**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 6th February, 2017 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Ken Hayward, Chairman, Paula Knott, Vice Chair, Nita Wyatt, Mike Palmer, Adrian Jones,

Graham Withnell, Trevor Battle. Clerk: Janet Gobey

Also present: Phil Bareham, Footpath Liaison, Don Wyatt, Chairman, Village Hall Committee and seven members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.04pm with open discussion for the public, matters raised were:

1. Maintenance of Halse water and rubbish in the stream behind Beauford Park.
2. A request for dog bins along Great Western Way,
3. A request for speed humps along Great Western Way.
4. The gully on the B3227 opposite Morse Road needs lowering to prevent the flooding which takes place there.

**1.02.17 Apologies**

Cllrs. Jean Adkins is ill, Cllrs. Paula Clinchant and Mike Rigby at work and

 Cllr. Andy Sully at a Taunton Deane meeting.

**2.02.17 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs. Ken Hayward, Nita Wyatt, Graham Withnell declared a personal interest in

 item no. 6 as members of the Village Hall Committee. Cllrs. Paula Knott and

 Trevor Battle declared a personal interest in item no. 8 as nearby residents.

**3.02.17 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January, 2017.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4.02.17 Police Matters**

The Chairman read the update provided by PCSO Emma Carter. No matters raised.

**5.02.17 Update regarding new playing field.**

Council agreed a request should be made to Taunton Deane that a meeting with the landowners should not take place without representatives present from the

Parish Council. The Clerk was requested to check the S106 Agreement to investigate

if the sums due should be index linked.

**6.02.17 Update regarding removal of nursery building from recreation ground.**

The portakabin will be removed on the 22nd March, the village hall will be out

 of use for that day.

 The recreation ground will have to be reinstated and the ground levels adjusted.

 The fencing will be recycled.

**7.02.17 Update regarding broadband survey in the village.**

The Clerk read the report, unfortunately only 17 members of the public responded,

 of those it appeared the new developments and Pen Elm were most affected.

The report will be sent to Cllr. Mike Rigby.

* 1 -

**8.02.17 Update from meeting with Somerset Highways regarding yellow lines at**

 **Morse Road and at the school.**

Somerset Highways have agreed to install yellow lines from the corner of Morse

 Road and the B3227 up to the driveway of no. 11 Morse Road for safety reasons.

 At the school it has been agreed to extend the zig zag lines to join up with those by

 the school driveway and to extend up the hill to past the junction of Dunkerton Rise.

 It is likely, however, to be at least six months before the lines are installed.

 PCSO Emma Carter will mention to the school a scheme where the children earn

 points if they walk to school.

**9.02.17 To consider quote for additional street light for church path.**

Deferred until a quote is received from Somerset County Council.

**10.01.17 To consider contribution to change stile to gate at junction of footpath T18/4.**

To be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to allow time for Rights of Way,SCC

 to consult the farmer. In the meantime the Clerk will contact Bishops Hull Parish

 Council to enquire if they are willing to contribute towards the installation costs.

**11.02.17 Planning:**

Cllr. Jean Adkins has resigned from the Planning Committee, those now on the

 Committee are: Ken Hayward, Graham Withnell and Mike Palmer. Nita Wyatt

 agreed to join the committee if necessary.

1. **Applications received since issue of agenda:**

25/17/0002 Redevelopment of petrol filling station, Cross Keys.

Concerns were raised about waste disposal, safety of pedestrians and access and

egress of vehicles from the site onto a very busy road. Council agreed not to

object to the development but the concerns will be raised with Planning Control.

1. **Approvals and refusals** – none.

**12.02.17 Finance:**

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

Norton News grant for 2016/17 £902.00

 Martin King, parish maintenance £990.00

 D. Quick repairs to pavilion £124.00

 HMRC £111.24

 Clerk’s salary and expenses £773.77

 Proposed Trevor Battle to approve these payments, seconded Paula Knott.

**13.02.17 Reports:**

 **(a) SCC** – No report

 **(b) TDBC** – A special meeting is being held to decide the future of Deane House,

 it is now too big and in need of refurbishment. It is proposed that the Police

 Station relocate to there and any remaining space to be offered to a third party.

1. **Clerk**

The missing tarmac under the bus shelter and at the relocated dropped kerbs on Morse Road is due to be replaced week commencing 13th February.

Council’s funds in the Scottish Widows deposit account has been transferred to the

HSBC deposit account as the interest rate in Scottish Widows has been reduced to 0.01%.

* 2 -

**14.02.17 Correspondence**

As list distributed by the Clerk and filed with the minutes, various items were

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

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

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

 The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

* 3 -