

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in Wood Norton Village Hall on Monday 2 November 2009 at 7.30pm.

Mr T Lidstone-Scott chaired the meeting with Councillors: J. Johnson, J. Marchant, I. Summons, R. Hunt and M. Crowe, District Councillor Robin Combe and the PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) for this Parish Keith Clarke.

There were no members of the Public present.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2009 were approved and signed and also the minutes of the Planning Meetings held on 28 September & 20 October 2009 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

Google Maps no further action is required.

Finance

Mazars – invoice for completion of Audit £57.50 agreed to pay.

Cheque to Mr Stan Jones for Home Watch signs £50.

Precept for 2010/11 was set at £2075 and remains the same as previous year. Proposer M. Crowe seconded J. Marchant all in favour.

Clerks Expenses were agreed for £422.50.

The half year accounts to end of September were presented to the Council.

Residue of Parish plan account. NRCC have said they will write and confirm that the Parish Council can go ahead and use this money – no letter has been received to date although Mr Lidstone-Scott has had verbal confirmation.

Home Watch

Two new signs and several repeater signs are now held by the Parish Council. It is proposed that the repeater signs are placed around the village on telegraph poles. A new Home Watch Coordinator for Wood Norton is sought. Any volunteers to contact Mr Lidstone-Scott.

BT Phone Box

British Telecom would like to remove the telephony equipment from the telephone box. They cite lack of use (only 11 calls for the last year) as the reason.

They have also suggested that the Parish Council adopt the phone box for £1. Adopting the phone box essentially means transferring ownership to the Parish Council along with maintenance costs. There is also the question of landownership as the kiosk sits on land owned by Norfolk County Council. The kiosk is listed Grade II and it is unclear what would happen to the box if the PC chose not to adopt it. The Chair will seek clarification from BT.

Correspondence

Norfolk County Council – Mineral & Waste consultation document.

Norfolk Constabulary – Safer Neighbourhood meeting December 18.

Location to be confirmed.

Any Other Business.

Mrs Marchant reported that Chris Greaves Chair of Governors at Stibbard School has retired. The new Chair is Robert Plant.

PCSO Keith Clarke reported one incident for the last month and suggested the Parish Council consider flashing speed limit signs on the B1110 Holt Road. He also reported on the motorbikes using the gravel pit on the Holt Road. He suggested erecting signs as there could be a safety issue. This issue was initially brought to the attention of Peter Bell by a member of the public.

The Chair had recently been made aware of some young parishioners who would like to be able to continue living in the village but for whom the availability of affordable homes was an issue. He asked if he should seek to include a question on the matter in the forth coming survey. It was agreed that he should.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Date of next meeting – 14 December 2009, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Chairman

Date