated report (attached)

Clerk to complete VAT return

A: Clerk

Cheques for authorisation

665	119.50
666	116.17
667	1312.34
668	18.00
669	70.80
670	19.80

Cheques were agreed and signed

301/ TO ACCEPT JOB DESCRIPTION OF THE CLERK CIRCULATED BY THE CHAIRMAN

Agreed

Members discussed the appointment process which will be agreed after the closing date

302/CORRESPONDENCE Roses Theatre (letter attached)

Following discussion, it was agreed not to give a donation.

Nick Firkins – Ubico (letter attached)

It was agreed to ask that Wainlodes Lane is swept more regularly, in particular at the end of Autumn to prevent clogging up of drains.

302/ PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

None

303/ ANY OTHER BUSINESS

New Dawn homes ground works will commence on 18th January, SN will ring to ask that hedge be cut down

Members were concerned with a recent break-in, and suggested re launching the Neighbourhood Watch. SM did not consider this to be useful, as used a lot of Police resources that were difficult to quantify

Members discussed collating neighbours’ numbers for emergencies in Norton News, and to ask for further ideas at next meeting

Future Agenda Item

Path in Wainlodes has been repaired

No date for inquiry on caravan as yet

The Clerk was thanked for her work for the Council

304/ DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17 February 2016 at 7.30 PM

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.30pm

Signed.....

Date.....