**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th December, 2016 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Paula Knott, Vice chair,Mike Palmer, Trevor Battle, Paula Clinchant, Adrian Jones,

Graham Withnell, Clerk: Janet Gobey.

Also present: County Cllr. Mike Rigby, District Cllr. Andy Sully, Phil Bareham, PPLO and seven members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.05pm with open discussions for the public, Paula Knott chaired the meeting as the Chairman, Ken Hayward will not be present, matters raised were:

1. The pedestrian crossing warning sign is still turned the wrong way awaiting relocation by

Highways. Cllr. Mike Rigby will chase.

**1.12.16 Apologies for absence**

Ken Hayward, Nita Wyatt and Jean Adkins.

**2.12.16 Declarations of Interest**

Trevor Battle, Paula Knott and Paula Clinchant declared a personal interest in item

8 as nearby residents. Trevor Battle also declared a personal interest in item 12 as a

volunteer for the West Somerset Railway.

**3.12.16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th November, 2016.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**4.12.16 Police Matters**

PCSO Emma Carter has submitted a written report – no matters raised.

Council agreed to take item 14. Reports (a) SCC next as Cllr. Rigby had to leave early.

**14.12.16 Reports (a) SCC**

The installation of superfast broadband is progressing and Cllr. Rigby is lobbying

Government to legislate that developers should provide broadband when new

properties are sold.

The Small Improvement Scheme may be discontinued by Somerset Highways.

Cllr. Rigby is attending a meeting with MOD representatives to discuss the future of

Norton Manor Camp when it closes IN 2028.

**5.12.16 To consider precept for 2017/18**

The draft precept requirement was presented by the Clerk and discussed by Council.

The Council Tax Support portion of the precept will decrease for 2017/18 and will

completely withdrawn in 2018/19. Paula Knott proposed that the Clerk’s

recommendation of £30,400.00 is accepted, this figure will ensure that there will not

be an increase in the Parish Council’s portion of the Council Tax, seconded

Adrian Jones and agreed unanimously.

**6.12.16 To consider repairs to bridge at hill fort.**

Cllr. Andy Sully has obtained funding for 50% of the total cost of £3,540 from

Taunton Deane. Although the response to the survey on its use has been

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disappointing, after a vote it was agreed to repair the bridge. Proposed Paula

Clinchant that the Parish Council fund the remaining 50% (£1,770), seconded

Mike Palmer and agreed unanimously. Andy Sully will request a letter of

confirmation from Taunton Deane.

**7.12.16 Update regarding new playing field.**

The update was read to Council, as there has not been any progress since the

cables were undergrounded, Paula Knott proposed that a formal complaint is

made to Taunton Deane, seconded Adrian Jones and agreed unanimously.

Cllr. Andy Sully will advise the correct procedure.

**8.12.16 To consider yellow lines near the school and update regarding the request for**

**yellow lines near to the junction of Morse Road and the B3227.**

Defer to next meeting to await response from Highways on both sites.

**9.12.16 Planning (a)**

25/16/0021 Variation of conditions relating to diversion of footpath, solar farm.

No objection to the new route of the footpath, the Clerk will enquire if the

archaeological dig has been carried out.

25/16/0022 Single storey extension at Homar, Rectory Road.

No comment.

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

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

**10.12.16 To consider installing solar powered lamp for the footpath through the**

**churchyard.**

To purchase a lamp would be quite expensive, therefore Trevor Battle proposed to

request Somerset Council to move the existing street light to a more suitable

location. Agreed unanimously, the Clerk will contact Cllr. Mike Rigby to assist.

**11.12.16 To approve Agreement with Somerset County Council for new village name signs**

The Agreement has been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, no

objections or queries were raised. Mike Palmer proposed that Council give

permission to the Clerk to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Council and to

submit the payment of £874.75 to SCC, seconded Graham Withnell and agreed

unanimously.

**12.12.16 To consider form of consultation with WSRA regarding upgrade to Bishops**

**Lydeard Station.**

Two volunteers came forward to attend staff meetings at Bishop Lydeard Station,

Trevor Battle and Graham Withnell.

**13.12.16 Finance – payments for approval and any subsequently received:**

Martin King for parish maintenance (hedges, grass cutting, weed spraying and

litter picking £1,470.00.

PWLB loan repayment for six months £1350.07

Somerset Playing Fields Association - subscription £15.00

Taunton Deane – printing costs £37.68

Clerk’s salary and expenses £759.60

HMRC 111.24

Proposed Graham Withnell that the above payments are approved, seconded

Mike Palmer, agreed.

**14.12.16 Reports:**

**(a) SCC** – see page 1.

**(b) TDBC** Cllr. Andy Sully reported a flood storage area for the River Tone is being

built at Bradford on Tone. The new 30mph speed limits for Norton Fitzwarren

were advertised in the Gazette last week.

**(c) Clerk** The Speed Indicator Device dates for 2017 have been received for Pen Elm,

Beauford Park and Manor View.

**15.12.16 Correspondence**

As list circulated by the Clerk - no discussion.

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

To be agreed at the next agenda meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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