

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of
WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at WOOD NORTON VILLAGE HALL
on MONDAY 17 MAY 2016 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Marchant (Chairman)

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

County Councillor: David Ramsbotham

District Councillor: Tom Fitzpatrick

Clerk: L. Jennings

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Cllr Lidstone-Scott, seconded by Cllr Robson
RESOLVED that Jenny Marchant is elected as Chairman. All in favour.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Cllr Marchant, seconded by Cllr Crowe RESOLVED that Jean Johnson is elected as Vice Chairman. All in favour.

3 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

County Councillor David Ramsbotham reported on the Leadership change at County Hall. The budget for 2016/17 has been fixed and savings of £42 million have to be found with a 3.99% increase on Council tax. Mainly the savings will come from the Back Office. The County Council has saved £287 million since 2012. Norfolk County Council and Norfolk Police are asking the public to keep an eye on vulnerable adults and children and to report any concerns to Social Services. Broadband for the village should be installed by the end of the year.

District Councillor Tom Fitzpatrick joined the meeting in place of Annie Claussen-Reynolds. He reported that a vacancy has arisen for a District Councillor for the Astley Ward which includes Wood Norton. North Norfolk District Council are continuing with their shared services with the Chief Executive and some senior officers also working at Great Yarmouth Borough Council. Links with Senior Planning Officer, Revenue and Benefits with assets being used more commercially. Car park charges around the coast have increased for the first time in four years. Devolution talks are ongoing with a decision later in June. The public will be consulted.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

6 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2016 were approved and signed.

7 MATTERS ARISING

7.1 The Clerk still needs to contact AOT Engineering regarding the Village Sign. Mrs. Angie Wells has kindly volunteered to repaint the sign.

7.2 The Clerk gave an update on progress with highways. 3 wooden bollards could be placed on the Green to help stop vehicles over running the area. The Clerk to get prices. Residents who live surrounding the Green will be asked for their opinion. The Clerk will write to Highway Engineer Steve Wright to ascertain ownership of the ditch on the left hand side of Foulsham Road, opposite the bungalows.

7.3 The Defibrillator is installed and usable although the telephone still has to be connected. Signs will be placed at the Village Hall and the Church.

7.4 Broadband – the tree has now been removed. On the proposition of Cllr Johnson, seconded By Cllr O’Keefe that a voucher for £30 is purchased to replace the tree that Mr. and Mrs. Wells have lost. All in favour.

7.5 A possible Children’s Play Area was discussed and it was felt this was something for the Village Hall committee.

7.6 Arrangements for the Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations are in hand.

8 COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Lack agreed to be the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.

9 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR VACANCY

It was noted that District Councillor Steven Ward had resigned and a vacancy exists. District Councillor Annie Claussen-Reynolds will cover his area until the vacancy is filled.

10 FINANCE

10.1 The payment of £240 for connection fees for the Defibrillator was approved.

10.2 A donation of £600 towards the costs of installation of the Defibrillator has been received from Wood Norton Charitable Trust.

10.3 The Village Sign account stands at £1700. The Village notice board is becoming increasingly fragile and needs replacing. The Clerk will investigate costs of notice boards. Residents will be asked for their thoughts on whether to use the money from the Village Sign account.

10.4 Notification regarding the Transparency Code, fund updates and guidance has been received.

10.5 The first Precept payment of £1350 has been received.

10.6 On the proposition of Cllr Lidstone-Scott, seconded by Cllr Crowe RESOLVED that the Annual Insurance premium of £273.75 is paid. All in favour.

11 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman then gave a report for the year 2015-2016;

- a) 10 Parish Council meetings, 3 of which were for planning issues.
- b) 7 Planning Applications.
- c) Meeting with Highways and David Ramsbotham to discuss issues including road surfacing and flooding on Rectory Road.
- d) Investigation for traffic calming on the B1110.
- e) Faster broadband which will now be installed by the end of 2016.
- f) The Defibrillator is now installed.
- g) The Queen’s 90th Birthday celebrations.

12 PLANNING DECISION

Change of use of land to equestrian and erection of stable block and storage building (part retrospective). Parkside, Foulsham Road. Permission granted.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

- Clerks & Councils magazine (May issue).
- Norfolk ALC Parish Paths seminar
- Norfolk ALC Recruitment seminar.

14 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

The Defibrillator

Broadband
Children's Play Ground
Annual Audit of Accounts
Village Sign
Highways

15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING
9 September 2016.

Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Chairman

Date