**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 6th October, 2021 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Mike Palmer, Vice Chairman, Phil Bareham, Graham Withnell, Adrian Jones, Jamie Clutson,

Daniel Trussler. Clerk: Janet Gobey

Also present: SWT Councillor Ed Firmin and 4 members of the public.

Vice Chairman Mike Palmer took the Chair as Paula Knott is absent.

The meeting started at 7.30pm with open discussion for the public on matters affecting the parish.

1. The wooden bench in the churchyard has rotted and collapsed. The Clerk will check the wooden benches at the playing field.
2. Fines have been issued for vehicles parked for more than one hour in the Co-op car park.

Discussed, the car park is run by a private company, if visiting the Doctors a fine can be reclaimed. Agreed one hour is sufficient for visiting the shops or vets.

**1.10.21 Apologies for absence** – Paula Knott delayed at work, Nita Wyatt is away.

**2.10.21 Declarations of interest**

Cllr. Graham Withnell declared a personal interest in item no. 7 as a neighbour.

**3.10.21 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September, 2021**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4.10.21 Police matters**

Updates regarding the vandalism to the pavilion are being sent by PCSO Marshall

 Bernhardt. Adrian Jones is liaising with him.

**5.10.21 Actions from last meeting.**

Flag for village competition, this should be open to all children in the village,

 the winning flag should be made and flown. Graham Withnell offered to contact

 the church committee to ask them to take it forward.

**6.10.21 To consider purchase of additional defibrillators.**

The possible location of additional defibrillators was discussed, Cllr. Graham Withnell

 offered to follow up. The Clerk will contact the Heritage Centre to enquire if one could

 be installed there.

**7.10.21 To consider safety measures for footpath T18/21 at Church Lane.**

 White lines and ‘no parking’ signs were agreed. Graham Withnell offered to contact

 Somerset White Lining Co. Council agreed to consult the landlord of the Ring of Bells

 before undertaking any work. The Clerk will request that the hedge is cut back a

 further 6”.

**8.10.21 ROSPA playing field reports for 2021 and ‘no dogs’ sign for Vilberie close.**

Reports discussed and noted, the lubricant used for the toddler swings is the wrong

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 type, this will be changed. Agreed to purchase 2 signs for the Vilberie Close play area

 gate, stating ‘No dogs Please shut the gate’.

**9.10.21 Reports:**

 **a) SCC** – no report

 **b) SWT –** Grants for more electric charging points have been awarded to SWT by the

 Government.

 Residents have started moving into the Coal Orchard development.

 SWT Council has started replacing the ‘Woolaway’ constructed homes.

 The East Key wall in Watchet has been completed.

 Phosphate issue: It has been agreed to purchase land to set aside for wetland in order

 that planning applications for smaller developments and extensions can proceed.

 **b) New playing field**

The agreement to transfer the land from St. Modwen to SWT Council has now been

 signed by both parties but is awaiting exchange between solicitors.

 **c) Speedwatch** – more volunteers are needed, a request on facebook will be made.

 **d) Clerk**

The ‘Tommy’ metal figure has been ordered from the Royal British Legion for

 Remembrance Day. The Parish Council agreed a sum of £650.00 (via email as time was

 short) to purchase the statue.

 The first bid for the grant from the Government’s ‘Opening up safely’ fund has been

 received, the second bid is due to be decided later in October. If successful this will

 provide air filtration equipment for all areas of the village hall which will remove 99% of

 bacteria and virus’, ensuring the hall is a safe place to visit.

 **e) Footpaths**

PPLO Phil Bareham has drafted a list of footpaths for the cutting schedule for 2022/23.

 Discussed and to be placed on the next agenda.

The bridge barriers have been removed again by the public on footpath T18/9, however an agreement has been reached with SCC to allow walkers to cross ‘at their own risk’.

 **f) & g) Health and safety and Environmental –** nothing to report.

**10.10.21 Planning (a)**

25/20/0018 Notification of appeal of decision for conversion of outbuilding

 Pen Elm Minehead Road.

25/21/0030 Replacement of single storey extension with a two storey and

single storey extension, 3 Glen Close, Langford Mead. – No comment required.

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

25/21/0021 Vehicle access to front of 3 Court Cottages, B3227

Planning team will report to Council.

**c) Approvals and refusals**

25/21/0026 To fell one oak tree and works to two others, Langford Mead.

Approved.

**11.10.21 Finance:**

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

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Precept 50% balance from SWT Council - £16,675.00

 Rent from allotment site for six months £270.00

 Grant fund from SALC under the ‘Opening up Safely scheme £1,272.45

 **b) Presentation of six monthly accounts**

Discussed, proposed to accept Adrian Jones, seconded Graham Withnell, carried.

 **c) Payments via bank transfer, cheque and any subsequently received:**

R. Chiplin, parish maintenance £375.00

 Alex Forster, parish footpaths £339.50 (Bishops Hull PC has agreed to pay

for the cost of cutting a shared path and are reimbursing NFPC £78.00).

Royal British Legion purchase of ‘Tommy’ figure for Remembrance Day £650.00.

 Grant for Norton Singers £1,200 (awarded January 2020 but payment delayed

 due to the Covid pandemic.)

 SWT Council for emptying dog bins £547.20

Notice Board Company (new notice board at hill fort) £474.00

 Clerk’s salary and expenses £790.20

 Proposed Jamie Clutson to approve payments, seconded Phil Bareham, carried.

**12.10.21 Correspondence (circulated to Councillors prior to meeting).**

No discussion.

**13.10.21 Date, time and place of next meeting:**

Wednesday, 3rd November, 2021 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

 The meeting closed at 9pm.

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