

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Norton, on 22 July 2015

Present:

E. Jenkins (EJ); G. Garbutt (GG); S. Norgate (SN);

In Attendance: Clerk Pauline Clarke

C. Cllr P Awford (PA); B.Cllr D Waters (DW)

Mark Calway MP Constituency Manager (MC)

4 Parishioners

212. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, apologies were received from Councillor Colin Edwards and B. Councillor Mark Williams

213. Applications for Dispensation or other Declarations of Members Interests

None

214 Co-option of vacancy

At this point David Rolls agreed to be co-opted onto the council. This was proposed by SN and seconded GG and agreed

215. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 May 2015

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman

216. Matters Arising (not covered under Agenda)

170: Defibrillator

Mark Calway (MC) noted the Ambulance Trust are looking to provide free defibrillators to parishes and he agreed to forward Norton's name **Future Agenda Item**

The Chairman had asked MC to attend to discuss the development at the Red Lion. An enforcement notice has been issued.

There is now 4 weeks to appeal, MC will ask for the area to be replanted with trees not just re-seeded.

There seems to have been an unnecessary delay, but the notice appears to be very sound.

Pressure needs to be kept up to ensure they are ready with the court papers in 28 days

It was noted there are other areas in the parish that need to be monitored for signs of similar development.

PA and DW have discussed this development with Paul Skelton and had asked why there was a delay in issuing enforcement and was told it was to ensure the process is right, would have preferred it to be sooner.

The police are not in the circulation list of this enforcement but they are now aware the notice has been served.

If anyone has paid for a holiday on the site then there will be notices on the caravans but holidaymakers will not be removed. Fully expect an appeal, with a strong good legal team.

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Paul Skelton has offered to meet with parish councillors to discuss any issues. SN felt it important to take up invitation to meet with Paul Skelton, this was agreed by all

GG had spoken to the planning consultant and both considered the notice to be a good document, and asked to have it noted the parish council stands behind the TBC on this. Hopefully marks a change in the relationship between the two councils.

A lot of hardcore and other material will have to be removed now.

DW informed the members a service review will take place within the planning department to improve the service, reduce delay and improve the relationship.

Concern was expressed on the stability of the bank without planting and when further work is done to remove hardcore, etc.; trees will help with this, it's important to get trees in rather than re-seeding.

My Myatt, a near neighbour was assured this enforcement will work and if necessary TBC will carry out the work and re charge the owner. Any backlash from the owner must be reported to the police.

Members felt the EA and NE have been weak in their response to this.

There is 9 months to make the site good and it should stop any further work. Members were grateful for the support of MC, PA and DW.

217. Police Report:

There was no police in attendance. PA reported there is a lot of rural theft around farm vehicles, and residents must be aware, there has even been a report of a drone looking for equipment.

218. County Councillor Report:

- No longer Chairman of the Council
- GCC have posted an expression of interest in devolution and a combined authority with districts.
- Planning judicial revenue has gone against Stroud District Council and the waste plant will now go ahead
- Will check what the position is with the gates with the Highways manager

219. Borough Councillor Report

TBC have been a part of the devolution bid.

TBC will look at assets and make better use of them or sell them.

220. Joint Core Strategy:

Slowly evolving, the inquiry is going on longer than expected, there are strong objections to many of the sites and it might risk further sites being identified, including previously excluded sites such as Twigworth.

TBC are frustrated with the delay as the document is needed to fight inappropriate development.

221. Neighbourhood Development Plan

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GG updated meeting

Plan is in draft and sent to TBC, is a good plan and awaiting feedback

The steering group receive strong advice that we don't need a Strategic Environment Assessment to be included, the members were in agreement with this

Probably by end of year it will go out to consultation and we will hold a referendum before adoption. The Parish Council has a role to ensure the parishioners take part

222. Village Hall Update

Waiting for three quotes for the next stage to complete the toilets and committee room
Still waiting for a completion certificate, will have grand opening in September

223. Clerks Report

It was agreed that Jon Wrench would continue to be Snow Warden, EJ flood warden and Ken Preece and Trevor Humphris as snow plough operator. Clerk will inform TBC

Action: Clerk

224. Planning

APPLICATION

15/00600/FUL - 16 The Green Bishops Norton

Recommend Permit

15/00639/FUL - Kings Head Inn Tewkesbury Road

Recommend Permit

Decision:

Application: 15/00220/FUL

Erection of 4 dwellings and retention of garage / workshop building (revised scheme to 13/00026/FUL). Norton Garage, Tewkesbury Road, Norton

PERMIT

225. Finance

The Clerk noted the current account stands at £11907.60 as of 1 July 2015

SN and GG can now sign the cheques

The parish council would like to consider any future expenditure in the parish at the meeting in October

Future Agenda Item

To Agree Accounts for payment:

i. Cheque: 632	ICON	£82.50
ii. Cheque: 633	CONAULT	£60.00
iii. Cheque: 634	GAPTC	£5.00
iv. Cheque: 635	PATA	£19.80
v. Cheque: 636	HMRC	£74.00
vi. Cheque 637	P CLARKE	144.88
vii. Cheque 638	GRCC	£25.00
viii. Cheque 639	Village Hall	£12.00

EJ proposed seconded SN that all cheques be agreed and signed.

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226. Website

The website is now live.

Agreed to change to dark red

Agreed to leave councillor pictures as silhouettes for the time being

Would like address recognised in a search engine

To link to Village Hall website and to agree what is down loaded at the next meeting

227. Correspondence:

As circulated

EJ will attend the SVF meeting

Health watch will come to October meeting

SN will inform newsletter about council website address

EJ will attend meeting with police commissioner on 9th September

Nigel Teale and Mike Mathews want to address the council regarding development at Walnut Farm. This was agreed for 15 minutes at the beginning of the next meeting

Future Agenda Item

SN, EJ, CE and DR will attend Councillor Induction evening on 20th October

DR was assured we use GAPTC on a regular basis

228. Parishioners Questions

None

229. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 September 2015 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.05pm

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