

**MINUTES of the MEETING of
WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at WOOD NORTON VILLAGE HALL
on MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Marchant (Chairman)

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

Clerk: L. Jennings

District Councillor Pierre Butikofer, District Councillor Roy Reynolds and prospective County Council candidate Annie Claussen-Reynolds.

2 members of the public.

78 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: District Councillor Ramsbotham and PCSO Shane Artingsall.

79 REPORT FROM THE POLICE

The new Police newsletter has been received for the Astley and Wensum Ward. The aim of the newsletter is to ensure Parishes receive regular updates on crime levels and relevant news with crime prevention advice. The Clerk will get a link for the web site and also display the newsletter in the Parish Notice Board.

80 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COOUNCILLORS

District Councillor Butikofer reported that the Boundary Commission has reported its proposals and are suggesting a new ward called Stibbard - this will include Hindolveston, Wood Norton, Stibbard, Great Ryburgh, Little Ryburgh, Kettlestone, Fulmodeston, Barney and Swanton Novers. Melton Constable will be moved into Stody Ward, the Astley name will disappear. District Councillors will be making further representations to the Boundary Commission regarding these proposals and would be interested to know the views of the Parish Council. Any comments received by the Parish Councils will, with the Parish Councils permission, be included in the District Councils submission.

Second homes - there are 3989 second homes and 1697 holiday homes that are liable for business rates in the North Norfolk District out of an overall total of 53,506. These figures exclude a further 1120 dwelling where planning conditions prevents occupation of more than 28 days. Hindolveston has 239 homes of which 17 are second homes, making a total of 7% of all properties. Swanton Novers has 104 homes of which 14 are second homes, making a total of 13% of all properties. There is no current information for Wood Norton but figures available indicate between 1% and 9%. Salthouse 36%, Cley 35%, Morston 34% Stiffkey 30%

North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) has a new website, in order to make it easier for customers and residents to use. It is also adapted for use on smart phones and tablets.

NNDC has introduced a new Cabinet Portfolio - Community Liaison and Engagement which will proactively engage with Town and Parish Councils. Over the next few weeks three key officers from NNDC will be visiting Parish Councils to gauge issues of concerns.

The Budget has now been set and there will be no Council tax or NNDC precept increase. This is the 7th year this has been frozen. However, there have been concerns raised about a funding gap of £1.3M by 2020/21.

The Planning Department has sent out guidance to all the Parish Clerks regarding the short planning cycle which has been reduced from 4 to 3 weeks. The Planning Department will only accept electronic submissions from

the 1st April 2017. However there is some funding available to support Parish Councils in accessing data.

81 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public complained that the outside lights of the Lorry Park on Holt Road are on all night. These lights are exceptionally large and the orange sodium type. They light up the night sky for some distance. He feels they are not necessary as the owners have CCTV, dogs and live on the premises. Councillor Butikofer will investigate. A member of the public reported that Lyng Hall Lane is in a poor state of repair and asked who was responsible for the upkeep. He felt that the Lorries visiting the pig farm were not helping the situation. The Clerk will look at the recent Planning Decision for the pig farm. The entrance was recently tarmacked but it is unknown by who. The Clerk will contact Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Tweedie to see if their Deeds show any ownership. The Clerk will also contact the Highway Engineer. A member of the public asked if the road sign for Lyng Hall Lane could be reinstated. Councillor Butikofer will investigate. The road sign at the double bends on the Holt Road has been knocked over, the Clerk will report. Prospective County Councillor Annie Claussen-Reynolds explained that she was standing at the County Council elections in May for the area including Wood Norton. The mud on the Twyford Lane was discussed as it is exceptionally bad. Cllr Crowe will speak to the land owner. The Clerk will report to Highways the number of potholes on the Foulsham Road and Hall Lane.

82 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J. Lack declared an another interest in item 7e.

83 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

On the proposition of Cllr Marchant, seconded by Cllr Lidstone-Scott, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 January 2017 were approved and signed.

84 MATTERS ARISING

- 84.1 The Clerk will get a price to erect gates at the entrance to the village.
- 84.2 The Clerk has contacted NNDC regarding the Big Society Fund to see if they will give the Parish Council funds to purchase a projector. They will not.
- 84.3 Nothing to report regarding the defibrillator.
- 84.4 Broadband has been delayed due to problems with connections to the main box.
- 84.5 The Clerk has received a quotation for a new sign pointing to the Village Hall at a cost of £172.50. On the proposition of Cllr Lidstone-Scott, seconded by Cllr O'Keefe that this is accepted with 6 votes for and 1 abstention. The Clerk will write to the Village Hall Committee to see if they will pay half the fee.

85 FINANCE

- 85.1 The account balances are as follows:
 - The Community Account £1723.05
 - The Village Sign Account £1706.47
 - The Business Account £568.55
- 85.2 On the proposition of Cllr Marchant, seconded by Cllr Lack the half yearly salary of £679.33 to March 31st 2017 is paid to the Clerk. All in favour.
- 85.3 On the proposition of Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr O'Keefe that the payment of £168.60 is paid to HMRC. All in favour.
- 85.4 The Clerk has contacted Norfolk ALC to enquire if the Parish Council would be eligible for funding from the Transparency Fund. The Clerk will apply for funding of a laptop and scanner.

86 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME

The Police have written to ask if members of the Parish would be interested in taking part of a Community Speed Watch Scheme. A piece will be placed in the Parish magazine.

87 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

NNDC are consulting on their proposed Public Space Protection Order. The following are the main orders out for consultation:

- All NNDC owned land – Chinese lantern and mass balloon releases to be banned (example sites include car parks, open spaces and the beach foreshore).
- Promenade and beaches – to retain the no dogs on the beaches and dogs on leads on the prom from 1st May to 30th September.
- No fouling – to retain the district wide order (applicable to all land open to the air accessible by the public).
- Dogs to be put on leads – proposing to have district wide order where a person must put their dog on a lead when asked by an authorised officer.

88 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Development.
- b) Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm Community Consultation Events
- c) Ricochet TV – New BBC2 show looking for sentimental items
- d) Community Biodiversity Awards 2017
- e) Norfolk Community Event
- f) Norfolk ALC newsletter – beacon lighting 11th November 2018 at 7pm. The Clerk will register the Parish with Bruno Peake.

89 RECENT POWER CUTS TO THE VILLAGE

Some of the village lost power after ‘Storm Doris’. The cause was trees damaging the power lines. The Clerk will investigate who’s responsibility it is to keep trees cut away from these lines.

90 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Update on the playground.

91 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th April 2017 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.48 p.m.

Chairman

Date