**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 10th January, 2017 in the village hall.**

**Present:**  Ken Hayward, Chairman, Paula Knott, Vice Chair, Jean Adkins, Nita Wyatt,

Graham Withnell, Trevor Battle, Mike Palmer, Paula Clinchant, Adrian Jones. Clerk: Janet Gobey.

Also present: County Cllr. Mike Rigby, District Cllr. Andy Sully, Phil Bareham, Footpaths and nine

members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.08pm chaired by Paula Knott as Ken Hayward had not yet arrived, matters raised under Open Discussion for the Public were:

1. Children crossing the B3227 opposite Cross Keys Close and whether an additional crossing

could be installed there. It was generally agreed that this was unlikely as it was very near

to the crossing at the bottom of Blackdown Road. The possibility of an additional pick up

point by the school bus in Langford Mead was more likely to succeed.

1. The bollards have been installed on the bridge on the cider site development but cars are

driving on the pavement to by-pass them, this information will be passed to Highways.

1. A request by Don Wyatt, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee for the funds for the

proposed café to be held by the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council

does have a ‘holding account’ for the purpose of holding funds for village groups.

1. The tarmac has been removed from the floor of the bus shelter for some time, the Clerk

will enquire when this will be replaced.

It was agreed to take Reports (d) Footpaths next as Phil Bareham, PPLO has to leave by

7.30pm:

**12.01.17 Reports (d) Footpaths**

T18/17 an unofficial diversion is in place due to a large pool of water by the stile.

T18/9 the small wooden bridge on the west side of the WSR railway line has been

removed.

These faults have been reported to Rights of Way, SCC and T18/5 the footpath along

the main railway line should be open soon.

**1.01.17 Apologies for absence**

Ken Hayward will be late.

**2.01.17 Declarations of Interest**

Paula Knott, Trevor Battle and Paula Clinchant declared a personal interest in item 5.

**3.01.17 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December, 2016.**

The minutes were approved and signed by Paula Knott, Vice Chair.

Item 12 Reports (a) SCC brought forward as Cllr. Rigby has to leave early.

**12.01.17 Reports (a) SCC**

1. Pedestrian crossing warning sign

Cllr. Rigby has requested an update and timetable for relocation which should be

received this week.

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2. Broadband

The focus will be on those areas not yet upgraded, phase 2 is due to be signed soon.

3. Northern Inner Distribution Road

Cllr. Rigby has joined a group investigating the causes of the severe delay, but

unfortunately he is not permitted to report any findings as yet.

5. Recycling

New items for collection are being introduced.

**4.01.17 Police Matters**

Paula Knott read out the report from PCSO Emma Carter. Trevor Battle

raised issues regarding illegal parking outside the school.

**5.01.17 To consider parking restrictions by the school and Morse Road.**

A meeting has been set up between Highways, the Parish Council and PSCO Emma

Carter to discuss implementing parking restrictions in these two locations.

7.45pm Ken Hayward arrived and took the chair.

**6.01.17 Update from meeting with Taunton Deane regarding new playing field.**

Ken Hayward gave an update from the meeting with Jonathan Warner from

Taunton Deane, various ways to progress were discussed – to be placed on the

agenda for the next meeting.

**7.01.17 To consider local emergency arrangements for the parish.**

The leaflet from ‘Somerset Prepared’ has been distributed to members, it was

agreed to register the village hall as a place of safety and to ensure the contact

details for the village hall and list of volunteers are up to date. The emergency

contact details for the village hall are now on the website.

**8.01.17 To consider permanent Speed Indicator devices on the B3227 and A358.**

Cllr. Mike Rigby has offered to set up a meeting and when the new 30mph speed

limit is in place, the Parish Council agreed to request the SID is re-positioned nearer

to Cross Keys.

**9.01.17 Update regarding proposed nature reserve walk at playing field.**

Paula Knott and the Clerk gave an update. An Elm Tree has been ordered to take

part in the Great British Elm Experiment which is run by the Conservation

Foundation, the aim of the project is to introduce disease resistant elm trees into

the UK, this will be planted in the nature reserve.

Local children will be invited to take part in the experiment which requires records

being submitted to the Conservation Foundation as to how the tree progresses.

It was agreed to request Council’s maintenance contractor will cut back the

undergrowth around the proposed walk. Proposed Jean Adkins to agree the cost

up to £400, seconded Mike Palmer, carried.

**10.01.17 Planning:**

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

**(b) Approvals and refusals**

25/16/0020 Variation of condition no. 5 to allow annexe to be used as a holiday let. Application approved.

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**11.01.17 Finance:**

**Payments for approval and any subsequently received:**

Clerk’s salary and expenses £741.03

HMRC £111.24

P. Knott reimbursement for website, one quarter £35.96

(Regular payments approved annually).

**12.01.17 Reports:**

**(a) SCC and (d) Footpaths –** see page 1.

**(b) TDBC**

Cllr. Andy Sully reported Taunton Deane will have to prepare plans for infrastructure

for the Garden Town status and will be able to apply for extra funding. The plans

already in place for additional housing will not alter.

Ford Farm has been deemed viable by the Inspector so will remain in the core

strategy.

**(c) Clerk**

The Council’s interest rate for their savings account has been reduced to almost

zero, an alternative savings account will be sought.

The SID dates for 2017 have been received.

**13.01.17 Correspondence.**

As list circulated by the Clerk – no discussion.

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

Monday, 6th February, 2017 at 7pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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