



NORTON IN HALES PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2017 at the Jubilee Hall,
Norton in Hales, at 7:30pm

Chair: Cllr P Eardley
Councillors Present: Cllr M Edwards; Cllr K Cliff, Cllr R Tydeman
Clerk: Mrs M Joyce

1 Welcome & Public Session

The Chair welcomed everyone to the January 2017 Meeting of Norton in Hales Parish Council. Three members of the public attended the Meeting. Mr Lucas reported that he has reviewed the Market Drayton Town Council Draft Neighbourhood Plan document and is concerned that it contains a number of factually incorrect statements. He queried the consultation process with neighbouring parishes and the 15,000 copies of the questionnaire sent out with the MD Messenger. Local residents did not receive copies. Mr Lucas raised the issue of littering from Betton to Victoria Wharf Bridge. He requested that the Parish Council requests a litter pick along this road. The website is going well and expanding year – looking at a new design which is now in draft form to be considered on 23rd February. Mr Lucas requested that the Parish Council sends former evacuee Edward Gill (the evacuee) birthday wishes for his 87th birthday on behalf of the Parish.

2 Present, Apologies and/or Absent

Apologies were received from Cllr N Groom and Cllr A Holland. Cllr Cadwallader also sent apologies.

3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - None received.

4 Dispensations of DPIs - No requests made.

5 Approval of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 14th December 2016 and the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th November 2016. Cllr Tydeman proposed, and Cllr Edwards seconded, both sets of minutes to be true and accurate records of the Meetings. All agreed. Resolved. The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

6 Action taken and matters arising from the Minutes – no items brought forward.

7 Neighbourhood Plan – Councillors' feedback from joint meeting with Moreton Say & Adderley Parish Councils and Shropshire Council Officers to resolve the Parishes' objections to the Town Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Eardley gave a quick reminder to Councillors about the meeting held before Christmas. No meeting request has been received from Market Drayton Town Council despite the resolution taken at the Town Council meeting in December to invite the Parishes to the Town Council for further discussions. Cllr Eardley said that his understanding is that if the plan goes before the Inspector it is likely to fail on the grounds of lack of consultation. Cllr Tydeman said his impression is that Shropshire Council wants the Parishes to accept the plan in its current form. Councillors concurred that this appeared to be the intention. Cllr Eardley reminded Councillors that at a meeting held in May 2014 the Town Council suggested the Market Drayton LJC Group undertake a joint plan, however, at the time the parishes felt undertaking such a plan would be too expensive. Councillors agreed that Market Drayton have actually *informed* councils of their intentions rather than *consulted*. Cllr Edwards stated that she is concerned that the Parish will have no say in what happens in the area of Norton in Hales parish which is included in the Plan. Cllr Tydeman expressed reservations over committing the next Parish Council term to a huge amount of work without a clear mandate from the electorate. Adderley had resolved to continue with the intention to continue with the 3 Parish approach. The next Market Drayton steering group meeting is being held tomorrow. The Clerk reminded Councillors that having passed a resolution to pursue investigating a 3 Parish Plan the Parish Council cannot overturn or review this decision within 6 months unless fundamentally new information comes to light. The Shropshire Council Local Plan is being reviewed from this month to run from 2016-2036. Cllr Eardley said he would attend the steering group meeting to establish if the objections will be addressed and if they intend to consult with the parishes. Joint Parish Plan meeting scheduled for 26th January in Moreton Say. Councillors agreed that Norton in Hales will continue with their intention to undertake the joint plan.

8 Unitary Councillor's Report

Councillors raised a request made to Cllr Cadwallader concerning the replacement of the sandstone wall at the Norton Farm development site. Cllr Cliff expressed frustration that there appears to be no intention at Shropshire Council to have the sandstone wall reinstated - read from a report from 2014 stating that the footpath should be continued, kerbs be in sandstone and the sandstone wall moved back with a hedge behind it. This was in a report from the Development Manger's report dated 23rd September 2014 (Tim Rogers). Cllr Cliff queried how and why this detail has been removed. Cllr Eardley reminded Councillors of a site meeting with the developer, a Shropshire Council Planning Officer and Parish Councillors to reach a compromise, at which these details were agreed. Cllr Cliff queried why it has taken so long to take this to a scrutiny committee and why the Planning Dept have overlooked these details. Cllr Tydeman expressed concern over the attitude to Parish Councils by the planning committee. Clerk asked to contact Cllr Cadwallader to establish what is happening and why the important heritage features of Norton not being retained by the planners to keep Norton's distinct character. Cllr Eardley confirmed that the developers haven't done anything wrong, they are building what they have been given permission for. The footway finishes too short and compromises safety. Richard Denison had commented that the Planning Dept 'did not want to encourage people to walk out of villages'. Councillors queried access *into* the village from the new development. It was agreed that the Best Kept Village in the country is losing its character at the hands of the Planning Dept. It was agreed that Cllr Cliff would email Tim Rogers for clarification.

9 Community Policing Report

Request received from the local force for a suggested location in which to carry out property marking for residents – Clerk to suggest the Horsewash or village hall car park if they need power. To put on the website.

10 Ward Matters (to include matters relating to Highways, street lighting, maintenance, repairs etc)

a) Betton – Cllr Cliff reported large pool of water coming out of ditch by fishing pools in Betton and on the corner – ditch needs cleaning out. Letter to landowner – Clerk to write.

Shropshire councils obligation to salt roads was discussed – queried which they will do if any. Councillors discussed blocked drains. Sizable pothole outside Betton Moss Farm, Betton Wood Road and another at a junction with Betton Wood Road and Norton Road by the grass triangle – road is sinking on corner by Brownhills Cottage Farm.

b) Norton in Hales

No items to report.

Street light outside Tudor cottage: Seems to be activated by a car but not a pedestrian. Clerk has reported to Eon for inspection. Should be on permanently not intermittently –would prefer this is changed to a white light in keeping with others.

c) Road Closure:

Road to be closed: Main Road, Norton In Hales

Date and duration: 05/03/17 for 1 day (08:00 – 16:00)

Purpose: BT Access to underground Network

Applicant: A Plant Lux-Traffic

11 Correspondence

- SALC information bulletins & legal topic notes

- Any other correspondence received: Shropshire Council Bus Strategy 2017-21; Town & Parish Council Forum meeting notes; Shropshire council's Great Outdoors; Get Shropshire Active; Thank you from school for donation.

Clarification requested from Shropshire Council as to why CiL monies due to Norton has not been forthcoming. Place plan should indicate monies should go to the car park. Clerk to check this is on the list. Cllr Cliff stated that she hoped the car park would be a community asset for use by all residents.

12 Planning

Applications:

- 16/05267/FUL Erection of ground source heat pump control building and formation access
Proposed residential development land off Bearstone Road, Norton in Hales. JRT Developments. Civil works started on site before Christmas. One house per month will be started. Some of the properties will be open market and will incur cil liabilities. Sustainable solution to heat the homes rather than gas or oil preferable to biomass boilers. The applicant was invited to explain the technology to the members. Councillors discussed the application, Cllr Cliff proposed supporting seconded by Cllr Tydeman, all agreed.

Decisions:

- 16/01654/FUL (validated: 25/04/2016)
Address: Land North Of Norton Farm, Main Road, Norton In Hales, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of four detached houses (amendment to Plots 8, 9, 10 & 14) in lieu of approved three dwellings (modification to previously approved 15/03832/FUL)
Decision: Grant Permission
- 16/04921/TCA (validated: 26/10/2016)
Address: 51 Main Road, Norton In Hales, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 4AT
Proposal: Crown reduce to clear telephone wires and remove lower branch of 1 no. Sweet Chestnut tree and remove 1no. Oak tree within Norton In Hales Conservation Area
Decision: No Objection
- 16/04991/FUL (validated: 01/11/2016)
Address: 10 Napley Drive, Norton In Hales, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 4QY
Proposal: Formation of first floor side extension
Decision: Grant Permission

