**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th February, 2019 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Mike Palmer, Vice Chairman, Adrian Jones, Nita Wyatt, Graham Withnell, Phil Bareham,

Edward Firmin. Clerk: Janet Gobey.

Also present: Nine members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.07pm with open discussion for the public, Mike Palmer chaired the meeting as Paula Knott was absent, matters raised were:

1. The vehicle track in the playing field is in need of repair. The Clerk will enquire about obtaining

stone chippings. Volunteers from the allotments have agreed to carry out the work.

1. The pedestrian crossing in the village centre floods on one side during rain. The Clerk will

report this to Highways.

1. The salt bins have not been filled by Somerset County Council. However the Parish Council has made arrangements to purchase salt locally.

**1.02.19 Apologies for absence**

Paula Knott, Jean Adkins, District Cllr. Andy Sully and County Cllr. Mike Rigby.

**2.02.19 Declarations of Interest**

Nita Wyatt and Graham Withnell declared a personal interest in item no. 5.

**3.02.19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th January, 2019**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4.02.19 Police Matters**

No report received from PCSO Tony Wearmouth. Two residents raised concerns

about noise and anti-social behaviour outside the Ring of Bells public house.

Residents are in discussion with Taunton Deane, as the Licensing Authority and

PCSO Tony Wearmouth is aware of the situation and is liaising with the landlord.

The Parish Council support was requested for a Public Space Protection Order.

**5.02.19 To consider re-siting Youth Shelter in response to anti-social behaviour in the**

**recreation ground.**

Concerns were raised about anti-social behaviour and children not using the play

equipment. Discussion took place as to where it could be re-sited to and the

implications of removing it. To be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**6.02.19 To consider request for donation to the ‘Somerset Wood’ project.**

Following consideration it was unanimously agreed not to donate to this project.

**7.02.19 To consider increase of litter picking area to include Cross Keys and Pen Elm.**

It was agreed to contact the shop at the service station to raise the issue and to monitor

the situation.

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**8.02.19 Planning: (a)**

25/18/0030/0031/LB Tennis clubhouse, Montys Court.

25/18/0034 Refurbishment and rebuilding of fire damaged units, Meadow Court

Industrial Estate.

25/18/0035 Single storey extension, 5 Northwood Close.

25/19/0002 Change of use of residential garden to extension of mobile home park,

Beauford Park.

No comment required for the above applications.

**(b) Applications received since issue of agenda**

25/19/0004 Replacement of road and bridge over Halse Water, Station Road.

Concerns were raised about flooding, access to residents in Station Road and

construction traffic not using the B3227 through the village. The concerns will be

raised with Taunton Deane.

25/18/0028 Repositioning of entrance gates and alterations to driveway, Montys Court

25/18/0029 Internal and external alterations, Montys Court

No comment required for applications 0028 & 0029.

**(c) Approvals and refusals**

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

25/18/0032 Conversion of outbuilding into annexe, Pen Elm, Minehead Road –

approved.

25/18/0033/T Management works to 5 poplar trees along Halse Water – approved.

**9.02.19 Finance:**

**(a) Income received (for notification only):**

Interest (for four months) £20.04

VAT refund £931.89

Norton Fitzwarren Youth Club (transfer to Holding Account £1752.00

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

Printing at Taunton Deane £7.80

Purchase of road salt for emergency use £43.00

HMRC £108.12

Clerk’s salary and expenses £767.92

Proposed to approve accounts Graham Withnell, seconded Adrian Jones, carried.

**10.02.19 Reports:**

**(a) SCC** Mike Rigby provided a written report which was read out by the Clerk.

This highlighted cuts to the budget, the poor standard of gritting during last week’s

snow and that the Council has been awarded £9.8m for urgent highway maintenance.

**(b) TDBC** No report

**(c) Footpaths** Phil Bareham has submitted the revised cutting schedule to SCC.

**(d) Health and safety** – Nothing to report.

**(d) Clerk –** The Print Room at Taunton Deane will be closing at the end of March. Any

bulk printing will have to be carried out elsewhere.

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**11.02.19 Correspondence**

As list supplied by the Clerk – no comments**.**

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

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

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