

**MINUTES OF A NORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2016 AT
7.30PM**

Present: Cllr Eirwyn Jenkins Chairman
Cllr Colin Edwards
Cllr Steve Norgate
Cllr David Rolls

In Attendance: 3 Members of the Public

PRESENTATION

Prior to the Meeting the Council received a very informative presentation from Liz Heckford the new Village Agent for Norton, the Council agreed to help publise her role around the village.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Graham Garbutt and Borough Councillor David Waters.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 16th February 2016

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THIS AGENDA

- a. **Norton Net.** The Clerk reported that he is trying to find the best software to use for the Norton Net.
- b. **Kings Head Development.** The Council having been advised that the developers preferred road name is "New Dawn Close" agreed to write to the Borough Council and object in the strongest terms and insisting that the road name be "Kings Head Close" to retain the historic values of the traditional village.
- c. **MUGA.** The Chairman reported that the MUGA has now been added to the Parish Councils insurance policy.

5. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

- a. **County Councillor.** There was no report given.
- b. **Borough Councillor.** There was no report given.

b. Members. There were no questions raised.

c. Village Hall.

i. Accounts. Cllr Colin Edwards reported that he has carried out an end of year audit on the village hall accounts and they have been signed off with the following observations:

That cash in hand should be fully banked prior to completion of the end of year accounts.

That the Treasurers expenses are ratified by the Village Hall Committee.

That all deleted invoices are ratified by the Village Hall Committee.

That recovered debts are recorded.

ii. Meeting with the GRCC. The Chairman reported that a meeting with Barbra Pond from the GRCC has been arranged for the 1st April 2016 to discuss the status of the Village Hall.

iii. Grant Application. The Chairman reported the details of a recent grant application submitted by the Council for works to the Village Hall, several members observed that the application had not been formally agreed by the Council, the Chairman apologised for this oversight.

iv. Village Hall Minutes. The Council noted that the Village Hall Committee Minutes have been circulated to the Members.

6. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE RUGBY CLUB TO AGREE SECURITY OF TENURE FOR THE PART OF THE PLAYING FIELD CURRENTLY USED AS A RUGBY PITCH

The Council agreed to the request and will draw up a simple agreement between the Parish Council and the Rugby Club for a 5 year period; it will include in the agreement the fact that any major alterations to the Pitch will need prior approval of the Parish Council.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE HIRE OF A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE VILLAGE HALL.

The Council agreed to hire a Defibrillator from the Community Heartbeat Trust on a 4 year lease at £58.91 per month.

8. TO CONSIDER PROJECTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17.

The Chairman reported that he has received and circulated several request for projects all with the same theme, that is to improve the frontage of the Village Hall, the members

discussed the request and agreed to set aside 8k towards the cost of the improvements, the end of year accounts are to include 8K earmarked reserves for the said.

9. PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. **To consider planning application 16/00191/OUT Walnut Farm.** The Members agreed to support this application.
- b. **To receive an update on the Red Lion Caravan Park.** The Chairman updated the Council in that an appeal is to be held in Apperley Village Hall on the 16 April 2016.
- c. **To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).** The NDP draft has been lodged with the Borough Council and that discussion are to be held shortly to decide the best way to carry out the Public Consultations.
- d. **To receive an update on the Joint Core Strategy (JCS).** The JCS is still awaiting adoption and this is not likely to occur before the autumn.

The Council also agreed to make no comments in regards to revised Planning Application **16/00276/APP – Green Acres Tewkesbury Road.**

9. FINANCE

- a. **To approve the Accounts for payment.** The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerks Salary/Expenses (Mar)	146.78
Mrs P Clarke (Expenses)	34.14
Norton Village Hall (Hire)	37.00
PATA (Payroll Expenses)	30.00
HRMC (Tax)	103.00
Community First Trading (Insurance)	183.82
Total Invoices for payment:	534.74

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To be arranged.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.42PM**