**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th March, 2016 in the village hall.**

**Present:**  Ken Hayward, Chairman, Paula Knott, Vice Chair, Jean Adkins, Adrian Jones,

Mike Palmer, Nita Wyatt. Clerk: Janet Gobey.

Also present: District Cllr. Andy Sully, Kim Davey, SW Ambulance Trust, Phil Bareham, Parish Paths Volunteer, Steve Williams, West Somerset Railway, Liz Latham and Sue Dennis, The Go Commando Charity, Stuart Goble, PCC and 7 members of the public.

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

1. Update regarding stone recycling works.
2. The advance warning sign for the pedestrian crossing is facing the wrong way.
3. Buses are now stopping at the top of Burnshill opposite Cross Keys Close.

**1.03.16 Apologies for absence**

Joyce Parsons, ill health, Trevor Battle, holiday, Paula Clinchant, work

 commitments, Paula Knott, will be late and County Cllr. Mike Rigby, work

commitments.

**2.03.16 Declarations of Interest**

Jean Adkins declared a personal interest for item 5 as she is Taunton Deane’s

 representative on the Partnership Development Group for West Somerset

 Railway.

**3.03.16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st February, 2016.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4.03.16 Police Matters –** no report received.

**5.03.16 Presentation by Steve Williams of WSR regarding the major site**

 **development of Bishops Lydeard Station and pilot project to run**

 **regular services between Taunton and Bishops Lydeard.**

The Chairman welcomed Steve Williams. He described how West Somerset

 Railway intend to improve Bishops Lydeard Station. Land has already been

 bought at Station Farm and a bid made to the Heritage Lottery Fund to build

 a new visitor centre and museum. Planning permission has also been

 applied for.

 The feasibility of running a service between Bishops Lydeard and Taunton will

 be investigated, a trial may start by March 2017. Unfortunately due to the

 inaccessibility of WSR land at Norton Fitzwarren it is unlikely a station will be

 opened here. The Chairman thanked Steve Williams for attending and giving

 the presentation.

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 7.35pm Paula Knott joined the meeting.

**6.03.16 To consider installation of a defibrillator for the village - presentation by a**

 **representative from the SW Ambulance Service.**

Kim Davey gave the presentation and went through the various options

available. It was generally agreed that the best site would be in the village

centre.

To be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, in the meantime permission from the Co-op shop will be sought for it to be installed on the wall outside and quotes will be obtained.

It was agreed to take item 15(c) next.

**15.03.16 Reports:**

 **(c) Footpaths**

Phil Bareham, PPLO, gave a report, a copy of which was handed to the Clerk.

 The faults listed have been reported to SCC, Rights of Way. Footpath T18/4

 from the railway bridge to Kingdom Lane has been closed commencing

 29th February for six months for development by Barratts.

 The two bridges on the footpath from Wick Bridge to Cotford are due to be

 repaired this summer.

**7.03.16 Go Commando project – presentation by Liz Latham**

The charity Go Commando are intending to re-apply for funding for a

 family centre for the forces and the local community to be situated on land

 at Wyevale. This will include a 40 place day nursery plus access to therapies,

 advice and accommodation for a health visitor. Liz Latham requested the

 Parish Council’s support for the project. Proposed Paula Knott that the

 Parish Council give their support, seconded Mike Palmer and agreed

 unanimously.

**8.03.16 To consider grant application from All Saints Church for replacement**

 **boilers.**

Item withdrawn.

**9.03.16 To consider proposal for lighting through the churchyard.**

 Stuart Goble from the PCC was present and confirmed that the PCC would

 support the installation of lighting for the footpath. Solar lighting was

 preferred as this would not involve laying cables through the churchyard. It

 was agreed to obtain quotes for the next meeting. Permission would have to

 be obtained from the PCC and the diocese.

**10.03.16 Planning: (a)**

34/16/0007 Outline application for Norton Taunton Development,

 Staplegrove.

It was agreed to support Staplegrove Parish Council’s request for the spine

 road to be completed before any development takes place and to object

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 to the application on Highway issues which will have a serious impact on

 this parish. Agreed unanimously.

 25/16/0001 Single storey extension to Cross Keys Tavern – no comment.

 **(b) Applications received since issue of agenda**

25/16/0002 Change of use to business, Unit E2B Churchward Drive, Langford

 Mead – no comment.

 **(c) Approvals and refusals**

25/15/0034 2-storey extension and conservatory, House of St. Martin.

 Application approved.

**11.03.16 To consider application from the Allotment Association to install hedging.**

After much discussion and a vote of 2 for and 4 against, application refused.

**12.03.16 To consider grant application from the Allotment Association for hedging**

 **whips.**

As item 11.03.16 did not receive approval, this item was not discussed.

**13.03.16 To consider a regular litter collection for the village.**

 Two quotes were obtained by the Clerk. The quote from Martin King was

 accepted. The Chairman proposed a regular litter collection of two hours per

week, seconded Jean Adkins, carried.

**14.03.16 To consider quotes for parish maintenance for 2016/17**

Three quotes were obtained, proposed Jean Adkins that the quote from

 Martin King is accepted, seconded Nita Wyatt, carried.

**15.03.16 Reports (Continued):**

 **(a) SCC –** No report

 **(b) TDBC** Cllr. Andy Sully reported that the broken lights along the footpath

 by the main railway line will be replaced by Barratts at the end of the

 development.

 **(c) Clerk**

The path from Langford Lane to Cross Keys has been cleared of mud by

Somerset Highways, following complaints from residents.

The ownership of the wall in Church Lane is still being pursued by Taunton

Deane, it has been established that 1 Church Close does own the wall

bounding their property.

**16.03.16 Finance:**

 **(a) To consider new audit arrangements.**

 The Audit Commission has now been abolished and therefore as a result, the

 National Association of Local Councils is organising the procurement of

 external auditors for Parish Councils. Following advice from the Clerk,

 proposed Jean Adkins that Council opt in to the new arrangement,

 seconded Paula Knott, carried.

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**(b) Payments for approval and any subsequently received:**

R.W. Gale Ltd., for installation of dropped kerbs £3786.00

M. King hedge cutting and laying slabs at the exercise area £210.00

M. King for litter collection in village and disposal of rubbish £259.20

TDBC - printing for the Parish Council £51.94

Clerk’s salary and expenses £727.82

HMRC £111.55

Proposed Jean Adkins that the above payments are approved, seconded

Mike Palmer, carried.

**17.03.16 Correspondence**

As list circulated to Councillors – no discussion.

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

Monday, 4th April, 2016 at 7pm in the village hall.

 The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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