**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th January, 2016 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Ken Hayward, Chairman, Joyce Parsons, Jean Adkins, Mike Palmer, Trevor Battle.

Clerk: Janet Gobey. Also present: Andy Sully, District Councillor and 8 members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.05pm with 15 minutes open discussion for the public, matters raised

were:

1. Drains blocked on the footpath near to the shop on the B3227.
2. The advance warning sign for the pedestrian crossing is facing the wrong way. The Clerk

will report it to Highways.

7.15pm Cllr. Trevor Battle joined the meeting.

3. Cllr. Joyce Parsons queried whether the ponds by the West Somerset Railway could be

cleared out and used for fishing.

The Chairman requested ideas for which some of the Parish Council reserves could be used.

**1.01.16 Apologies for absence.**

Nita Wyatt, Adrian Jones, Paula Clinchant, Paula Knott. County Cllr. Mike Rigby.

**2.01.16 Declarations of interest –** none declared.

**3.01.16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th December, 2015**

In 4.12.15 Planning (a) the first reference should read 25 not 20.

Amended and signed by the chairman.

**4.01.16 Police Matters –** no report.

It was agreed to take items 7 and 8 next.

**7.01.16 To consider installation of a defibrillator in the village.**

Joyce Parsons proposed that the Parish Council purchase a defibrillator for the

Village. The cost would be approximately £1,000. Suggestions were put forward

where it could be situated. The Chairman proposed that Council agree in principle

to take this forward, subject to advice being sought from SW Ambulance Service.

Agreed unanimously. To be placed on the agenda for February.

**8.01.16 To consider applying to the SCC Health & Wellbeing Grant Fund.**

Discussed but an application will not be made for the grant for this year.

**5.01.16 Planning (a):**

25/15/0042 Removal/variation of condition no. 3, archaeological works prior to

commencement of application no. 25/14/0028 installation of Solar Farm, Monty’s

Farm. No comment.

**(b) Applications received since issue of agenda** – none received.

**(c) Approvals and refusals** – none.

**6.01.16 To finalise precept requirement for 2016/17**

Proposed Jean Adkins that the precept for 2016/7 is set at £26,390. Seconded

Mike Palmer and agreed unanimously. Council will also receive £1,262 in Council

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Tax Support from Taunton Deane making the total funding for 2016/17 £27,652.

**9.01.16 To consider request from TDBC regarding consultation on new street names.**

Proposed by the Chairman that the Parish Council request to continue to be

consulted by Taunton Deane regarding the choice of new street names. Agreed

unanimously. The following suggested street names will be submitted to Taunton

Deane for future use. The names are historically connected to 40 Commando Marines who are based in the parish:

Ocean, Cockleshell, Bluff Cove.

**10.1.16 To consider installation of a litter bin near to the layby and footpath T18/1 at**

**Hilly Park.**

Proposed Jean Adkins that a Barnsley Litter Bin for £330 is purchased and installed

at the Hilly Park end of footpath T18/1. A charge for emptying of £4 per occasion

will also apply. Seconded Trevor Battle. Carried.

**11.1.16 Finance:**

**a) Income received for notification only:**

SCC repayment for fencing for the nursery in the recreation ground £310.00

**b) Payments for approval and any subsequently received.**

No payments requiring approval.

Clerk’s salary and expenses £718.42

HMRC for one month £111.55.

**12.1.16 Update regarding extension of 30mph limits on Pen Elm Hill and the B3227.**

An update from Gary Warren, Highways has confirmed that a survey will be

carried out on the B3227 from Cross Keys to Burnshill Cottages to establish

whether this section of road is eligible for a 30mph extension. Unfortunately

there has been no progress with Pen Elm. Jean Adkins will chase David Fothergill

and Andy Sully will make enquiries at Taunton Deane about moving the village name

sign to Cross Keys. To be placed on future agendas.

**13.1.16 Reports:**

**a) SCC –** No report

**b) TDBC**  Report from Andy Sully that car park charges will be decreased from April

to £1 for one hour, but increased to £2 for two hours and £3 for three hours. The

money will be used to upgrade existing car parks.

The proposed Ford Farm development will be going before the Planning Inspector

and a decision will be made in February.

**c) Clerk**  The crash barriers are being installed along the relief road. A question was

raised about the old lights along the footpath, Andy Sully will make enquiries on

whose land they are situated.

**d) NFPFA** – No report.

**14.1.16 Correspondence**

Various items discussed, placed on the table for members to view if they wished.

**15.1.16 Date, time and place of next meeting.**

Monday, 1st February, 2016 at 7pm in the village hall.

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