**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**A virtual meeting of the parish council was held on the 18th November, 2020 at .7.30pm.**

**Present:** Paula Knott, Chair, Adrian Jones, Nita Wyatt, Phil Bareham, Jonathan Lalgee,

Graham Withnell, Simon Drury. Clerk: Janet Gobey

Also present: District Cllr. Ed Firmin, Chris Trebble, Norton Youth and Sport Group. No public attended.

**1.11.20 Apologies -** Cllrs. Jamie Clutson and Mike Palmer

**2.11.20 Declarations of Interest** – none declared.

**3.11.20 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd September, 2020**

The minutes were approved and signed for the Chair by the Clerk.

**4.11.20 To consider candidate for co-option onto the Parish Council.**

One candidate has come forward and fits the criteria required. Simon Drury

 is keen to join, answered questions from Councillors and has already joined the

 speedwatch team. It was agreed by all those present to co-opt Simon onto the Parish

 Council. The Clerk signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which Simon had

 already signed.

**5.11.20 Update from C. Trebble (Norton Youth and Sports Group) regarding provision**

 **of youth services.**

The Clerk gave an update as to progress of the new sports field. The access issue

 with the landowners has now been resolved and the legal documentation to

 transfer the new field from St. Modwen to SWT Council is ongoing. It was agreed

 by all present that a meeting should be set up with the officer responsible for planning

 the site. Cllr. Ed Firmin offered to set up a meeting for January. Chris Trebble will

 update the Norton Youth and Sports Group and will also update the facebook page.

**6.11.20 Hill Fort – update from meeting and to consider provision of a dog bin.**

Paula Knott attended the last meeting with the group from Somerset Heritage Centre,

 A grant has been applied for from English Heritage to tidy up the hedges and overgrown

 areas. The Lease has still not been finalised or the management plan.

 There is a big problem with dog fouling, Jonathan Lalgee proposed that the Parish

 Council pay for a dog bin to be installed on site, seconded Nita Wyatt, all agreed.

 The Clerk and Phil Bareham volunteered to attend future meetings.

**7.11.20 To consider site for electric vehicle charging point.**

Funds are available from the Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund,

 Paula Knott will obtain the paperwork for the grant application, Simon Drury offered

 to help. Consideration will be given as to where a car charging point could be located

 and a site for the new e-scooters which have Norton Fitzwarren within their range.

 To be placed on the next agenda.

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**8.11.20 Planning:**

25/20/0032 & 0032/LB Change of use and conversion of dwelling into garage for

 Fitzroy House – no comment required.

**9.11.20 Finance - payments made for approval from 2nd September and any subsequently**

 **received:**

ROSPA safety checks at play areas £225.00

 SWT annual maintenance grant to NFPFA £760.00 and for churchyard £315.00

 SCC for a new sign at Great Western Way £280.00

 Alex Forster parish paths and hedges £270.00, repair to gate £293.00

 Wicksteeds parts for exercise equipment £21.06

 R. Chiplin- Church Lane hedge £80.00, stream at playing field £20.00

SWT dog bin collections for 3 months £440.64

 Furniture@work for 2-drawer cabinet for Clerk £110.40

 Clerk’s salary and expenses £828.43

 HMRC £115.30

 Proposed to approve above payments Nita Wyatt, seconded Paula Knott, carried.

**10.11.20 Correspondence for discussion**

A case of anti-social behaviour has been reported to the Parish Council which is re-

 occurring on the green opposite the doctor’s surgery. Agreed to report all incidents

 to no. 101 and to obtains a crime number.

 The recently installed gate at Manor Gardens has been broken down and thrown into

 the stream. Graham and Phil volunteered to retrieve it. The Clerk will contact our

 maintenance contractor who installed it to request it is repaired.

 Slide, play area, Vilberie Close, Graham reported that a quote is expected to renew

 the welding.

 Proposed Nita Wyatt that a Christmas hamper is purchased for our volunteer litter

 picker, agreed unanimously, the Clerk will purchase and deliver it to him.

 Ed Firmin offered to remove the old sign ‘Post Office’ on the main road for safe keeping.

**11.11.20 Date and time of next virtual meeting.**

Wednesday, 16th December, 2020 at 7.30pm

 The meeting closed at 9pm.

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