

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Norton, on 2 September 2015

Present:

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

In Attendance: Pauline Clarke - Clerk

Martin Teale (MT)
Mike Matthews (MM)
Sam Wilding

6 Parishioners

230. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, apologies were received from B. Councillors Williams and Waters

231. Presentation from Nigel Teale and Mike Mathews regarding development at Walnut Farm

MM circulated a draft plan of the proposed development at Walnut Farm. He explained the farm is currently in need of refurbishment and the proposal is for development of 1 acre on a site of 9 acres, consisting of 7 plots set back from the A38 behind a 1.8 meter hedge.

MT explained the detail of the plan, which he felt met the needs of the parish, having no impact on the A38, so far appropriate environmental reports have been carried out.

Local parishioners were invited to visit the site.

The following queries were then raised:

Why are houses facing the road?

Makes sense to face east.

Houses are boring!!

The layout is not set in stone, this is only an outline, it follows the pattern of linear development along the A38, and a detailed application will come in later.

Will some houses be affordable?

No. Guided by TBC as to need but would be willing to include some if requested.

Houses are all detached, what about the needs of families and older people?

Would consider a couple of semis.

What is the actual intention of the development on the farm?

To improve the buildings and maintain the site, this proposal does not impact on planning policy.

Within the NDP there is a need for 13 houses in the village, however we need to define the village boundary as there is a concern on blurring of lines with Twigworth.

Although not ideal, this development is sustainable, as within 800 meters of nucleus of village.

Why choose 7 detached?

May be changed in full plans, this is only an outline.

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The school is full, and the road is busy and this will have a cumulative effect on the parish.

Follows a pattern and meets the needs of the owner and TBC.

The access will not have an impact on the village.

There will be additional hedging along the A38 which will be managed, and directed by the Landscape officer at TBC.

232. Applications for Dispensation or other Declarations of Members Interests

Planning: 15/0068/HED GG - Owner

233. Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 July 2015

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

234. Matters Arising (not covered under Agenda)

227. The Chairman noted Healthcare will attend the meeting on the 25th of November.

170: Defibrillator

Clerk will ask SWAST, Ambulance Trust and ST John's to attend next meeting.

**Action: Clerk
Future Agenda Item**

235. Police Report:

There was no police in attendance.

236. County Councillor Report:

Not in attendance.

237. Borough Councillor Report

Not in attendance.

238. Joint Core Strategy:

GG reported

Delay as inspector has asked for modelling of traffic.

The NDP have proposed carrying out a new traffic survey. The group can cover the costs of this however asked NPC to cover some costs if required

This was agreed in principle.

GG noted he had commissioned a previous survey.

The draft NDP has been submitted, dwelling numbers still at 13, however the inspector is carrying out more surveys and will re look at Twigworth.

Several of the members had met Paul Skelton at TBC planning as a result of development at Wainlodes. This was considered a positive meeting and hopefully councils will have a better relationship in the future. The development at Wainlodes will go to appeal and will need the support of the council and residents.

There is a landscape protection zone in place which will put village in a better position.

Members discussed a gateway into the village which has previously been rejected; it was felt the cost would be better spent elsewhere. It was noted Down Hatherley are having one however members were not in favour. (GG left)

239. Neighbourhood Development Plan

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Discussed in minute 238

240. Village Hall Update

Works to the hall are ongoing.

Refurbished toilets will include a new disabled facility, which the village hall committee are funding.

EJ noted there are no representatives of the parish council named as trustees of the village hall on the Charity Commission website.

An open day has been set for 14th November at 1pm.

The Alsatian society have hired the village hall and playing field, concern was expressed as setting a precedent of dogs on the field, however members felt this was an exceptional case as responsible people will clear up any mess.

The Village Hall committee have asked the PC to allow dog display/shows on corner of field subject to clearing up mess.

Members agreed in principal. To be discussed at the next meeting

Future Agenda Item

241. Planning

Consultation:

15/00868/HEG - Norton House Wainlode Lane
NO OBJECTION

Enforcement:

15/0069/ENF - Part Parcel 6249 Wainlode Lane
NOTED

Decision:

15/00600/FUL - 16 The Green Bishops Norton
NOTED

Consultation

15/00870/OUT | Outline Application for 7 new dwellings and associated works
(considering access only) | Land Adjoining Walnut Farm Tewkesbury Road
DEFERRED FOR SITE VISIT

15/00893/OUT Brookelands Tewkesbury Road Norton

DEFERRED FOR SITE VISIT

242. Finance

The Clerk asked the members to agree the Annual Return.

EJ and CE had discussed and agreed the figures will the Clerk.

SN proposed and CE seconded the approval of the return and this was agreed.

EJ noted the accounts system appeared to be complicated and proposed that it needs to be simplified. This was proposed by CE, seconded EJ and agreed.

It was noted Sport England are donating £20,000 to help cover the costs of fitting out the changing rooms.

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There is a sum of £118.400 of s106 money available, from the development by Dawn Homes. EJ proposed the Council use it to fund projects around the village, e.g. defibrillator. Would also like to use it to fund a small development of affordable housing. EJ to contact Erin Davies TBC

To Agree Accounts for payment:

PJP	641	6370.65
V.HALL - NDP	642	17.50
GAPTC	643	140.00
P CLARKE	644	164.57
CONAULT DESIGN	645	312.00

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

243. Website

Agreed to only include email and landline on contact details

Clerk will ask EL Turner if SN can become an administrator and upload other village information, following the cessation of the village website **Action: Clerk**

EJ will email some parish pictures to Clerk and discuss issues with EL Turner in October

Agreed to thank Mike Dill for his hard work **Action: Chairman**

244. Correspondence:

The County Council have contacted EJ in regard to signing a covenant of support to the Armed Forces.

Agreed to ignore it at this time

245. Parishioners Questions

Noted the King Head asset expression of interest expires in 3 years. SN agreed to diarise **A: SN**

246. Any other matters for information or future discussion

None

247. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 October 2015 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm

Signed and Dated
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