

**MINUTES of the MEETING of
WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at WOOD NORTON VILLAGE HALL
on MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2017 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Marchant (Chairman)
Parish Cllrs: T. Lidstone-Scott, C. Robson, M. Crowe, L. O'Keefe, J. Johnson
Clerk: L. Jennings
District Councillor Pierre Butikofer

29 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Mr. Huw Bailey
County Councillor Aquarone and the Police.

30 REPORT FROM THE POLICE

The August newsletter was read to Councillors.

31 REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Clerk will forward this report to all Councillors.

There is not much to update members on from County Hall, as Full Council had not yet met following the summer break. However, County Councillors have been briefed by the Council's Head of Finance on the details of the budget adjustments following the Budget Statement which intimated that Central Government funding of County Councils is likely to reduce to zero by 2022. The savings figure that has been circulated is £100m. However, Cllr Aquarone learned that the £100m the County Council needs to save is not 'in total during 2018-22', but per year by 2022. This means in total £175m less will be spent on services during this four-year term. The effect of forcing these savings through earlier rather than later again has a big impact on the total reduction in what is being spent on services.

32 REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Butikofer reported that there are delays fulfilling orders for brown bins. No applications for the Big Society Fund have been received from any of Cllr Butikofer's parishes. He suggested that the committee for the Village Playground may like to apply. If they write to Cllr Butikofer he will give them a reference. If the Parish Council does require a paper copy of any planning application Cllr Butikofer suggests that the Council contacts the Architects responsible. North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) has purchased the shop and adjoining property at Itteringham. The house will be let. Cllr Butikofer has been contacted by a resident of Lyng Hall Lane enquiring if the lane is a 'BOAT' (a Byway Open to All Traffic). The parish Council confirmed this. It is the landowner's responsibility for the upkeep of this lane. Cllr Butikofer suggested that the resident contacts Marcia Griggs at Norfolk County Council.

33 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public updated the Parish Council on the progress of super-fast broadband for those residents yet to receive it. 1/3 of the village still cannot connect to it and nothing seems to be progressing. The Clerk will write to County Councillor Steffan Aquarone.

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

35 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

On the proposition of Cllr Marchant, seconded by Cllr Lidstone-Scott, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 June 2017 were approved and signed, with the following amendment: Minute 20 to be amended as follows: The District Council has 'overspent' on brown bins and not 'under spent' as recorded.

36 MATTERS ARISING

- a) **Highway Matters** – Lyng Hall Lane (BOAT). At the request of a resident, Cllr Marchant has spoken to Highways and they have said that the Lane is maintained by them and they will repair the potholes.
- b) **Defibrillator** – Nothing to report.
- c) **Broadband** – See minute 33.
- d) **Land at Foulsham Road** – There continues to be concern regarding this area. The Clerk has had a response from NNDC Planning Inspector and he is satisfied that the works are not detrimental. The Clerk will contact Gressenhall regarding the archaeological site.

37 TO FILL A VACANCY BY CO-OPTION

There was one candidate, Mr. Huw Bailey, who unfortunately could not make the meeting. On the proposition of Cllr Lidstone-Scott, seconded by Cllr O'Keefe, Mr. Bailey was duly co-opted. All in favour.

38 FINANCE

- 38.1** The Annual Governance Statement for 2016/2017 has been completed by the external auditors Mazars.
- 38.2** On the proposition of Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Lidstone-Scott RESOLVED that the a payment of £30 is made to Mazars for extra work.
- 38.3** On the proposition of Cllr O'Keefe, seconded by Cllr Johnson RESOLVED the Clerk's half yearly salary of £674.19 is paid. All in favour.
- 38.4** On the proposition of Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr Robson, RESOLVED that a payment of £168.40 is paid to HMRC. All in favour.
- 38.5** On the proposition of Cllr O'Keefe, seconded by Cllr Johnson, RESOLVED that a payment of £25 is paid to Ladywell Accountancy Services. All in favour.
- 38.6** The Clerk reported the balance of accounts as at 28 July 2019:
 - Business Current account = £2534.25
 - Defibrillator account = £272.00
 - Village Sign account = £1706.47
 - Business Saver account = £568.62

Cllr Marchant suggested a donation may be given to the Parish Church. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting. Cllrs Marchant and Johnson both declared an other interest. The Clerk will contact NNDC regarding the Big Society Fund to help pay for a new Village Notice Board. The Clerk will get AOT Engineering to clean the Village Sign in readiness for repainting.

39 CORRESPONDENCE

Breckland District Council Local Plan
Norfolk ALC – Autumn Seminar, Employment Matters: Prevention is Better Than Cure.
CPRE's Vision for Norfolk.
Data Protection Regulations – New Changes in the Law.

40 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Land at Foulsham Road
Broadband
Highways
Defibrillator
Local Green Space designation

- 41** The Clerk asked if the Parish Council would be willing to support Fakenham Town Council in trying to keep Highfield Car Park; the Parish Council are happy to do so.
The Clerk also asked if she could contact Anglian Water to investigate the possibility of the village going on mains sewerage. Agreed she could make enquiries.

42 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 30th October 2017 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.08 p.m.

Chairman

Date