

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

Present: Cllr J Stobart (Chairman); Cllr M Neale; Cllr R Mann, Cllr Mrs A Mace-Leska;
WDC Cllr P Phillips

Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall

Public: One member of public for part of the meeting

Apologies: Cllr Miss A Birch; Cllr K Sparkes; WDC Cllr A Rhead; WCC Cllr L Caborn

1. Chairman's notice regarding the recording and filming of the meeting

The notice regarding the recording and filming of meetings was displayed for those present to read.

2. Declaration of Interest (existence and nature) on Items on the Agenda

None.

3. Public Comments

The owner of Horsley House Farm addressed the Meeting regarding his current planning application.

4. To Approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 September 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2015 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman advised that he had nothing to report, but suggested inviting the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee to attend a future meeting to update the Parish Council on plans for a new Village Hall. Agreed. The Clerk to arrange.

6. Matters Arising

Further discussion took place regarding reports of an aggressive dog at the end of Canada Lane. Cllr Mann agreed to discuss the matter with the complainant.

Regarding the cars parked on the side of New Road, Cllr Mann explained that damage was being caused to large farm machinery when overtaking the parked cars due to overhanging trees. It was agreed that the Clerk would report the overhanging trees to County Highways, with a copy to WCC Cllr Caborn.

7. To Agree the Parish Council Action Plan for 2015-16

The action plan distributed by the Chairman was agreed unanimously. To be uploaded to website.

8. To Assess and Adopt Policy Documentation

It was unanimously agreed to adopt unchanged the Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, and Protocol for the Recording and Filming of Meetings. The Publication Scheme will be amended to include information regarding data protection, and the Complaints Procedure was adopted with amendments as agreed at the meeting. These will all be uploaded to the website. The Job Description and Written Statement of Employment for the Clerk were also agreed and adopted at the meeting.

9. To Review the Clerk's Salary as agreed at the Meeting held in June 2015

Following a discussion which took place after the Clerk left the meeting, it was unanimously agreed to raise the Clerk's salary to NJC salary point SCP18 from 1 November 2015.

9. To Discuss Issues Within the Parish Relating to Highways (eg. the state of the roads, parking, overgrown hedges, etc)

Speeding – The Clerk advised there had been a telephone call from a resident of Wolverton Road complaining about the speed of traffic. The Community Speedwatch Programme was discussed, and the Clerk advised that no more people had volunteered to take place. It was agreed that Cllr Neale would draft a notice about the Community Speedwatch Programme which would be distributed to all residents of Wolverton Road, as those most affected by the speeding.

The Clerk advised that three street lights which had not been working along Wolverton Road had been reported to WDC and had now been fixed.

10. Correspondence and Communications Report (circulated to Councillors with Agenda)

The Clerk brought to the meeting's attention correspondence from WDC regarding the Call for Sites (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment), and WDC regarding the Consultation – Revised Statement of Community Involvement. The Chairman offered to look into the Consultation further. It was agreed to include a discussion on Neighbourhood Plans on the agenda for November.

11. Finance Matters

11.1 To note payments received since last meeting:

Mrs J Bendall – repayment of income tax: noted.
WDC – 2nd half of Precept and Concurrent Services: noted.

11.2 To note payments made since last meeting:

HMRC – PAYE quarterly payment: noted.

12. Planning Matters

12.1 To Note Notices of Decisions Received:

- Arden Wold, Wolverton Road (W/15/1308) – permission refused. Noted.
- Glebe House, Canada Lane (W/15/1548) – permission granted. Noted.

12.2 To Note Planning Applications Received:

- Furlong, Canada Lane (W15/1548) – The Parish Council had no comments or objections to make on this planning application, and agreed to submit a neutral response.
- Horsley House Farm, Norton Curlieu Lane (W/15/1497 and W/15/1498LB) – The Parish Council agreed to support the planning application as Horsley House Farm, and commented that it believes the proposed development will bring an unused listed building back into use and will also tidy up what amounts to a derelict site.

12.3 To note notice of appeal received:

- Kingswood (W/15/0628). Noted

13. Parish Report

WDC Cllr Phillips gave an update on the Local Plan and also discussed the Birmingham Combined Authority which WDC have rejected due to the loss of “control and voice” if it joins, and also doubts about what Warwick District would get out of being part of combined authority.

WCC Cllr Caborn submitted a brief report in his absence which also touched on the Birmingham based Combined Authority and explained that WDC are now exploring other avenues concentrated on Coventry & Warwickshire and other neighbours with similar interests. He went on to state that budget work had been started but that WCC was awaiting the Chancellor's Autumn Statement although it was not expecting any good news.

Discussion also took place regarding a broken pane of glass in the telephone box.

14. Date of Next Meeting

10 November 2015