

**MINUTES of the MEETING of
WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at WOOD NORTON VILLAGE HALL
on MONDAY 18 APRIL 2016 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Marchant (Chairman)

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

Clerk: L. Jennings

111 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Johnson, County Councillor David Ramsbotham and PCSO Shane Artingsall.

112 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Artingsall had sent a report as follows, 1 road traffic accident on the B1110, Holt Road for the month to date. North Norfolk has seen an increase of theft recently of items such as power tools, lawnmowers and metals such as copper and lead.

113 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

No report received from County Councillor Ramsbotham. District Councillor Steven Ward had sent a report as follows; there was no full council meeting at North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) in March. In February's full council meeting it was agreed to freeze council tax for the forthcoming year. Towards the end of June public consultation will begin regarding the forthcoming review on ward boundaries in North Norfolk. I was pleased to offer my support in favour of the All Saints Church recent successful bid from North Norfolk's Big Society Fund. I am also pleased that they were successful with their grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. I am sure the alterations and work to be carried out will help the church thrive and develop as a community hub.

114 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr O'Keefe asked if there had been any updates regarding the proposed installation of the broadband box. Nothing has been received. The Clerk will write to Norfolk County Council and NNDC to find out more.

115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Marchant declared an other interest in item 8d.

116 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2016 were approved and signed.

117 MATTERS ARISING

Following the recent visit by the Highways Engineer an email had been received from him giving an update on repairs. In the meantime the pond on Rectory had overflowed causing flooding of the garden and courtyard of the Old Post Office. Highways have carried out remedial works to prevent this.

118 FINANCE

a/b) The half yearly accounts were presented and approved. The Clerk will now pass the accounts to the Internal Auditor. The Defibrillator fund stands at £1835.00.

c) An article will be placed in the Parish magazine asking for comments regarding the Village Sign Account. The balance of this account is £1705.84. The Parish Notice Board needs replacing and some of these funds could go towards it. As this is monies that were donated by the public a formal discussion will take place at the Parish Council meeting on 27 June 2016. The Clerk will get prices for a replacement.

She will also ask AOT Engineering of Fakenham the cost of cleaning the Village sign.

- d) On the proposition of Cllr Lidstone-Scott, seconded by Cllr Lack, RESOLVED that a payment of £300 is paid to the Wood Norton PCC. All in favour. This will be paid after April 30 2016 when the first Precept installment is received.
- e) The purchase of a cherry tree to replace the one which is proposed to be removed for the broadband box is deferred until further information is received. A gift voucher would be purchased when the installation date is confirmed.
- f) Barclays Bank have confirmed the signing arrangements for the Parish Council. They are Cllrs Marchant, Johnson and Lidstone-Scott.
- g) On the proposition of Cllr Marchant, seconded by Cllr O'Keefe RESOLVED that the annual subscription of £92.92 is paid to the Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NALC). All in favour.

119 DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Lidstone-Scott reported that the defibrillator will be installed this Friday but will not be 'live' immediately.

120 THE QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY

Following a discussion it was agreed to ask Mr. Maurice Crowe to light the beacon. Arrangements are progressing.

121 MOBILE POST OFFICE

The Clerk reported that a mobile Post Office service will be visiting the Village Green every Tuesday between 10am and 11am.

122 CORRESPONDENCE

- An invitation from the Chairman of NNDC Annie Claussen-Reynolds to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday at a beacon lighting at Swanton Novers Village Hall on Thursday 21 April at 7.30pm.
- Came & Company (insurance Providers) Council Matters magazine.
- Norfolk County Council Consultation for Electronic Planning Applications.
- Notification has also been received of a new training group, Norfolk Parish Training and Support. This will be taken to the next Council meeting.

123 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

The Defibrillator
Broadband
Children's Play Ground

124 TO MOVE THAT THE PUBLIC & PRESS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1(2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

On the proposition of Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr Robson RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that Public & Press be excluded from the Meeting, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the nature of the business to be transacted.

125 No further action will be taken regarding the email from Fulmodeston Parish Council.

126 TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION

On the proposition of Cllr O'Keefe, seconded by Cllr Lidstone-Scott RESOLVED the Council moves into Open Session.

127 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Parish Council meeting 17 May 2016.

- 128 A Parishioner has purchased a bench which she would like to place on Ryors Lane near to the Orchard. Cllr Marchant will liaise.
Cllr Lack has joined the Village Hall Committee and will represent the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman

Date