**Norton Fitzwarren Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th January, 2019 in the village hall.**

**Present:**  Mike Palmer, Vice Chairman, Jean Adkins, Adrian Jones, Graham Withnell, Nita Wyatt,

Phil Bareham. Clerk: Janet Gobey

Also present: District Cllr. Andy Sully and 7 members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.06pm with open discussion for the public, Mike Palmer took the chair as Paula Knott will be absent, one matter raised:

1. A request that the youth shelter is placed on the next agenda. The police are patrolling and monitoring the recreation ground area due to anti-social behaviour.

**1.01.19 Apologies for absence**

 Paula Knott, Chair, unavoidably detained at work.

**2.01.19 Declarations of Interest**

Nita Wyatt and Graham Withnell declared a personal interest in items 4 as they both

 live within close proximity to the Ring of Bells public house and no 10 as members

 of the Village Hall Committee.

**3.01.19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December, 2018.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman, Mike Palmer.

**4.01.19 Police matters**

PCSO Graham Phimister is no longer the PCSO for this parish, it is now covered by

 PCSO Tony Wearmouth. An email has been received from Police Sergeant

 Charmaine Dyer regarding complaints received from a resident relating to the

 Ring of Bells public house. Any Licensing issues should be reported to Taunton Deane

 Borough Council.

**5.01.19 Actions from last meeting.**

The Clerk reported that despite the confirmation that Somerset County Council will

 refill the parish salt bins and provide salt for purchase by Parish Councils, no salt seems

 to be available. County Cllr. Mike Rigby will be contacted for clarification, the

 salt will be purchased elsewhere and stored at the village hall. Don Wyatt, Chairman,

 Village Hall Committee volunteered to organise collection. The Parish Council has

 agreed to pay for the purchase of salt.

**6.01.19 To consider position of footbridge over footpath T19/9 Manor Gardens to**

 **Wick Lane.**

It was agreed to request the re-positioning of the footbridge further west in order

 that the public footpath access to the allotments is retained. Proposed

Mike Palmer, seconded Nita Wyatt, carried.

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**7.01.19 To consider response to Somerset County Council consultation regarding the public**

 **footpath cutting schedule.**

Thanks were given to Cllr. Phil Bareham for preparing the spreadsheet with the

 information on the current cutting schedule.

Phil Bareham, went through the current cutting schedule, which has not changed for

 many years. Some changes were agreed, to increase cuts to the most popular

 paths and a reduction on others. This resulted in an overall reduction in the number of

 cuts by SCC. Phil Bareham will submit this to Rights of Way, SCC.

 The Clerk will seek clarification as to who is responsible for cutting the hedges along

 footpaths T18/4 by the main railway line and T18/12 by the fence around the

 Marine camp.

**8.01.19 Planning: (a)**

25/18/0033/T Management works to 5 poplars by Halse Water, old cider site.

 No comment required.

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

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

**8(a).01.19 Finance:**

1. **April to December 2018 accounts for approval.**

Graham Withnell proposed the accounts are approved, seconded, Jean Adkins and agreed unanimously.

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

TDBC printing for 3 months £13.25

HMRC for one month £108.12

Clerk’s salary and expenses £775.12

Jean Adkins proposed the payments are approved, seconded Mike Palmer,

 agreed.

**9.01.19 Reports:**

 **(a) SCC**  Cllr. Mike Rigby submitted a written report. A grant of £9.8m to improve

 the County’s highways has been received from the Government. £280,000 is to be

 spent on resurfacing footways of Taunton town centre. The budget for the Small

 Improvement Scheme has been cut, but the scheme for Pen Elm hill remains in the

 programme.

**(b) TDBC** – The new Chief Executive James Haslett is now in place and the Council

elections will be on 2nd May, 2019. The Pedestrianisation of St. James’

street has been delayed.

1. **Footpaths –** A tree has come down on the hill fort path. Cllr. Andy Sully will

report this to Taunton Deane.

1. **Health and safety** – The Youth Shelter to be placed on the agenda for the

meeting in February.

1. **Clerk**  The majority of the funds for the Youth Club have been transferred to the

Parish Council’s ‘Holding’ account for a future youth project. A response is awaited

from Lloyds Bank regarding the bank charges.

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**10.01.19 Correspondence**

As list supplied by the Clerk, various items were discussed and correspondence placed

 on the table for Councillors to view if they wished.

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

Monday, 4th February, 2019 at 7pm in the village hall.

 The meeting closed at. 8.22pm.

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