

**Minutes of the Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on 13 January 2015**

**Present:** Cllr N Burns (Chairman); Cllr Mrs J Lawton-Smith; Cllr T Fowler; Cllr Miss A Birch; WCC Cllr L Caborn

**Apologies:** Cllr A Fowkes; Cllr J Stobart; Cllr R Mann

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

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 9 December 2014: taken as read, confirmed and signed

Matters Arising:

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Correspondence:

1. WALC – Royal Garden Party Nominations 2015: The Chairman to discuss nomination with Cllr Fowkes.
2. WDC – Community Governance Review: no action required.
3. Leader – Central Warwickshire Villages Leader Programme: The Clerk to forward the web address to all Councillors.

Finance:

1. 2015/2016 Precept  
The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Lawton-Smith and Cllr Miss Birch declared an interest, as required by the Code of Conduct, as either a resident of Norton Lindsey and / or due to involvement in village organisations which are in receipt of a Parish Council grant. Following the discussion that took place at the Meeting of NLPC held on 9 December 2014, the Chairman proposed that the suggested Precept increase of £100 be passed. Agreed. The Clerk to submit the Precept to WDC.
2. Village Donations  
The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Lawton-Smith declared an interest. It was agreed that donations to village organisations would once again be made, and the cheques for these donations were signed.

Planning:

1. Update: Kingswood, New Road – application withdrawn.
2. Update: Appleby, Snitterfield Lane – application withdrawn.
3. Update: The Old Post Office, Wolverton Road – permission granted.
4. Update: Norton Curlieu, Curlieu Lane – permission granted.
5. New planning application: High Paddox, Main Street – following discussion, it was agreed that there were no comments or objections.

Parish Report:

1. Road issues:  
Update: Street Light, The Old Post Office, Wolverton Road  
The Clerk advised that on inspection by WDC the fault with the street light outside The Old Post Office was found to be with the power supply and not the actual light. Western Power have now carried out remedial works and the light is once again operational.
2. Royal Mail Post Box Collections – update  
The Clerk advised that Royal Mail was unable to confirm when the earlier collection time from post boxes in the parish would commence.
3. It was noted that parts of Claverdon, as well as Barford and Haseley Knob would soon be receiving Superfast Broadband. Full details can be found on the CSW Superfast Broadband website - [www.cswbroadband.org.uk/where-when/rolling-12-month-plan](http://www.cswbroadband.org.uk/where-when/rolling-12-month-plan). The Clerk to contact WDC to enquire if there is any indication when Superfast Broadband might be available in Norton Lindsey.

4. WCC Cllr Caborn gave a brief update on the current status of the WDC Local Plan. The updated Local Plan is nearly finished, and will be submitted to WDC Council Members by the end of January. If approved, an Inspector will be appointed to conduct an Examination in Public in the Spring. However, Cllr Caborn advised that there are some issues with potential gypsy and travellers sites. He also stated that funding is in place for the future infrastructure that is required in the District, due to planning applications that have already been received for housing developments. Cllr Caborn also stated that there is funding in the highways budget to cover surface repairs to footpaths, etc, and the Clerk will provide details of any footpaths in the parish that need repairing.