

Minutes of the Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on 11 November 2014

Present: Cllr A Fowkes; Cllr J Stobart; Cllr T Fowler; Cllr R Mann; Cllr Mrs J Lawton-Smith; Cllr Miss A Birch

Apologies: Cllr N Burns (Chairman); WCC Cllr L Caborn

The Chairman welcomed Mr K Sparkes and Mr M Neale to the meeting as observers.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 October 2014: taken as read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

1. Code of Conduct

Cllr Mrs Lawton-Smith gave background on the suggested Code of Conduct that WDC have put forward, and advised how the suggested code of conduct differs from the existing. Cllr Mrs Lawton-Smith agreed to submit a response to WDC.

2. Letter to St Hild

The Councillors discussed sending a letter to the owners of St Hild regarding the unfinished front of their property and, after consideration of a suggested draft letter, agreed that it should be sent.

3. Jubilee Memorial

The Vice Chairman advised that following a second check of the Jubilee Memorial Signpost finances, the project had come in slightly over budget.

Correspondence:

1. WCC - winter services in Warwickshire 2014/15: display on notice boards.
2. WDC - Warwick District Local Plan 2011 – 2029 - Focused Changes Consultation & Gypsies and Travellers Preferred Options Consultation: the Vice Chairman to inspect the revised proposal to ensure there are no changes that will affect Norton Lindsey and also to study the proposed site for travellers.
3. WALC - Compensation for Parish and Town Councils from the Council Tax Support Funding 2015-16 (WDC message): no action required.
4. WCC - 2014 Parish Sand Bag Offer & Community Resilience – no action required.
5. WALC - WCC Consultation on Budget Cuts to Parish and Town Councils and Third Sector - no action required.
6. WALC - Travellers' Sites and Planning, & Mobile 'Phone Consultations - Imminent Response Deadlines, plus Housing Your Community event 25.11.14 – no action required.

Finance:

1. 2015/2016 Precept:

Cllr Mrs J Lawton-Smith, Cllr T Fowler and Cllr R Mann declared an interest.

Discussion took place concerning donations to village groups. The Vice Chairman proposed that donations should remain as they are, and that NLPC should increase the precept to cover additional expenditure. Agreed. The Clerk to investigate the current regulations concerning increasing precepts.

2. Cheques to be signed:

Society of Local Council Clerks – Annual Membership (£76).

3. Santander Bond:

The Clerk advised that the Santander Bond, in which a proportion of the depot money had been invested, had matured. Following discussion it was agreed to withdraw the money from Santander and put it back into the 2nd Reserve Account (the account in which the depot money is invested) – the Clerk to arrange. The Vice Chairman and Clerk to investigate a new bond.

Planning:

1. Update: Arden Wold – planning permission granted.
2. The Old Post Office, Wolverton Road. Cllr Stobart declared an interest. NLPC has concerns regarding the over development of the site and the view from the proposed dormer windows into the adjacent properties.
3. Norton Curlieu, Curlieu Lane: no objections or comments.

Parish Report:

1. Road issues: The Clerk advised that the lamp post outside The Old Post Office has been reported to WDC who have arranged for a contractor to make repairs, and that the pot holes along Wolverton Road have been marked for repair.
2. Discussion took place regarding the proposed solar farm in Claverdon.
3. Bale sledge, Curlieu Lane: Cllr Mann advised that he had spoken to the farmer to request the bale sledge be moved.