**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th January, 2020 in the village hall.**

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

Maureen Palmer, Jonathan Lalgee, Jamie Clutson. Clerk: Janet Gobey

Also present: Ed Firmin, SWT Councillor, Andrew Richie PCC, and 11 members of the public.

The meeting started at 7pm with open discussion for the public, matters raised were:

1. A request from a resident for the plans for the proposed footpath for Pen Elm also could the

crossing for pedestrians be moved further down the A358.

1. A street light not working in Hilly Park – the Clerk will report it to SCC.
2. A residents’ hedge in Rectory Road is overgrowing onto the road. Cllr. Mike Palmer will

request if the owners can cut it back.

**1.01.20 Apologies -** Cllr. Phil Bareham is away on work related issues.

**2.01.20 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs. Nita Wyatt and Graham Withnell declared a personal interest in item nos. 7, 8 and

9, as members of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Jamie Clutson declared a personal

interest in item no. 9 as a member of the VE Celebrations committee.

**3.01.20 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December, 2019.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**4.01.20 Police Matters**

The Clerk read the emailed report and was requested to enquire about the beat

surgeries which should take place in the village hall.

**5.01.20 Actions from last meeting.**

The decision relating to the 5G mobile network will be deferred until after the SCC

consultation in February.

**6.01.20 To consider an offer from a volunteer to set up a youth club.**

Unfortunately the volunteer has had to withdraw the offer. To be placed on a future

agenda if a volunteer comes forward.

**7.01.20 To consider a grant application from the village Community Choir.**

A grant application has been received for the funding of a tutor for the recently

formed choir. It was agreed to fund the tutor. The room will be provided free of charge

by the village hall. Proposed Paula Knot, seconded Adrian Jones, carried.

**8.01.20 To consider a grant application from the PCC to set up a pastoral hub in the**

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**Village hall for Norton Fitzwarren and Staplegrove parishes.**

Andrew Ritchie, PCC explained to the Parish Council that the office and pastoral

hub was no longer available to them as the Rev. Stephen Kivett has retired and

the existing Rectory is being sold.

The PCC have applied for a grant of £1,478.40 to enable them to set up an office

and pastoral hub which will be open to parishioners of Norton Fitzwarren and

Staplegrove. The office will be in the Reading Room of the village hall.

Staplegrove parish will contribute 50% of the costs. After discussion proposed

Paula Knott that a grant of £1,500.00 is awarded, seconded Jonathan Lalgee, carried.

**9.01.20 VE Day celebrations**

Don Wyatt gave an update, 1940’s costume is being sought and an application has been

made for the upper section of Station Road to be closed. A further update will be

given in the February meeting when budget costs are known.

**10.01.20 Planning: (a)**

25/19/0026 Erection of single storey lean to extension, The Linney, Harnham Court,

B3227 – no comment.

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

25/20/0001 Industrial building for units, Courtlands Industrial Estate, A358.

No comment.

Approvals and refusals – none received.

**11.01.20 To consider purchase of Speed Indicator Device.**

Kingston St. Mary Parish Council have already purchased a SID and have provided

Council with useful information, their costs to date were approximately £2,200.00.

Permission has to be obtained from Somerset Highways regarding the type of SID and

the proposed locations. It was proposed to contact Somerset Highways to agree 3

locations, two on the B3227 either end of the village and approaching Pen Elm from the

west. To be placed on the next agenda .

**12.01.20 To consider ideas for the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy).**

Various ideas were considered for the CIL amount received from SWT, it was agreed to

undertake a survey regarding installing play equipment in the recreation ground.

To be placed on the next agenda.

**13.01.20 To consider quotes for parish maintenance for 2020/21.**

Three quotes were considered, it was agreed that Robert Chilpin’s quote would be

accepted for the maintenance in the parish for 2020/21. Proposed Paula Knott.

seconded Mike Palmer, carried.

**14.01.20 Reports:**

**(a) SCC** no report

**(b) SWT –** Cllr Firmin reportedan application has been received at SWT for the spine

road for the Staplegrove development. Cllr. Firmin has stepped down from the

planning committee due to work commitments. The ice rink in Taunton has proved

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very popular and the damage to Watchet Harbour due to the storms will take a couple

of months to repair.

**(c) Footpaths** – no report.

**(d) Health and Safety – nothing to report.**

**(e) Clerk –** Council’s road salt bins have been refilled by SCC.

**15.01.20 Finance:**

No payments to approve but the quarterly payment for the website has increased to

£45.00 plus VAT to cover increased security measures.

**16.01.20 Correspondence for discussion**

Nothing raised.

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

Wednesday, 5th February, 2020 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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