

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on 8 September 2015

Present: Cllr J Stobart (Chairman); Cllr Miss A Birch; Cllr K Sparkes; Cllr Mrs A Mace-Leska;
WDC Cllr A Rhead; WDC Cllr P Phillips

Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall

Public: -

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Neale and WCC Cllr L Caborn, who were unable to attend due to holidays, and Cllr Mann who was harvesting.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14 July 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2015 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

5. Chairman's Report

None.

6. Matters arising

None.

7. To agree an action plan for 2015-16

Discussion took place regarding which items from the Parish Plan should be included in a Parish Council Action Plan, specifically those items which are possibly not viable now or in the future. It was agreed that the Chairman/Clerk would review the Parish Plan in terms of priority. List 4 points agreed and plan to be adopted at October meeting.

8. To assess and adopt policy documentation

The proposed Media Policy was adopted. The remaining policies are to be reviewed and adopted at the October meeting.

9. To discuss joining the WDC Joint Standards Committee

It was agreed that NLPC would join the WDC Joint Standards Committee. The Clerk to advise WDC.

10. To receive progress report on Norton Lindsey Parish Council website

The Clerk briefly described updates to the website.

11. To discuss setting up a Community Speedwatch Programme

Following discussion concerning the poor response to the Community Speedwatch Programme where only three people had come forward, it was agreed to extend the deadline for volunteers to join until 31 October 2015. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Wolverton School to include the notice in one of their weekly newsletters.

12. To discuss issues within the Parish relating to highways (eg. the state of the roads, parking, overgrown hedges, etc)

Discussion took place regarding cars parking on New Road outside Hawkeshill Close, and it was felt that cars parking on roads was actually a good thing as it tended to slow down traffic. The Clerk also advised the meeting that she had corresponded with WCC Cllr John Horner regarding speeding passed the School.

It was also noted that within the Parish there were a lot of weeds growing in the road gutters, most notably along Wolverton Road and Main Street. The Clerk will report this matter to WCC County Highways Department.

Concerns were raised about the hedge along the Village Hall field growing over the pavement, and it was agreed that Cllr Mann would be asked to arrange for it to be trimmed. Following concerns raised by a parishioner that the verge on the bend at the bottom of Snitterfield Lane had not been trimmed this year, the Clerk contacted WCC County Highways who advised that they was no reason for this omission and the verge would be cut soon.

13. Correspondence and Communications Report

The Councillors noted the correspondence that had been received since the last meeting and which was circulated with the Agenda. The Clerk drew attention to the correspondence from WALC concerning the WCC lengthsman scheme, WDC regarding sustainability in neighbourhood planning, and WALC concerning a Government transparency fund to help councils meet the requirements of the new Transparency Code.

14. Finance Matters

- 14.1 The Clerk advised that the Annual Return had been completed by the External Auditor and the Meeting noted the comments made by the External Auditor.
- 14.2 The Clerk advised that the two accounts with Cambridge & Counties Bank had been successfully opened and the agreed sums of money from the Depot Fund transferred to them.
- 14.3 The Meeting noted the payments that had been made since the last meeting:
 - Clerk's Salary and Salary Increase
 - Warwickshire Training Partnership – training for Councillors

15. Planning Matters

- 15.1 To note planning applications and notices of decisions received:
 - Cannings Farm Cottage, Snitterfield Lane (W/15/1183/AG) - Prior approval not required
- 15.2 To discuss new planning applications:
 - Arden Wold, Wolverton Road (W/15/15/1308) - following discussion it was agreed there were no objections to the planning application, and that the applicant should be commended for retaining the trees at the front of the property and the consideration that had been given to their well-being during the building works.

Glebe House, Canada Lane (W/15/1287) - no objections were raised, although the Parish Council was concerned that the planned replacement windows won't match the finished brickwork if the property is not rendered.

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Concerns were raised that there is an aggressive dog at the farm at the end of Canada Lane where the public footpath crosses the farm yard. It was agreed that Cllr Mann would be asked to have a word with the farmer.

WDC Cllr Rhead reported that the Government Inspector had agreed to suspend the WDC Local Plan examination to allow WDC to address the concerns that had been raised. He also advised the meeting that he had met with the Village Hall Committee Chairman to discuss the replacement of the Village Hall, and had given his support to the plans. He stressed how important the Village Hall was to the community and that the Parish Council should help with the replacement plans where possible.

17 Date of Next Meeting

13 October 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm.