**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th April, 2022 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Mike Palmer, Vice Chairman, Nita Wyatt, Adrian Jones, Dee Childs. Clerk: Janet Gobey

Also present: Ed Firmin, SWT Councillor and 5 members of the public.

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

The meeting started at 7.35pm with 15 minutes open discussion for the public, matters raised were:

1. A member of the public offered his services to start youth facilities in the parish, these would be

similar to the Taunton Trailblazers for over 12’s and involve hiking, camping etc. He has

experience in organising this sort of activity. Suggested writing an article for the Norton News,

contacting schools to obtain interest.

1. The drain is blocked on the pedestrian crossing by the Doctor’s surgery, Cllr. Ed Firmin will

report it.

1. The Speedwatch team has been carrying out checks on Great Western Way.

**1.04.22 Apologies**

Cllrs. Phil Bareham, Paula Knott and Graham Withnell – work commitments.

**2.04.22 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Nita Wyatt declared a personal interest in items 4,6 and 9(a) as a member of the

 Village Hall Committee.

**3.04.22 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd March 2022.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4.04.22 Police Matters**

The Jubilee Room in the village hall has been vandalised, it has been caught on the

 CCTV and the Police are dealing with it, the parents has been spoken to. The school

 should be informed. The Police & Crime Commissioner has agreed to come to a Parish

 Council meeting, date to be agreed.

**5.04.22 Actions from last meeting.**

 Covered by the agenda.

**6.04.22 Queens Jubilee Celebrations**

Arrangements are progressing and are likely to be under budget, a financial update

 will be given in May.

**7.04.22 WSR Steam Rally**

Update deferred until the next meeting.

**8.04.22 National Association of Local Councils – Smaller Council’s Committee – request to**

 **small councils for issues to address.**

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A request for advice regarding large housing developments will be suggested.

**9.04.22 Planning (a)**

25/21/0038 Amendments to application 25/17/0023 for new playing field

A meeting is taking place next week with SWT Council for an update and to discuss the amendments.

 25/22/0003/T Application to fell one Maple stem of TPO tree at the village hall.

 No comment required.

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

 **(c) Approvals and refusals**

 25/22/0002 8 holiday cabins, Pontispool Farm, approved.

 25/21/0041 Work to Oak trees, Langford Mead – approved (the work has already

 been carried out)

 25/21/0042 Solar Farm, Wick Lane – work to consider Great Crested Newts – approved.

**10.04.22 Reports:**

 **a) SCC –** No report

 **SWT Council**

 The planning application for Firepool has been approved, this includes the demolition

 of the Market House. Funding has been received to install electric car charging points in

 car parks. Phosphate contamination is still holding up planning applications.

 The bus service in Somerset has received £7 million pounds from Government funding,

 the bulk of the funding for Somerset has been awarded to North Somerset Council.

 **b) Footpaths –** the bridge replacement works are due to start on 19th April.

 **c) Play areas** – a meeting with SWT Council for an update for the new playing field has

been arranged for 13th April.

**d) Clerk**  - No further updates.

**e) Health & Safety –** Nothing to report.

**f) Environmental** – Northing to report.

**11.04.22 Parish Council website**

Council agreed it did not like the ‘dragon’ emblem from the village signs, an aerial

 photo would be preferred. Project ongoing.

**12.04.22 Willow Arch for nature reserve and litter/dog bin for Great Western Way.**

The cost of installing the Willow Arch will be £350.00, it is due to be installed at

 the end of the week.

 The litter/dog bin will be £855 + VAT and £75.00 for fitting, the bin has been ordered

 and the site chosen is near to the Heritage Centre, delivery will not be until mid

 June. Proposed Adrian Jones to agree quotes, seconded Mike Palmer, carried.

**13.04.22 Finance:**

 **Payments via bank transfer, cheque and debit card and any subsequently**

 **received:**

 SALC Training event £25.00

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 ARB Resolutions - fallen tree in recreation ground, removal £75.00 (50% of

 cost).

 SWT Council final quarterly invoice for dog bins £187.20

 Debit card – Dog fouling signs and keys for the playing field and allotment gates

 for the Clerk £11.00.

 Proposed to approve and pay Adrian Jones, seconded Dee Childs, carried.

**14.04.22 Correspondence** – no discussion.

**15.04.22 Date, time and place of the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish**

 **Council meeting.**

 Due to the election the date cannot be before 9th May therefore agreed

Wednesday, 11th May, 2022 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

 The meeting closed at 9pm.

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