**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Present:** Cllrs. Ken Hayward, Chairman, Jean Adkins, Adrian Jones, Nita Wyatt, Mike Palmer,

Paula Clinchant, Joyce Parsons, Paula Knott. Clerk: Janet Gobey

Also present: Andy Sully, District Councillor, Phil Bareham, Footpath Liaison and six members of the public.

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

1. The need to avoid cutting hedges in the bird nesting season - the issue has been resolved.
2. Hedges which are overhanging onto the pavement in the village - the property owners will

be contacted.

**1.07.16 Apologies for absence**

Trevor Battle on holiday, Paula Knott will be late.

**2.07.16 Declarations of Interest**

Nita Wyatt declared a personal interest in item 7 as an allotment holder.

**3.07.16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th June, 2016**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4.07.16 Police Matters**

The Chairman read a report from PCSO Emma Carter and requested the

 Clerk thank PCSO Carter for her detailed and comprehensive report.

 Matters raised: The traffic accident on the bridge over the WSR line, which is the

 third this year. The Clerk will consult with PCSO Carter to explore the possibility of

 any safety measures which can be installed.

**5.07.16 Update from meeting with Matthew Bale, TDBC regarding the land transfer**

 **for the new playing field in Stembridge Way.**

The Chairman gave an update from the meeting. Matthew Bale has taken

 responsibility for progressing this transfer. He will investigate the possibility

 of an alternate access to the field and instruct the Legal Department to contact

 the Jakins family, the landowners , regarding access to the new field.

**6.07.16 Planning: (a)**

25/16/0011 Erection of single storey two classroom block, Norton Fitzwarren

 Primary School.

 An objection has been received from a nearby resident raising concerns about the

 increase to traffic on Blackdown View and insufficient on-site parking.

Following discussion it was agreed to object to the application before Council on the

grounds that provision for on-site staff parking is not adequate and will add to the

traffic problems already experienced in Blackdown View and to request that the

application is re-submitted with adequate on-site staff parking. Following a vote 6

members for and 1 against. Carried.

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

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

**7.07.16 Replacement fencing for allotment site – to consider proposals from the**

 **Allotment Association.**

The stock fencing originally installed in 2008 is beginning to deteriorate and is

 not considered fit for purpose by the tenants, as it is easily scaled.

 Various options were considered, funding would need to be sought. There was

 no objection to the fence being installed outside the original fence in order that

 the original fence could be dismantled by the tenants at a later date but the new

 fence should not be unsightly or too high.

 8.40pm Paula Knott joined the meeting.

 A suggestion by a member of the public to incorporate features to enhance the

 significant natural diversity of the area was made. The Chairman offered to set up a

 group to discuss this, several volunteers came forward.

**8.07.16 To consider options regarding repairs to the bridge at the Hill Fort.**

The Chairman gave the history of the woodland trail and bridge which was originally

 provided by Taunton Deane. District Councillor Andy Sully was requested to

 investigate if funding could be found, and if not to request the removal of the

 bridge. To be placed on the agenda for September.

**9.07.16 Report from Loneliness and Isolation meeting.**

 Mike Palmer attended the meeting and gave a report. Transport is a problem

 for all ages but it was generally agreed that the village is doing as much as it can to

 prevent loneliness and isolation. There will be a follow-up meeting next year.

**10.07.16 To consider ROSPA reports regarding the play areas and exercise area.**

The Clerk was requested to forward the Vilberie Close report and the report

 regarding the exercise area to Wicksteeds and request a quote for repairs.

 Proposed Jean Adkins that authority is given for repairs to be carried out, if less than

 a total of £500, seconded Mike Palmer, agreed unanimously.

**11.07.16 Finance:**

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

ROSPA inspections of play areas £215.00

 T. Battle – reimbursement of keys and oil for defibrillator £12.98 (paid cash)

 Village hall rent for Youth Club £173.50 (corrected amount).

 Clerk’s salary and expenses £ 741.01

 HMRC £111.24

 Proposed to pay the above, Mike Palmer, seconded Paula Clinchant, carried.

**12.07.16 Reports:**

 **(a) SCC -** email report read by the Chairman.

 **(b) TDBC** due to the lateness of the hour – deferred.

 **(c) Footpaths –** Enforcement action is being taken regarding the diverted footpath

 around the solar panels.

 **(d) Clerk**

The fallen tree has been removed from Halse Water as a goodwill gesture by

 Kingcombe’s.

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 Western Power have been requested to reinstate the brick pillar, the fencing and

 to replant hedging in the gap by the stream, following the undergrounding and

 replacement of the low voltage cables in Manor Park.

**13.07.16 Correspondence**

As list provided by the Clerk – no discussion.

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

Monday, 5th September, 2016 at 7pm in the village hall.

 The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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