

**MINUTES of the MEETING of
WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at WOOD NORTON VILLAGE HALL
on MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Marchant (Chairman)

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

Clerk: L. Jennings

District Councillor Pierre Butikofer

1 member of the public.

92 APOLOGIES

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

93 REPORT FROM THE POLICE

There was no report from the Police. A resident had reported that a white van
had been in the village a few weeks ago selling garden benches. Residents
are asked to be vigilant.

94 REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Butikofer reported that the budget for the year has been
agreed at District Council (NNDC). Parish Clerks will receive an e-newsletter
from the District Council to report to their Parish meetings. The Clerk will
write to Steve Hems at NNDC to ask him to add the sign for Lyng Hall Lane to
his list. District Councillor Butikofer will forward any planning notifications to
the Clerk. The issue of the lights permanently on at the lorry park has still not
been addressed. The Clerk will write to the head of Environmental Health.
There is also an issue that it appears to be 24 hour working at the lorry park
with lorries being washed down at all hours of the day and night. The
caravan park adjoining the lorry park appears to be building a large structure.
The Clerk will ask the head of Environmental Health to confirm they are
abiding by the planning conditions.

95 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public was hoping for an update regarding the lighting at the
lorry park and also regarding the potholes on Lyng Hall Lane. The Clerk will
chase these. The Clerk will also report dirty road signs to highways. There is
a pothole on the B1110 at Catchetts bend.

96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

97 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

On the proposition of Cllr Marchant, seconded by Cllr Lidstone-Scott, the
minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 March 2017 were approved
and signed.

98 MATTERS ARISING

98.1 The Clerk will investigate who is responsible for the upkeep of Lyng Hall
Lane and who is responsible for the new tarmac section.

98.2 The Clerk will contact highways regarding the potholes on Foulsham
Road.

98.3 The proposed gates at the entrance to the village will be discussed at the next meeting.

98.4 The VETS scheme which involves training for the defibrillator will take place on 13th May at the Village Hall.

98.5 Councillor O'Keefe reported that the fibre broadband is now active. This has not been confirmed to the Parish Council. The Clerk will write to District Councillor Ramsbotham and Karen Kane from Norfolk County Council.

98.6 Two residents have offered to help with the Community Speedwatch Scheme. The Clerk will write and thank them and also get more information.

98.7 The Clerk has applied for funding for a laptop and scanner for the Parish Council.

99 FINANCE

99.1 The account balances are as follows:

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

99.2 The Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has announced that the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for local (parish and town) councils in England for 2017-18 is **£7.57**. This is the amount that results from increasing the amount of 2016-17 (£7.42) by the percentage increase in the retail index between September 2015 and September 2016 (of 2.0%), in accordance with Schedule 12B to the 1972 Act.

99.3 Cllr O'Keefe, seconded by Cllr Robson, proposed that a cheque for £172.50 is sent to Norfolk County Council Highways in payment for a new sign for the Village Hall. 50% of this cost will be refunded by the Village Hall. All in favour.

99.4 To approve any Councillors who wish to attend the Norfolk ALC Spring Conference at a cost of £55 + vat per member. No one wished to attend.

100 COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND

As there is a questionnaire in circulation Councillors agreed to save any discussions for when the results are known.

101 TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM THE CAMPAIGN FOR RURAL ENGLAND (CPRE) REGARDING HOUSING ALLOCATION PLEDGES

The Clerk will send round the information which will then be an agenda item for the next Council meeting.

102 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Bruno Peek – Lighting the Beacon to commemorate the end of the First World War – Sunday 11 November 2018 at 11am.
- b) North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) – Big Society Fund.
- c) Letter from Foulsham Parish Council regarding 'Wade's Farm'. The Clerk will determine if this property is in Breckland District Council area.
- d) Steffan Aquarone – Help improve the phone signal in Wood Norton. Cllr Lidstone-Scott will respond to this.
- e) Letter from Norfolk ALC regarding the Draft Model Contract
- f) The Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme.
- g) Norfolk County Council Highway Maintenance - Local Area Teams.

103 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting.

104 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING
Monday 15th May 2017 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.53 p.m.

Chairman

Date