

**MINUTES of the MEETING of
WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at WOOD NORTON VILLAGE HALL
on MONDAY 23 JANUARY at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Marchant (Chairman)

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

Clerk: L. Jennings

66 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Councillor J. Lack and PCSO Shane Artingsall.

67 REPORT FROM THE POLICE

Nothing to report

68 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COOUNCILLORS

County Councillor Ramsbotham reported that Norfolk County Council are proposing to increase the Council Tax by 4.8% for the year 2017/18. Austerity measures will continue beyond 2020. Parish Partnerships are still available to any Parish Council with funding up to 50%. Devolution has been terminated with 5 of the 7 councils withdrawing their support.

69 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fibre Broadband has still not arrived in the village. Cllr O'Keefe reported it may be because the actual fibre has to be installed to each property. County Councillor Ramsbotham will investigate. The Clerk had received a complaint regarding light pollution and the amount of lights at the lorry park on the Holt Road. The Clerk will write to District Council.

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

71 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

On the proposition of Cllr Marchant, seconded by Cllr Lidstone-Scott, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 December 2016 were approved and signed. Cllr Johnson had given her apologies for this meeting but they were not recorded.

72 MATTERS ARISING

72.1 The Clerk will get a price to erect gates at the entrance to the village.

72.2 Cllr O'Keefe has done some investigation into the cost and best model of projector. The cost is very high as are the replacement bulbs. The Clerk will speak to the District Council to see if there are any grants available.

72.3 Cllr Lidstone-Scott reported there had not been a great response to the 'VETS' scheme for the defibrillator. He will possibly organize a small event on a Saturday to outline the scheme.

72.4 Broadband has been already been discussed.

72.5 Paul Marchant is the Home Watch coordinator for the village. The Police are asking that people sign up to their 'Connect' newsletter to get up to date information. Cllr Lidstone-Scott will put a link on the web site.

73 FINANCE

73.1 The account balances are as follows:

- The Community Account £1723.05
- The Village Sign Account £1706.47
- The Business Account £568.55

73.2 The Clerk outlined the New Audit arrangements from year beginning 2017-2018. Year ending 2016 – 2017 will remain the same with Mazars as the external auditors.

73.3 Norfolk ALC Transparency Fund, the Clerk will investigate if there is any funding for a projector.

74 SIGN POST FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

There is space on the sign post on the Village Green for another finger board. The Clerk will write to Highways to see if this is possible. The Village Hall may put a sign on the gable end of the building.

75 CORRESPONDENCE

- North Norfolk District Council – Big Society Fund
- Norfolk Community Learning Services previously Norfolk Adult Learning. New courses now available.
- Dudgeon Community Fund. Funding available to affected Parishes.
- Environment Agency – Some river works in the area.
- Highways Rangers next visit, works to be reported; clean chevrons on B1110 opposite the White House and clear mud from drains on Rectory Road.

76 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Nothing given

77 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman

Date