**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 4th June, 2018 in the village hall.**

**Present:**  Paula Knott, Chair, Mike Palmer, Vice Chairman, Adrian Jones, Nita Wyatt, Phil Bareham,

Jean Adkins, Paula Clinchant, Graham Withnell. Clerk: Janet Gobey

Also present: District Cllr. Andy Sully and 9 members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.04pm.

Open discussion for the public, matters raised were:

1. The proposed site for the new footbridge between the two bridges floods. Council will

bear this in mind when meeting with Rights of Way, SCC.

1. When will the western end of Great Western Way be finished. The Clerk will contact

County Cllr. Rigby and make enquiries.

1. A query if a sign advertising the village hall could be placed on the B3227 facing west.
2. The new playing field site – could the weeds be cut down.
3. A request to advise the landowner of rubbish being left adjacent to the concrete bridge.

**1.06.18 Apologies for absence:** Ken Hayward

**2.06.18 Declarations of Interest**

Adrian Jones and Paula Knott declared a personal interest as members of the

Playing Field Committee.

**3.06.18 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the**

**2nd May, 2018.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**4.06.18 Police matters**

Paula Knott read the report from PCSO Phimister, no queries raised. Beat

surgeries are held in the Coffee Shop, dates are advertised in the Norton News.

**5.06.18 Actions from last meeting** – none from the last meeting.

**6.06.18 New Playing Field – update from the meeting at Deane House between Taunton**

**Deane, West of England Homes, Sport England, the Football Association and the**

**Parish Council.**

The Clerk read an update from the notes taken at the meeting. The meeting had

been set up as Taunton Deane wished to clarify what the developer was prepared to

provide in exchange for support to develop the existing playing field. It was agreed

by Taunton Deane that what he proposal was not sufficiently advantageous for

Taunton Deane to overturn their playing pitch strategy and would in fact be a deficit

for the parish. The Parish Council as holders of the land strongly opposed any

development of the playing field. The representatives from Sport England and the

F.A. also did not feel the proposal was advantageous for the parish. As a result of

the lack of support from those present the developer withdrew his proposal for the

development of the playing field.

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**7.06.18 To re-visit and consider the decision to restrict grants from the Parish Council**

**To within the parish.**

Deferred to the next meeting as the wording of the agenda item is not correct.

**8.06.18 Planning: (a)**

25/18/0010 Temporary access to site on the new development, Langford Mead.

No comment from Council.

25/18/0011 Temporary access to car park for sales area, Langford Mead

No comment from council.

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

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

**09.06.18 To review and update Risk Assessment.**

Proposed Jean Adkins to agree Clerk’s draft with the addition to the ‘Assets ‘ section

of the stones provided for seats at the hill fort and the Horse Mounting blocks on

the B3227. Seconded Mike Palmer, carried.

**10.06.18 Finance:**

**(a) Report from internal auditor.**

Following discussion of the internal auditor’s recommendations, proposed

Jean Adkins that the recommendations are adopted, seconded Mike Palmer, agreed.

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

B.J. Howe for internal audit £205.60

Clerks salary and expenses £801.63

HMRC £113.17

Proposed Paula Knott that the above payments are approved, seconded

Paula Clinchant, carried.

**11.06.18 Reports:**

**(a) SCC**  no report as Cllr. Mike Rigby is not present.

**(b) TDBC** – Discussion re the new single Council for West Somerset and Taunton

Deane. Taunton Deane’s car parks are due to be upgraded this summer with new

electronic signs and payment will be on exit. A trial will take place later this summer

with pedestrianisation of part of Taunton town centre.

**(c) Footpaths**

PPLO Phil Bareham has strimmed the most used part of the hill fort path, Taunton

Deane will be requested to cut the remainder.

**(d) Health and Safety**

Dead trees have been reported, very close to the B3227, Highways will

will be contacted and requested to cut them down.

It was requested by a member of the public that a ‘warning whistle’ request sign

is installed where the WSR line crosses the T18/9 footpath. The Clerk will contact

WSRA and make the request.

**(e) Clerk**

A meeting has been arranged with Rights of Way, SCC to agree a new site for the

new bridge.

A notification has been received from NALC that Council clerks will receive a pay

award backdated to April 2018.

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**12.06.18 Correspondence**

As list circulated to Councillors at the meeting.The Clerk read an update from the

Post Office regarding the relocation of the local post office.

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

Monday, 2nd July, 2018 at 7pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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