

## Minutes 15th May 2017

In the absence of the Clerk Cllr Tim Lidstone-Scott took the minutes.

1. Cllr Jenny Marchant was elected Chairperson. All in favour.
2. Cllr Jean Johnson was elected as Vice Chair. All in favour.
3. Apologies were received from PCSO Artingstall, County Councillor Steffan Aquarone
4. Public Participation. Three members of the public raised issues regarding the night-time lighting at W's transport, the condition of Lyng Hall Lane and the difficulty of poor visibility on exiting Rectory Road into the B1110.
5. Report by District Cllr Pierre Butikofer
6. There were no declarations of interest from councillors.
7. The resignation of Cllr John Lack was received.
  - The Parish Council thanks John for his involvement over the past two years.
8. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th April 2017 were signed as correct.
9. Matters Arising:
  - a) **Highway Matters** - Foulsham Road, patching of the roads has been completed, dressing will follow we hope.
  - b) **Defibrillator** - A meeting of potential Village Emergency Telephone System volunteers has been held, which decided to ask the Community Heartbeat Trust to install the system. It has been decided to ask the Community Heartbeat Trust to install the system.
  - c) **Broadband** - Optic fibre broadband is now available to the village. Further information will be placed in the Parish Magazine and on the village website.
  - d) Sign post for the Village Hall - This will be erected on the existing highways signpost on the village green. Funded 50/50 with the VHMC.
  - e) Update on Lorry Park lighting issue - NNDC will only take action if the lights are shining into peoples windows. The NNDC district plan will be checked for reference to dark skies.
  - f) Community Speed Watch Scheme -
  - g) Laptop and Scanner - See item 10 iii.
  - h) Lyng Hall Lane road surface - NCC Highways say the surface is suitable for its public use. Any damage will have been caused by the private rights over the lane.
  - i) A question was asked about Wades Farm. There was some concern about the application for a licence for scrap metal dealing. Foulsham Parish Council will be asked to notify Wood Norton PC if an application for dealing in scrap metal comes before Foulsham PC.
10. Appointment to outside bodies.

The Parish Council does not currently have the capacity to appoint a councillor to join the Village Hall Committee (VHC). The Parish Council is more than happy to work with the VHMC on joint ventures. The Clerk is willing to act as the go-between in the absence of a councillor.
11. i) To approve the payment of the annual subscription to Norfolk Association of Local Councils at a total cost of £92.96.

Proposed by Cllr Jenny Marchant  
Seconded by Cllr Jean Johnson

ii) To approve the annual fee for insurance with Came & Co at a cost of £280.00.  
Proposed by Cllr Jean Johnson  
Seconded by Cllr Tim Lidstone-Scott

iii) The NCAPTC grant of £695 towards a Parish Council laptop and scanner was noted with gratitude.

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### 12. Chairpersons annual report.

Since the last AGM on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 The Parish Council has met on 10 occasions. Three of these have been planning meetings relating to 4 planning applications.

Planning applications are significantly reduced (8 last year; 4 this year). We will no longer be issued with paper copies of plans, but be expected to view these online.

Issues that have concerned the Parish Council over the past year:

Faster broadband access

Highway maintenance

Traffic travelling too fast through the village.

Training for the newly-installed defibrillator took place last May. We are very grateful to the Wood Norton Charitable Trust for their financial support towards the defibrillator.

Over the year we have been greatly indebted to County Councillor David Ramsbotham who has attended the majority of our meetings and sought – with good effect - to further our issues, notably relating to Broadband upgrade and to Highways, with higher authorities. We thank him for his hard work, especially as we were only one of many Parish Councils under his remit.

We were pleased to welcome District Councillor Pierre Butikofer and we are grateful for his offers of help and support in district matters. These currently include complaints of intrusive nocturnal lighting at The Poplars, and matters relating to Lyng Hall Lane.

We were sad to learn of the resignation of Councillor John Lack, and thank him for his services on the Parish Council for the past two years. Many thanks also to Linda for her work as clerk.

13. A request from the Campaign for Rural England (CPRE) regarding Housing Allocation Pledges was discussed. This appears to be asking PCs to support a complete objection to the allocation for Norfolk.

**Proposition:** The subject of house building in rural communities is complicated. With an ageing rural population and limited opportunity for young families to settle in villages there is little doubt that new builds are needed, in certain locations. It is proposed that the PC does not sign the CPRE pledge.

Proposed: Cllr. Tim Lidstone-Scott

Seconded: Cllr Marcus Crowe

Motion carried.

14. Correspondence:

1. One2One – North Norfolk District Council's bi-monthly magazine. This will be emailed to councillors

15. Items for the next agenda.

Items a,b,e,h, would be carried forward to the next agenda.

16. Date of next PC meeting will be 26th June 2017.