

**MINUTES of the MEETING of
WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at WOOD NORTON VILLAGE HALL
on MONDAY 27 JUNE 2018 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Marchant (Chairman)

Parish Cllrs: J. Johnson, H. Bailey, T. Lidstone-Scott, C. Robson.

District Councillor: Pierre Butikofer

Clerk: L. Jennings

16 APOLOGIES

Apologues were received from County Councillor Aquarone and PC Dawson.

17 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE POLICE

The newsletter had been circulated to Councillors. The current priorities are:

- Alcohol related Anti-Social Behaviour and the Night Time Economy.
- Vehicle Anti – Social Behaviour including mobility vehicles around Fakenham Town Centre.
- Deter and educate regarding Fly Tipping.

18 REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Clerk read a report from County Councillor Aquarone. Items included the the death of Norfolk County Council leader Cliff Jordan last week. Despite disagreeing with a great many of Cliff's views, He found him to be a highly committed and authentic person who was prepared to speak out for what he believed was in the interests of Norfolk. He had been a true Norfolk character and will be missed by all of us. As a result of Cliff's resignation just a fortnight before he passed away, Andrew Proctor - until then the leader of Broadland as well as county councillor for Blofield and Brundall - has been elected as leader. Finally, the County Council appears to have decided to reduce the funding for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) Transport funding. Children with special needs will no longer be collected from home and taken to school or college and will instead have to congregate at bus stops or equivalent. Whilst there will certainly be circumstances where this is totally fine, there will be many young people and their carers for whom this is a cause of great distress. They are campaigning as a group to try and reverse this particularly pernicious cut and would welcome anyone locally who is affected getting in touch with their story.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The Market Town Initiative is now in place and each Town, which includes Fakenham, will receive £100K. There is to be a workshop for the Community Transport Scheme. This is for interested parties to understand how to put a bid together. There has been a significant increase in fly tipping. North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) did not support the charges levied at the local waste centres.

19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ryors Lane is very overgrown, also there is a tree down.

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

21 **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2018 were approved and signed.

22 **MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Defibrillator – an article will be placed in the Parish Magazine informing residents that the defibrillator is there for anyone to use with information on how to access the machine. VETS – Village Emergency Telephone System will shortly go live.
- b) Broadband – nothing to report.
- c) First World War commemoration – a suggestion of a wooden bench to be placed in the churchyard is the favourite consensus. A grant towards this will be investigated and also to ask residents to donate towards the bench.
- d) Sign, this is still awaiting painting. The Clerk will contact AOT Engineering of Fakenham.
- e) Village Notice Board, the Clerk will contact a carpenter.
- f) Children’s Playground – Nothing to report and this will be removed from the agenda.
- g) Appointment to Outside bodies – It was decided that if required by the Village Hall Committee a Councillor would attend if required to. The Clerk will ask the Secretary for a copy of the minutes.

23 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- PU/18/1021 - Prior approval for change of use storage building (B8) to dwelling house (C3) | Unit 2, Rectory Road, Wood Norton, Dereham, NR20 5BA.
No Objection or Comment.
- CL/18/1041 | Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as domestic curtilage | Little Fields, Rectory Road, Wood Norton, Dereham, NR20 5BA.
No Objection or Comment.
- PU/18/1000 | Prior approval for change of use storage building (B8) to dwelling house (C3) | Unit 1, Rectory Road, Wood Norton, Dereham, NR20 5BA.
No Objection or Comment.

24 **FINANCE**

24.1 The Clerk produced a balance of the accounts.

24.2 On the proposition of Cllr Robson, seconded by Cllr O’Keefe, two payments of £38 to Community Heartbeat Trust were approved. All in favour.

25 **PARISH PARTNERSHIP SCHEME**

Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme for 2019 is now open for applications. These funds are available to Parish Councils to deliver projects that are priorities for the local community.

26 **CORRESPONDENCE**

NNDC – Big Society Fund.

27 **To move that Public and Press be excluded from the meeting under the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**

28 **STAFF MATTERS – CLERK VACANCY**

The advertisement for a replacement Clerk has received an application. An update will be given at the next meeting when the current Clerk is due to step down.

29 **ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

Mains Sewerage – some of the costs involved with initial consultation could be met by the District Council. This will be investigated.

30 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

19 September 2018

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman

Date