**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th December, 2017 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Paula Knott, Chair, Mike Palmer, Vice Chairman, Graham Withnell, Jean Adkins,

Adrian Jones, Phil Bareham. Clerk: Janet Gobey

Also present: Twelve members of the public.

The meeting started at 7pm with open discussion for the public, matters raised were:

1. Thanks given from the Village Hall Committee for the purchase of the CCTV cameras for the

security of the village hall and recreation ground.

1. Many of the street lights along Great Western Way are not working, the Clerk will report

this to Somerset County Council.

**1.12.17 Apologies for absence:** Ken Hayward, Nita Wyatt, Paula Clinchant and District

Councillor Andy Sully.

**2.12.17 Declarations of Interest**

Paula Knott declared a personal interest in item 2.

**3.12.17 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 6th and 13th November, 2017.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**4.12.17 Police Matters**

No report. The playing field will be added to the beat round due to a syringe being

found on the field.

**5.12.17 To consider a request for the extension of yellow lines on the B3227 opposite**

**Kingdom Lane.**

A member of the public has met with Cllr. Mike Rigby on site and he has agreed to

take this forward and request Somerset Highways extend the yellow lines up to the

junction of the trading estate.

**6.12.17 New playing field**

The Chair read the letter from the landowners’ Solicitors, questions were raised by

a member of the public and discussion followed regarding the S106 implications

from the Langford Mead development. It was agreed to continue to support

Taunton Deane with their proposal to obtain access rights for the new field.

7.17pm Adrian Jones joined the meeting.

**7.12.17 Flood alleviation works, Ford Farm (Planning application 25/17/0018).**

The report from the Environment Agency has not yet been received by Taunton

Deane. The Parish Council will give their response when they have seen it.

Various concerns were raised by the public and a request was made that

construction traffic use Great Western Way. Updates to be displayed on Council’s

website.

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**8.12.17 To consider repairs to the wooden footbridge on footpath T18/9.**

Awaiting a response from Rights of Way, SCC, to be on the agenda for the

January meeting.

**9.12.17 To consider precept requirement for 2018/19.**

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

The Council Tax Support portion from Taunton Deane has now ceased. Jean Adkins

proposed that the Clerk’s recommendation of £31,850.00 is accepted, seconded

Mike Palmer and agreed unanimously. This figure will ensure that there will not be

an increase in the Parish Council portion of the Council Tax for 2018/19.

**10.12.17 Planning (a):**

25/17/0026 227 dwellings, play area and green area at Langford Mead.

Concerns were raised regarding insufficient parking, narrow estate roads which

would be difficult for emergency vehicles to negotiate and the increase of traffic

onto the B3227. These concerns will be raised with Taunton Deane Planning

Control.

25/17/0029 Change of use from barn to dwelling house, Little Barn, Monty’s Lane.

The proposed tiled roof will be out of keeping with the surrounding dwellings,

a request for a slate roof to match existing properties will be made.

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

**(c) Approvals and refusals:**

25/17/0022 Application to fell one beech tree 5 Church Close.

Application approved.

**11.12.17 To consider issue of increasing dog mess on the playing field.**

After considering various options a member of the public volunteered to write an

article for the Gazette and the January edition of the Norton News. The draft will

be circulated to members.

**12.12.17 Taunton Deane Maintenance Grant, £760.00 for NF Playing Field Association and**

**£315.00 for churchyard maintenance.**

The Chair proposed Council pass on the grants as in previous years, seconded

Jean Adkins and agreed unanimously.

**13.12.17 To consider the request received for a charitable donation to the Wivey Link.**

Before a decision is made it was agreed to obtain more information as to how much

it is used in the village.

**14.12.17 Finance:**

**(a) Income received (for notification only):**

TDBC Maintenance Grant £2039.00

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

M. King – repair to fence at play area and roof at playing field £516.00

M. King – grass and hedge cutting for 2017 season £1896.00

HMRC £107.71

Clerk’s salary and expenses £760.38

Mike Palmer proposed to approve the above for payment, seconded Jean Adkins,

carried.

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**15.12.17 Reports:**

**(a) SCC –** No report

**(b) TDBC** As Deane House is undergoing alterations, full Council meetings will

be held at the Shire Hall and planning meetings at West Monkton Primary School.

**(c) Health and Safety** – Nothing to report.

**(d) Footpaths** T18/3 from the church to Hilly Park is still blocked Phil Bareham will

report it to Taunton Deane. Phil has also enrolled on a strimmer course which will

enable him to tackle minor footpath clearances next year.

**(e) Clerk**  West Somerset Railway has requested a meeting to discuss the site at

Norton Fitzwarren, the Coffee Shop was suggested. A response is awaited.

The external auditors for the 2017/18 financial year have been appointed and are

PKF Littlejohn LLP.

**16.12.17 Correspondence**

Winter maintenance schedule – the Clerk will check the level of salt in the bins and

order more if necessary. No other items discussed.

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

Monday, 8th January, 2018 at 7pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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