**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th January, 2018 in the village hall.**

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

Adrian Jones, Graham Withnell, Paula Clinchant and the Clerk Janet Gobey.

Also present: Six members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.05pm with open discussion for the public, questions raised were:

1. Apologies from the church for the church tower lighting not working.
2. Rubbish is being dumped on the waste ground opposite the doctor’s surgery, as the land

is not being maintained. The Clerk will contact the land owners.

1. Rubbish in the stream behind the pavilion. Adrian Jones will contact the NFPFA to request

it is cleared out.

**1.01.18 Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Phil Bareham.

**2.01.18 Declarations of Interest**

Adrian Jones and Paula Knott declared an interest in item 6 as members of the

NFPFA.

**3.01.18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December, 2017.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4.01.18 Police Matters**

No report, but a new PCSO started in the parish on the 1st January, 2018. The

Clerk will obtain his contact details.

**5.01.18 Flood alleviation works, Ford Farm (planning application 25/17/0018).**

Council discussed the latest response from the Environment Agency who continue

to object to the Flood Alleviation Plan put forward by the developers. Council

agreed to also object to the application under the same conditions as the

Environment Agency and to stress that the site has a long history of objection

to development as it is a functional flood plain.

**6.01.18 To consider replacement of the ‘Skier’ outdoor exercise equipment on the**

**playing field.**

Following discussion it was agreed to replace the ‘Skier’ with a new piece of

equipment as it no longer complies with Health and Safety regulations.

The Chair and Clerk will meet with suppliers and obtain a quote for its

replacement.

**7.01.18 Update regarding SID device.**

The response from SCC was considered. Graham Withnell proposed that only

one SID device was required, if volunteers could undergo training to use it. The Clerk was requested to enquire from SCC what would be required. To

be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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**8.01.18 Update regarding repairs to bridges on footpath T18/7.**

As landowners of one side of the bridge the Parish Council has still not been

contacted. It was agreed to contact Rights of Way, SCC to enquire what is the

time frame for an Engineer’s Report, when the bridge was last inspected and to

stress that as this is a very well used path the Parish Council would like this

footpath open as soon as possible.

**9.01.18 Planning: (a)**

25/17/0031 Construction of first floor and 2-storey extension “Brookside”,

Wiveliscombe Road. Discussed but no response required by Council.

25/17/0030 Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic garden,

Little Barn, Monty’s Lane. Discussed but no response required by Council.

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

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

**10.01.18 Finance:**

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

Coomber Security Systems Ltd. CCTV equipment for village hall and recreation

ground - £3409.20

Payments made by bank transfer (approved yearly) for notification only:

HMRC £107.71

1 & 1 Internet Ltd. quarterly website fee £35.96

Clerk’s salary and expenses £745.43

**11.01.18 Reports:**

**(a) SCC –** No report or response as yet from Cllr. Mike Rigby.

**(b) TDBC –** No report

**(c) NFPFA –** Jean Adkins, District Councillor will attend the scrutiny meeting with

regard to the report from Matthew Bale regarding the CPO for the access to the

new playing field.

**(d) Health and safety – Nothing to report**

**(e) Footpaths –** The blockage of T18/3 from the church to the rear of Hilly Park has

been reported.

**(f) Clerk**

The street lights along Great Western Way are now on, it appears SCC Highways

have not yet adopted them and they are still the responsibility of St. Modwen.

Rights of Way, SCC have waived the £100 contribution from the Parish Council for

the replacement of the stile on footpath T18/5 by the main railway line.

The hedge from Cross Keys to Cross Keys Close will be monitored for maintenance

by SCC Highways.

**12.01.18 Correspondence**

No discussion, but placed on the table for members to view if they wish.

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

Monday, 5th February, 2018 at 7pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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