

**MINUTES of the MEETING of
WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at WOOD NORTON VILLAGE HALL
on MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2016 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Marchant (Chairman)

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

Clerk: L. Jennings

49 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: County Councillor David Ramsbotham, District Councillor Pierre Butikofer, PCSO Shane Artingsall.

50 REPORT FROM THE POLICE

There has been no calls into the parish since the last meeting on 31st October 2016, however there has been 1 recorded crime which was a "Theft from Motor vehicle" which was from a lorry that was parked in a nearby layby on the B1110. It is the time of year when reports of oil thefts start coming in so would encourage everyone to ensure they have sufficient security measures, also there has been reported theft from churches in the county, none for North Norfolk however historically we have been targeted so would again encourage residents to report any sus persons/vehicles in the area.

51 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COOUNCILLORS

County Councillor Ramsbotham had nothing to report.

Report from District Councillor Butikofer:

With Sheila Oxtoby and her team leaving for Great Yarmouth, NNDC have decided to use their two senior managers - Steve Blatch and Nick Baker - as the CEO for NNDC. There is a meeting tonight at 6.30pm at Astley primary school for concerned parents regarding the removal of lollipop ladies. Currently it appears that the underground cabling for both the Dong and Vanguard wind farm will not affect the parish. However, this is not finalised, since they may discover bats, newts etc. and may have to change the direction of the cables! There is a service being held in Cromer church in February 2017, headed by the chairman of NNDC - John Lee - for all volunteers and volunteer organisations. If there any charities to be nominated or included please let me know. The threat of closure to Cranmer House has been lifted. There is a continuing drive by NNDC to push residents into communicating with the council electronically. We have made strong representations stating that there should be no decline in service for those unable or those who simply don't wish to use technology. Changes are being made to the fees for planning applications. These were announced at the cabinet meeting last Monday. We will be investigating what effects these changes will have. Finally the boundary commission published their proposals on the 6th December for public consultation. (www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/eastern/Norfolk/north-Norfolk) It appears, in the draft recommendation, that Wood Norton will become part of a new ward called Stibbard. The Astley ward, as we know it, will no longer exist!! Consultations on draft recommendations are valid from 6/12/16 until 30/1/17.

52 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hall Lane is very muddy, the District Council road sweeper does not visit now. The Clerk will ask the Highway Rangers to clear this. There is a lot of water running down Foulsham Road from a blocked road drain outside the bungalows. Cllr Lack will write to Norfolk County Council Highways and David Ramsbotham regarding this issue.

Local residents have asked for a sign from the Village Green directing the public to the Village Hall. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

54 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

On the proposition of Cllr O'Keefe, seconded by Cllr Lack, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 31st October 2016 were approved and signed.

55 MATTERS ARISING

55.1 Cllr O'Keefe asked how much it would cost to place the 'gates' at the entrance to the village. The money could be raised from the Parish Partnership. Complaints have been received regarding the Stibbard cross roads; it is very difficult to see without getting half way across the junction. The Clerk will contact highways.

55.2 Progress of Broadband for the village is ongoing but slowly. The cabling has been installed in the Twyford Lane.

55.3 Defibrillator; around 4 people are interested in the 'VETS' training system.

56 FINANCE

56.1 On the proposition of Cllr Marchant, seconded by Cllr Robson that AOT Engineering of Fakenham removes the metal part of the Village Sign for cleaning at a cost of £140 + vat. All in favour.

56.2 The budget for the next financial year was discussed. North Norfolk District Council will from the 1st April 2017 no longer send paper plans for Planning Applications. The purchase of a projector was discussed and Cllr O'Keefe was going to investigate costs. On the proposition of Cllr Marchant, seconded by Cllr Crowe that the Precept for 2017/18 is increased by 5% to £2835. All in favour.

57 PLANNING DECISION

Erection of single storey extension, window and door alterations. Four Acre Farm, Holt Road. Application permitted.

58 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NORTH NORFOLK: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Information has been received regarding the Electoral Review of North Norfolk from the Boundary Commission. Early indications are that Wood Norton will become part of the Stibbard Ward.

59 THE VILLAGE BEACON

2018 is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. Bruno Peake the Queen's Pageant Master is arranging for beacons to be lit across the country. Final dates and times to be arranged later.

60 HOMEWATCH

Home Watch has been rebranded as 'Norfolk Homewatch Association'. Cllr Lidstone-Scott is investigating this.

61 PLAY AREA

Cllr Lack had heard from one of the villagers who had organised a village referendum regarding the possibility of siting a play area in the village. She reported that they were mostly adverse comments. Comments raised were:

- How much would it cost to insure the play area and equipment
- A village questionnaire to be placed in the February edition of the Parish magazine.
- The area should be located centrally in the village – not on the edge.
- Would the play area need planning permission.

62 2017 MEETING DATES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

23rd JANUARY 2017, 6TH MARCH 2017, 10TH APRIL 2017 – one week early due to Easter, MONDAY 15TH MAY 2017 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7PM START, 26TH JUNE 2017, 18th SEPTEMBER 2017, 30 OCTOBER 2017, 11TH DECEMBER 2017.

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7.30PM EXCEPT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING WHICH STARTS AT 7PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

63 CORRESPONDENCE

- Clerks & Councils magazine (November issue).

64 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

The Defibrillator

Broadband

Sign Post for Village Hall

Highways

65 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

23rd January 2017.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman

Date