

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Windmill Room, Wood Norton Village Hall, on Monday 22 September 2014 at 7.30.

Mrs. J. Marchant chaired the meeting with Councillors: J. Johnson, T. Lidstone-Scott, R. Hunt and County Councillor Ramsbotham.

Apologies were received from: Councillors Bell and Condon.

Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting and the Annual meeting were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

Cllr Johnson had received positive responses to keeping the 'Bulk Buying Fuel Scheme' going. The Clerk had sent the £60 fee to NRCC for Life Membership of the scheme. The Clerk still has to write to Mrs. Pearson and contact Mrs. Angie Wells regarding the repainting of the Village Sign. Mr. Dive has linseed oil for the sign. Cllr Lidstone-Scott had contacted BT and they are hoping to have fibre optics to the Foulsham exchange by December this year. He had investigated the 'Thinking Wisp' option which would mean having a receiver on the Village Hall receiving a signal from the Colkirk tower. He raised concerns that trees between the two sites could cause problems. There would need to be a meeting with the Village Hall committee. County Councillor Ramsbotham reported that 90% of Norfolk should be receiving a minimum of 2mb by spring of next year. This has been helped with funding from Norfolk County Council. It was agreed to wait until this had been installed before any more investigations regarding 'Thinking Wisp'. Councillor Lidstone-Scott will determine how many businesses there are in Wood Norton. Councillor Lidstone-Scott is continuing to look at improving The Parish website. Various options were suggested.

Planning Decisions for:

Prior notification of intention to erect agricultural building. Land at Lyng Hall Farm, Lyng Hall Lane. This has been granted approval.

Finance

1. The Annual Audit has been approved by Mazaars. There is no charge from this year as the Council's budget is less than £10,000.
2. On the proposition of Cllr Condon, seconded by Cllr Johnson the Annual subscription to Norfolk RCC of £20 was paid. All in favour.
3. On the proposition of Cllr Lidstone-Scott, seconded by Cllr Johnson the Clerk's salary for half year to September 30 2014 of £674.19 was paid. All in favour.
4. On the proposition of Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Lidstone-Scott payment was made of £168.40 to HMRC. All in favour.
5. On the proposition of Cllr Hunt, seconded by Councillor Lidstone-Scott Ladywell Accounting Services was paid £25. All in favour.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, s 137 DONATIONS

Under the provisions of Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 the following expenditure should be incurred which, in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

Cllr Johnson declared an interest in this item.

The Mid Norfolk Citizens Advice Bureau and The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House have both requested donations. Following a discussion it was decided to put this on the next agenda. Cllr Lidstone-Scott suggested that there should be a mandate for these requests with the agreement of parishioners. Consideration would also need to be made when setting the Precept.

Defibrillator

The Chairman had written to the Village Hall Committee suggesting that the possible position of a defibrillator could be on the front of the Village Hall. The Village Hall has discussed this and is happy for the machine to be placed as suggested.

- 1) Installation would cost between £150 - £200
- 2) Running Costs would be £20-£30 per annum
- 3) Maintenance would be covered by a 7-8 year warranty.

The Chairman will write a piece for the Parish magazine and village website informing Parishioners of the proposal and inviting their feedback. There is a possibility of a Grant from the District Council. The Clerk will investigate and speak to Swanton Novers Parish Clerk as they have recently installed a defibrillator.

Correspondence:

Invitation from Norfolk County Council to attend the Waste Matters conference. The Clerk will contact the Secretary of the Village Hall regarding the removal of the bottle bank to enquire if it can be kept. The Village Hall will lose revenue if the bottle banks are removed.

North Norfolk District Council – Recycling revolution

Information received from Kick Start, Dereham regarding the moped project.

Norfolk County Council's Budget and Priorities for 2015/18 were received.

Any Other Business

County Councillor Ramsbotham reported that the County Council would need to save £17.5 million for 2015/16. The public can see the budget on the County Council website and leave comments regarding forthcoming cuts. The proposed incinerator at King's Lynn has been scrapped as no longer financially viable.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman

Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3 November 2014