

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Wood Norton Parish Council
held at Wood Norton Village Hall
on Monday 31 October 2016**

Present:

Councillor J Marchant (chair)

Parish councillors J Johnson, J Lack, T Lidstone Scott, L O’Keefe and C Robson

County Councillor David Ramsbotham

District Councillor Pierre Butikofer

In the absence of the Clerk, the minutes were taken by Cllr C Robson

39 Apologies

Apologies were received from L. Jennings (Clerk) and PCSO Shane Artingstall

40 Police report

A report was received detailing 2 incidents since our last meeting: a theft and an animal/wildlife incident

Separately, PCSO Artingstall asked councillors (and asked councillors to ask residents) to report any vehicles they believed to be strange to the area, by sending him details and registration numbers

41 Report from County and District Councillors

County Councillor David Ramsbotham:

- there would not be an enquiry into the incineration plant at Kings Lynn, now abandoned at a cost of £34m
- Councillors were reminded of the shared funding available for road improvements through the Parish Partnership scheme. The Chair informed him that we had investigated the possibility of bollards to protect the village green, but would not be taking up this offer at present.
- Devolution: no decision as yet, but further meetings are scheduled for this month.
- He had received an email from Simon Atkins (Highways) in response to a query made at a recent Wood Norton PC meeting regarding seemingly prioritised road improvements in urban than in rural areas. The email stressed that they were both equally valued.

District Councillor Pierre Butikofer:

- the NNDC had recently lost 3 members of the executive to the council at Great Yarmouth. Administration is therefore difficult at the moment. He will currently be planning and licensing officer for Wood Norton. The Lib Dem’s new leader is Sarah Butikofer.
- Regarding planning, four enforcement officers have been appointed to oversee retrospective planning.
- NNDC now has a dedicated website on which to report fly-tipping and pot-holes. Once reported a reference number is allocated to the problem, so anyone else wishing to report it can check.
- Both parliamentary and district boundary reviews can be viewed on the NNDC website. Astley

Ward will remain in the Broadland Constituency.

- There is still money available in the North Norfolk Big Society Fund for village projects
- Wood Norton lies within the scoping area for two offshore wind farms, Norfolk Vanguard and Hornsea Project 3, each of which will need to lay underground power lines to substations, one of which is being built at Necton. The Chair will write to the Planning Inspectorate (who have asked for comments on the Scoping Report by Wednesday 2nd November) to inform them of the field off Foulsham Road which contains archaeological remains and to request that companies such as these are encouraged to share infrastructure to minimise disruption caused by road closures etc.

42 Declarations of interest

There were none

43 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th September 2016 and the Planning Meeting held on 5th October 2016 were both signed. Two corrections were made to the former.

44 Matters arising

a) Highway matters: There are still problems with overflowing ditches and blocked drains along Foulsham Road. It is still not clear who is responsible for their clearance. Both Church Road and Foulsham Road will be resurfaced next year.

b) Fibre optic broadband. Work has started on installing the box. It should be 'live' by the end of the year

c) Defibrillator. The invoice has been received and the outstanding money paid. Cllr Lidstone-Scott is looking into the possibility of setting up a VETS system in the village.

45 Financial matters

a) the half-yearly accounts to September 30th 2016 were approved and signed

b) the second instalment of the Precept, £1350.00, was received.

c) Renovation and cleaning of the village sign prior to painting: estimate from AOT engineering is £140+VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr O'Keefe that we accept this offer. All in favour.

d) It was decided that we would discuss the budget and precept for the coming year at the next PC meeting, in December

46 Correspondence

a) Dong Energy - Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm information

b) Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute - Beacon Lighting on 11.11.2018. To be discussed at a future meeting

c) Invitation to Norfolk ALC's 2016 AGM on 26th November

d) NNDC Local Plan 2016-36

District Councillor Boutikover offered to obtain more information

e) Norfolk County Council Highway Rangers visit: they will deal with potholes, regular instances of standing water, mud on roads etc. There followed a lengthy discussion on the problems of drainage at the corner of Hall Lane and Foulsham Road. The joint sewage system from Cricketer's Close and Blacksmith's Close empties into this, but the water does not run away effectively. County Councillor Ramsbotham offered to help Cllr Lack look into this.

47 Items for inclusion in the next agenda

- a) Budget and precept
- b) Defibrillator
- c) Local Plan
- d) Beacon
- e) Homewatch

48 Date of next meeting
December 12th 2016

The meeting closed at 21.00