**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st October, 2018 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Mike Palmer, Vice Chairman, Nita Wyatt, Phil Bareham, Adrian Jones, Edward Firmin.

Clerk: Janet Gobey.

Also present: County Cllr. Mike Rigby, District Cllr. Andy Sully and 7 members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.05pm with open discussion for the public, Mike Palmer took the chair as Paula Knott was absent, matters raised were:

1. A complaint from the public relating to commercial dog walkers. It was advised that

the post of Dog Warden no longer exists at Taunton Deane, the PCSO will be advised

of the situation.

1. A member of the public reported a disturbance at the Ring of Bells public house the

PCSO will be informed and members of the public were reminded that all similar incidents must be reported to the police.

1. A trial train service between Bishops Lydeard Station and Taunton Station will be run.

Cllr. Andy Sully suggested access could be provided through Ford Farm when that

land is developed.

1. A query if signs warning of pedestrians crossing could be installed on the path from Cross Keys to Pen Elm. Cllr. Rigby stated that a feasibility study is ongoing for the Small Improvement Scheme for improvements to the footpath. New signs are unlikely to be approved but he would see what could be incorporated into the Small Improvement Scheme, if it was successful. A large amount of hedge cuttings has also been left on the Pen Elm path, Cllr. Rigby will report this to SCC.
2. A query as to progress regarding the request for a ‘whistle board’.

**1.10.18 Apologies for absence:** Paula Knott, Paula Clinchant, Jean Adkins and

 Graham Withnell.

**2.10.18 Declaration of Interest –** none declared.

**3.10.18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September, 2018.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the chairman.

 Council agreed to take item 11.Reports (a) SCC next as Cllr. Rigby has to

 leave early.

**11.10.18 Reports (a) SCC:**

Missed waste collections – Cllr. Rigby will report this to Waste Management.

 Cllr. Rigby gave an update regarding the upcoming budget cuts being

 discussed by Somerset County Council and the possibility being considered of

 Somerset becoming an Unitary Authority to save money.

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**4.10.18 Police Matters**

The Clerk read the update supplied by PCSO Graham Phimister.

**5.10.18 Actions from last meeting:**

Cllr. Edward Firmin will try to find out who owns the old ‘Post Office’ sign

 In the village.

**6.10.18 To consider quotes for refurbishing the two fingerposts in the parish.**

It was agreed at the last meeting to refurbish the posts. Two quotes were

 considered, Council agreed to accept the quote from West Country Blacksmiths.

 Proposed Mike Palmer, seconded Nita Wyatt and agreed unanimously.

**7.10.18 To consider response to Staplegrove Parish Council regarding the**

 **proposed route of the spine road.**

Council has agreed previously to support this cause but will write a letter

 confirming our continued support.

**8.10.18 Renewal of Lease to Norton Allotment Association.**

Proposed Mike Palmer that the Lease is renewed with the same terms as

 the previous Lease, seconded Nita Wyatt. The Clerk will prepare the Lease for

 signing at the next meeting. Agreed unanimously.

**9.10.18 Planning (a):**

25/18/0021/T Application to fell 2 maples and management works to 13 other

 trees – no comment required.

 25/18/0023 Agricultural storage building with workshop and 2 polytunnels –

 no comment required.

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

 **(c) Approvals and refusals:**

25/18/0013 Retention of unit and land for vehicle repairs, Unit 8, Meadow Court

 Units, A358. Approved.

 25/18/0015 First and second storey extensions and double garage with

 workshop, Court Farm, Kingdom Lane – approved.

**10.10.18 Finance:**

 **(a) Receipts** (for notification only):

VAT refund £3072.56

 Taunton Deane maintenance payment £2039.00

 Interest £12.40

 Rent from allotment site £270.00

 **(b) Six monthly accounts for approval.**

No questions raised therefore Mike Palmer proposed that the six monthly

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 accounts circulated prior to the meeting by the Clerk are approved, seconded

 Adrian Jones, agreed unanimously.

**(c) Regular payments made by bank transfer:**

Clerks salary and expenses - £783.58

HMRC £108.12

Quarterly website fee £35.96

**11.10.18 Reports:**

 **(b) TDBC**

Cllr. Andy Sully reported that Taunton Deane expect revenue from parking will

increase when the new parking system is introduced as motorists are likely to

stay longer. No decision has been made regarding the free one hour parking

for the disabled. Pedestrianisation will only now be installed in East Street and

St. James Street and will be introduced in January.

**(c) Footpaths**

The hill fort footpath has not been cut this year; the Clerk will raise the issue

with Parks Dept.

**(d) Health and safety**

Cllr. Mike Palmer has volunteered to check the play equipment at Vilberie Close

and the recreation ground at the village hall once a week, to comply with the

terms of Councils’ insurance.

**(e) Clerk**

The broken post at the corner of Blackdown Road and the B3227 has been

reported to Somerset Highways and they will remove it if it is deemed

dangerous.

 Youth Club funds - Lloyds Bank has been contacted and a process has been

 started to transfer the funds to the Parish Council’s Holding Account.

**12.10.18 Correspondence**

 Nita Wyatt read an email from Mary Hayward who is organising the installation

 of a rail plaque commemorating the two rail accidents which occurred at

 Norton Fitzwarren in 1890 and 1940 and the help given by the village.

 A request has been received for permission to access land owned by the Parish

 Council to shoot vermin. Council agreed unanimously not to grant permission.

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

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

 The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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