**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd December, 2018 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Paula Knott, Chair, Mike Palmer, Vice Chairman, Jean Adkins, Adrian Jones,

Nita Wyatt, Phil Bareham, Edward Firmin. Clerk: Janet Gobey

Also present: Nine members of the public.

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

1. Access to the playing field and allotments being blocked during football matches.

Adrian Jones will talk to the teams and managers.

1. The proposed Ford Farm development and access to the site. The Chair replied that

a planning application has not yet been received, but when it is a public exhibition will be organised. Cllr. Jean Adkins will make enquiries at Taunton Deane as to who will be dealing with it.

**1.12.18 Apologies for absence:**  Graham Withnell is away and County Cllr. Mike Rigby.

**2.12.18 Declarations of Interest:** Nothing declared.

**3.12.18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th November, 2018**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4.12.18 Police matters**

The Clerk read the report received from PCSO Graham Phimister. Two incidents

 involving vehicles were reported at the meeting.

**5.12.18 Actions from last meeting**

Post Office

Don Wyatt, chairman, Village Hall has contacted the Post Office to offer the

 village hall as a site. It was agreed the Parish Council should contact the Post

 Office and support the proposal.

**6.12.18 To consider invitation from Bishops Lydeard & Cothelstone Parish Council**

 **to join a scheme to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID).**

Council considered the difficulties of finding volunteers, training and operating

 the device and agreed unanimously that the ‘Speedwatch’ currently run by

 volunteers in the village is a better deterrent. The Speedwatch team will

 continue with their training programme to comply with current regulations.

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**7.12.18 Reports:**

 **(a) SCC**

County Cllr. Mike Rigby could not be present; the Clerk read the report he had

 submitted. The Clerk will contact Barrett’s about the parking issue on

 Great Western Way.

 **(b) TDBC**

District Cllr. Jean Adkins advised that Dragon Rise, Langford Mead has now had

 broadband installed.

 **(c) Health and safety**

West Somerset Railway has agreed to install a gate at the point where T18/9

 crosses the railway line. The situation will be monitored.

 The situation regarding parish supplies of highway rock salt has changed, the

 Parish Council’s salt bins will now be filled up free of charge and bags of salt can

 be ordered with payment being made on collection. The Parish Council has

 ordered 10 bags.

 Fly tipping behind the houses on the hill fort path was reported, the Clerk will

 contact District Cllr. Andy Sully .

 **(d) Clerk**

Barratt’s have agreed to reinstate the fence between Mill House Road and the

 stream.

**8.12.18 To consider precept for financial year 2019/20.**

A detailed report was submitted by the Clerk, who advised setting a precept

 which will not increase the cost to parish ratepayers. Proposed Nita Wyatt

 that Council accept the Clerk’s recommendation and set the precept for

 2019/20 at £32,500, seconded Mike Palmer and agreed unanimously.

**9.12.18 Planning: (a)**

25/18/0032 Conversion of outbuilding into annexe at Pen Elm, A358.

 No response required.

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

 **(c) Approvals and refusals**

25/18/0022 Illuminated signs, Cross Keys garage – approved.

**10.12.18 To consider response to SCC’s footpath consultation.**

Cllr. Phil Bareham will draft a response.

 A new site for the bridge over T18/9 has been suggested by SCC Footpaths,

 Council agreed the initial choice by the gate in Manor Gardens is still the

 preferred route.

**11.12.18 Finance:**

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

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Taunton Deane, repairs to fence in Burnshill play area £324.00

 Somerset Playing Field Association, annual subscription £15.00

 LexisNexis, updated Local Council Administration book £110.99

 HMRC for 2 months: £216.24

 Clerk’s salary and expenses for November and December: £1608.23

 Proposed Jean Adkins that the above are approved for payment,

 seconded Paula Knott, carried.

**12.12.18 Correspondence**

 As list circulated by the Clerk, placed on the table for members to view if

 they wished.

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

Monday, 7th January, 2019 at 7pm in the village hall.

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