**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 5th November, 2018 in the village hall.**

**Present:**  Paula Knott, Chair, Mike Palmer, Vice Chairman, Nita Wyatt, Graham Withnell, Adrian Jones,

Edward Firmin. Clerk: Janet Gobey.

Also present: SCC Councillor Mike Rigby, District Councillor Andy Sully and 12 members of the public.

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

1. Don Wyatt, Chairman, Village Hall Committee advised that they had agreed not to proceed

with the installation of the patio at the rear of the Coffee Shop, due to concerns it might attract

anti-social behaviour.

1. The WW1 memorial stones on the village hall gates are in need of refurbishment. The memorial

stones are the responsibility of the Parish Council. Don Wyatt will obtain two quotes for consideration at a future meeting.

1. Footpath T18/9 approaches the WSR railway line through woods, the stile just before the crossing on the east side has been removed illegally. A request was made for the stile or gate to be re-instated. It was agreed representatives from the Parish Council and public will meet on site to agree the best way forward.
2. A request from residents of Pen Elm for an update regarding the application for a footpath to be constructed from Cross Keys to Pen Elm. (Please refer to Cllr. Rigby’s report for response).
3. A request for the tree be replaced which died by the flats opposite Cross Keys Close, the Clerk will contact Taunton Deane and request a replacement. A volunteer came forward to water the

tree if a replacement is installed.

1. The issue of the increasing amount of vehicles and coaches parking on Great Western Way.

Cllr. Rigby will contact Highways and pursue.

**1.11.18 Apologies for absence:** Cllr.Jean Adkins is unwell.

**2.11.18 Declarations of Interest**

Paula Knott and Nita Wyatt declared a personal interest in item 11 as holders of

allotments.

**3.11.18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October, 2018.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Council agreed to take item 10. Reports (a) next as Cllr. Rigby has to leave early.

**10.11.18 Reports (a) SCC**

Regarding the path to Pen Elm, a decision by SCC should be made by Christmas.

A right hand turning lane will be provided for the new garage at Cross Keys.

Libraries – It is likely that the smaller libraries will close unless volunteers can be

found to run them. Bishops Lydeard library is likely to be closed. A mobile library

will go to communities where the library has closed but SCC only has one van at the

moment.

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**4.11.18 Police Matters**

Chair, Paula Knott read the update from PCSO Graham Phimister. The CCTV at the

village hall is being monitored and he is aware of the anti-social behaviour there.

**5.11.18 Actions from last meeting.**

The hill fort paths have still not been cut, the Clerk will contact Parks Dept. to chase.

**6.11.18 Resignation of Councillor Paula Clinchant.**

Council were advised of the resignation, but as there is less than six month to go before

the elections no action is required from Council.

**7.11.18 Update from Post Office regarding closed postal office.**

The Co-op shop has withdrawn its proposal to open a post office in the shop.

Don Wyatt will to contact the Post Office to offer the village hall as a possible site.

**8.11.18 Update for new playing field.**

The Clerk reported on the progress of talks between Taunton Deane and the

landowners.

**9.11.18 Planning: (a)**

25/18/0020 Erection of agricultural storage building, Wick Lane,

No response required.

25/18/0022/A Display of 11 illuminated fascia signs and 28 non illuminated signs at

Cross Keys Garage. Council agreed to request that the illuminated signs are time

limited.

25/18/0027 Variation of condition no. 1 of application 25/17/0026, Langford Mead.

No issues raised with the variations.

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

**(c) Approvals and refusals from Taunton Deane:**

25/18/0005 Conversion and extension of garage, 3 Prowses Meadow - approved.

25/18/0016 Change of use of land to Vehicle Hire Place, Courtlands Industrial Estate -

approved.

25/18/0019 Detached triple garage and conservatory roof, Pen Elm – approved.

25/18/0023 Agricultural storage building and workshop etc., Pen Elm, approved.

**10.11.18 Reports:**

**(b) TDBC**

Proposals are being considered by Taunton Deane for a multi-use convention centre

for music, conferences and other events for the firepool site. A hotel is also being

considered. The motorway junction improvements are due to start, hopefully in

January. Six million pounds has been obtained for this and for improving Toneway.

The Brewhouse Theatre will be expanded for greater seating capacity.

**(c) Health and Safety**

Somerset County Council have informed parishes that salt will have to be purchased

for local use this year. The Parish Council agreed to purchase some for use in the

village.

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**(d) Footpaths** – no report.

**(e) Clerk**

BHIB Insurers are offering grants to Parish Councils, the Clerk will try and obtain a grant

for seating at the nature reserve.

**11.11.18 Renewal of Lease of allotment site to Norton Allotment Association.**

**(a) To select two Councillors to sign the Lease**

As Paula Knott is also Chair of the Allotments Association, it was agreed

Graham Withnell and Adrian Jones would sign the Lease.

**(b) Signature of Lease**

Paula Knott signed on behalf of the Norton Allotment Association

Graham Withnell and Adrian Jones signed on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk witnessed the signatures for the Parish Council.

**12.11.18 Finance:**

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

Norton News – payment of grant set aside in the 2018/19 precept £1,000.00

Purchase of rock salt for winter gritting (10 bags approx. £56.88). To be paid in advance

to Somerset County Council.

Proposed to pay above , Adrian Jones, seconded Mike Palmer.

**13.11.18 Correspondence**

Circulated and placed on the table to view if members wished.

**14.11.18 Date, time and place of next meeting:**

Monday, 3rd December, 2018.

Meeting closed 8.50pm.

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