13 Housekeeping

- i) Reports from PC representatives on external bodies or meeting/course attendance as appropriate:
 - a) LJC: Cllr Eardley reported from working group in December – Future Fit meeting proposed has not been able to proceed. Shropshire Council is ‘strapped for cash’ and is looking for cost cutting exercises and may not cut verges other than their statutory obligations – Cllr Eardley has had the verge cutting process costed – quote given as £600. Cllr Tydeman queried building services into precept until definite confirmation is received that this service will be cut. Cllr Eardley queried the plan provided by Shropshire Council of the supposed maintained areas as some of the areas on the plan have long been privately owned. Shropshire Council promised to clean rural drains twice as often as urban however this has never happened. Highways environmental maintenance grants still in place for 2017-18 but going forward may not be available. Suggestions for planning to be dealt with electronically will mean c£25 pm costs for Hall for broadband. Parish Council has obtained quotes for transparency code funding for projector, laptop, scanner to enable this. Councillors suggested again that the planners submit hard copies to Parishes rather than having to do electronically. Apply to the fund before purchasing – Cllr Eardley proposed applying to fund, seconded by Cllr Tydeman for a computer and projector and scanner –all agreed. Resolved.
 - b) NSAC : meeting date moved to February –Clerk has circulated details.
 - c) Neighbourhood Watch –co-ordinator Chris Jefferies has now retired – Cllr Edwards suggested Mrs Penny has taken over. Some forms have been circulated and received by residents to renew membership. Parish Council committed to renew however this may need to be reviewed if services from Shropshire Council need to be taken over. Cllr Edwards to liaise.
 - d) Playing Fields/Playground: inspections regularly carried out by Neil Backes but no reports recently received. Vandalism on field over weekend. No serious damage but pitch should be ok. The swing seats may need to be replaced this year. Donation proposed to the community cricket club by Cllr Eardley seconded by Cllr Edwards, all agreed. Cllr Eardley to order the replacement seats, proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Cliff – 4 new seats to be ordered. Cllr Tydeman has materials to mend the roof of the multiplay.
 - e) Village Hall: the Friends of Norton in Hales will be showing a series of videos of lectures from Keele University. No charge but donations welcome. Ongoing costs for broadband may be prohibitive. Adderley use Plus Net as a provider in their Hall. Costs likely to be in the region of £26 per month. Talk Talk has offers on – infinity broadband £22 for 2 year fixed contract, available to new customers. Cllr Eardley asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to fund the monthly costs for wifi for the Hall. To be taken forward.
- ii) Website : update given in public session.

14 Finance

- Invoices & Payments: to include invoices received after agenda publication
- Balances for information (Cash book & reconciliation)
- Budget & Precept determination for approval - to return a 0% a precept of £11,183 would need to be applied for rather than £11,963. Councillors discussed whether an increase should be made to take into account possible verge cutting. Anticipated spend for the year was considered by Councillors. Cllr Edwards proposed requesting precept of another £1000 to the last year's precept figure. Councillors noted likely increases to adult social care. Seconded by Tydeman, all agreed. Apply for precept of £12,963. Resolved. Increase in clock maintenance, potential contingency towards verge cutting throughout parish in devolution of services, purchase of new equipment to comply with Transparency Code/Shropshire planning policy.
- Annual grant for maintenance of Church Clock – application received for £550 increase of costs last year, prop by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Cliff.
- Grounds maintenance contract – Motion to appoint contractor for 3 year period – contractor has confirmed that he would continue going forward at same rate : if 3 years then inflation rate raise may be imposed. Cllr Eardley proposed accepting this quote, seconded by Cllr Tydeman – all agreed. Triangle due to be replanted by Old Post Office by in In Bloom Group.
- Neighbourhood Watch Membership renewal – Councillors discussed and agreed to fund for another year going forward. Notify not automatically renewing next year. May wish to include different payment method next year.

Date of invoice	Recipient	Purpose	Amount	Chq No
30/11/16	M Joyce	Clerk's salary	£208.84	SO
30/12/16	M Joyce	Clerk's salary	£262.94	SO
02/01/16	B Walton	Bus shelter cleaning 22/10/16-02/01/17	£55.00	1382
30/11/16	T Seabridge	Grounds maintenance costs	£2880.00	1383
31/12/16	AC Contracting	Replacement kerb works	£1290.00	1384
10/01/17	PCC	Church clock maintenance grant	£550.00	1385
10/01/17	NIH Playing Fields Ass	Grant	£200.00	1386

All payments were proposed for payment by Cllr Tydeman, seconded by Cllr Edwards, all agreed. Cheques duly signed.

15 Magazines and leaflets – i) to distribute as appropriate ii) submissions as appropriate (inc Monthly Messenger)

16 Parish matters/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda

Items for inclusion on the March agenda: Sandstone wall ; update from NP meetings.

There being no further business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

NORTON IN HALES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Norton in Hales Parish Council 10/01/17

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes proposed, agreed and accepted as a true record at this meeting of Parish Council held on 14/03/17:

Signed by the Chair

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