

Minutes of the meeting of WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL held at WOOD NORTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 17 September 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor J. Marchant (Chair)

Parish Cllrs: J. Johnson, T. Lidstone-Scott (minute taker), M. Crowe, L. O'Keefe.

Others: County Councillor Steffan Aquarone, District Councillor Pierre Butikofer

Apologies: None

2. **Police report.** None

3. **County Councillor report.**

#### **Mobile libraries**

I'm delighted to report that our campaign to save the mobile library service from drastic cuts has succeeded. The County Council's proposals now have been radically changed to remove only 92 stops which are those not currently being used, rather than the proposed 725 - nearly half the library stops in the county.

This is a huge victory for the 7,500 people who rely on this crucial service. Many thanks to the 494 people who signed our petition, as well as the 76 individuals who sent in letters.

Now the service is protected we need to make sure it remains frequently used! Visit <https://bit.ly/2hzlkPF> for routes and timetables. The mobile library carries books for all ages and tastes. **ACTION TLS to put timetable on website.**

#### **Children's Centres**

Our next campaign issue is Children's Centres, almost all of which are threatened with closure. However this is completely unclear from the 'consultation' the County Council is running. I would very much like to hear from families in the village who use the Children's Centres, so I can convey their importance to the people making the decision.

#### **District Councillor report.**

Awaiting report

4. **Public Participation.** There was a request that the Parish Council press Norfolk County Highways for double white lines on the B1110, either side of the crossroads.

5. **Declarations of interest.** None

6. **Minutes of meeting 17th September 2018** were unanimously agreed and signed.

7. **Budget.**

No finance figures were available. The Chair will obtain for the next meeting. There was general discussion on the need to increase the budget to allow for potential training of both Parish Councillors and a new Clerk. **ACTION JM**

8. **To report on the progress towards a commemorative bench for the anniversary of the end of the First World War.**

Bench purchased. Donations to date £360. Andrew Pearson supplied base free of charge. The plaque will cost £32.

9. **To approve payment of £330 to Jenny Marchant for purchase of commemorative bench.**

Proposed. Marcus Crowe

Seconded. Lorraine O'keefe

Agreed unanimously.

10. **To receive the following Certificate of lawfulness for occupation of annexe as separate dwelling house The Lodge, Rectory Road, Wood Norton, DEREHAM, NR20 5BA**

The Parish Council has raised issues with the planning process of this property on several occasions, with the District Council seemingly ignoring its own planning guidelines. The Lawful Development Certificate (LDC) is not a planning application. The District Council were seeking information that would help them determine the LDC. Given the history Councillors felt there was little point in going over old ground. It was noted the applicant gave his home address as Fakenham. For a LDC the applicant would need to live at the property. This point would be communicated to the District Council.

11. **Update on Clerking situation** and to approve the following policies:

A meeting has been arranged for the 23 November at 1000 hrs at Jenny Marchant's to finalise all of the policies required and to agree salary range, the job advert, the interview date and finances required to employ and possibly train a new Clerk.

12. **To note any matters arising for information only:**

1. First World War Commemoration.

Information will be in parish magazine.

2. Village Sign.

This has been taken down and grit blasted ready for painting and delivered to Angie Wells for painting.

3. Village Notice Board. Quotes are still needed. **ACTION JM.**

13. Correspondence:

Poster from NHS to put in noticeboard;

NALC re workshops;

Resignation letter from Huw Bailey

14. Items for next agenda

Linda's final salary adjustment

Policies

Bench plaque

Village notice board

Village sign

Precept

Finance figures

Reimburse TLS £52 for Community Heartbeat Trust Emergency phone annual cost.

Meeting closed at 2110 hrs.