

Minutes of the Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on 14 October 2014

Present: Cllr N Burns (Chairman); Cllr A Fowkes; Cllr J Stobart; Cllr T Fowler; Cllr R Mann; Cllr Mrs J Lawton-Smith; WCC Cllr L Caborn

Apologies: Cllr Miss A Birch

The Chairman welcomed Mr K Sparkes to the meeting as an observer.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 September 2014: taken as read, confirmed and sign

Matters Arising:

1. Queen Victoria Signpost, Millennium Green – The Chairman advised that comments had been made about the deteriorating condition of the Queen Victoria Signpost, and discussion took place regarding the possible refurbishment of the sign and stonework. It was agreed to seek expert advice as to what work is required to ensure the signpost is safe and the costs involved.
2. Code of Conduct – following discussion it was agreed to re-adopt the existing Code of Conduct unchanged.

Correspondence:

1. WDC - Lamp Posts: the Clerk to check that the first instalment of the cost of refurbishing the lamp posts in the village has already made.
2. WCC - Coventry & Warwickshire Permit Scheme Update: no action required.
3. WCC - Community Forum Grant Available for Local projects: the Clerk to forward to local groups.
4. WDC - Community Governance Review: following discussion it was agreed that no action is required.
5. WDC - Code of Conduct Arrangements: no action required.
6. WDC - Code of Conduct Consultation: forward to all Councillors for discussion at next meeting, along with existing Code of Conduct for comparison.
7. WALC – AGM: no action required.
8. Local Government Boundary Commission – electoral review of Warwickshire: no action required.

Finance:

1. Accounts: the Vice Chairman reported that in accordance with standing orders the accounts have been inspected and found to be satisfactory and reconciled.
2. Audit: The Clerk advised that the audit had been completed with only one small issue raised, and that the statutory notice of completion had been displayed on village notice boards.
3. Precept: the Clerk advised that the second half of the Precept had been received.
4. Cheques to be signed: Norton Lindsey Village Hall - £10 (hire of Village Hall for the Memorial Signpost unveiling).
5. The Vice Chairman advised that the costs incurred in the construction of the Jubilee Memorial Signpost had come within budget.

Planning:

1. Update: Horsley House Farm - planning permission granted.
2. Update: Furlong - planning permission granted.
3. Update: Cherrytrees - planning permission refused.

Parish Report:

1. Road issues:
 - Obstruction – Curlieu Lane: the Vice Chairman advised that he had contacted the Police regarding a piece of agricultural equipment that is parked on the verge by Gannaway Farm and is sticking out into the road.
 - Sinking manhole cover outside Morgan Close, Curlieu Lane – the Clerk to report to County Highways once again.
 - The Corbells, Main Street: it was noted that the hedge is encroaching onto the highway.
 - A pot hole was reported in the road between the Village Hall and Curlieu Lane. The Clerk to advise County Highways.

2. St Hild (opposite Canada Lane) – concerns have been raised regarding the unfinished front of St Hild which is unsightly, and which has been in this state since the property was built. It was suggested that the Parish Council write expressing its concerns. Agreed. The Clerk to organise.
3. It was noted that the street light by The Old Post Office on Wolverton Road is not working. The Clerk to report to WDC.
4. Cllr Caborn gave a brief update to the WDC Local Plan and WCC issues of interest to Norton Lindsey.