

**MINUTES of the MEETING of
WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at WOOD NORTON VILLAGE HALL
on MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2016 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Marchant (Chairman)

Parish Cllrs: M. Crowe, J. Lack, T. Lidstone-Scott, J. Johnson, C. Robson and L O'Keefe.

County Councillor: David Ramsbotham

Police: PCSO Shane Artingsall

Clerk: L. Jennings

74 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from District Councillor Steven Ward.

75 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr O'Keefe reported that broadband strength within the village was getting worse. The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the County Council. They are installing a 'broadband' box near to the Village Green in the near future meaning faster broadband should be in the village within 6 months. Thanks go to the owners of Pendeford House for allowing the box to be situated on their land.

PCSO Artingsall reported there had been no crimes during the last few weeks. He will contact Norfolk County Council Highways to highlight the dangers of the Stibbard Crossroads and ask for 'solid white lines' to be placed at this junction to prevent overtaking.

County Councillor (CC) Ramsbotham reported that although the County Council had made £245 million of savings they still had £111 million more to save over the next 3 years. There may be a Council tax rise of 3.9% with further cuts in frontline services. The parish Council was reminded that the definitive map of footpaths will be available for updating until 2026. The Northern Distributer Route, works have started and completion is programmed for 2018.

District Councillor Steven Ward sent a report giving an update on District Council matters.

76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

77 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

On the proposition of Cllr Lack, seconded by Cllr Marchant RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2015 are approved and signed.

78 MATTERS ARISING

Comments were made regarding the condition of the roads in the village, especially Foulsham Road. CC Ramsbotham will arrange a site meeting with the Highway Engineer.

A response from The District Council has been received regarding Four Acre Farm advising that the Parish Council will be Aware that the Government is positively encouraging 'Permitted Development'. The Clerk has received a Planning Application for Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (C3). Four Acre Farm, Holt Road.

Following a discussion the Parish Council will write to the planning department reminding them that the Local Development Plan outlined Wood Norton as having no development. The Parish Council are extremely disappointed and are concerned that allowing this application will set a precedent.

79 FINANCE

The following balances were reported to the meeting and were noted by Councillors:

- a) Community account - £1690.90, Business Saver account - £568.27, Business Saver (Village Sign) - £1,705.42.
- b) The Defibrillator fund stands at £1835.00.

80 PLANNING APPLICATION

Alterations to dwelling and construction of external staircase and balcony. Bluebell Barn, Lyng Hall Lane. Councillors had no comment or objection.

81 DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Lidstone-Scott updated Councillors on progress to date. He is contacting an electrician for a quotation on installation costs. He will arrange for piece to be inserted in the Parish magazine asking for volunteers to be trained to use the defibrillator.

82 PARISH PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

The costs would be too expensive even with a donation from the County Council.

83 THE QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY

A letter has been received enquiring if there is to be a celebration in the village. On the proposition of Cllr Marchant, seconded by Cllr Robson that a street party is held. The Clerk will email the Village Hall committee. On the proposition of Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Lack that no Parish Council funds are used for the event. 5 for with 2 abstentions.

84 CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine for January 2016.

85 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

The Defibrillator
The Queens 90th Birthday celebrations
Update on the village roads

86 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Parish Council meeting 7 March 2016.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman

Date