

Norton and Cuckney Parish Council

Minutes of Norton and Cuckney Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday the 11th of January 2017 at Norton & Cuckney Village Hall, Norton Lane, Cuckney, Mansfield NG20 9NQ. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr David Collins Chairperson
Cllr Mike Smith Vice-Chair
Cllr David Alvey
Cllr Sheila Brailsford
Cllr Lee Ann Morton
Cllr Judith Reynolds
Cllr Georgina Smith
Cllr Sharna Penarski
Cllr Keith Barlow

Also present District Cllr Kevin Dukes
Ellinor Carr – Minute taker
No Members of the Public present

104/16-17 **Apologies for absence**
None

105/16-17 **Declarations of interests**
None

106/16-17 **Minutes**
Subject to the following amendments the minutes of the previous meeting of the Norton and Cuckney Parish Council held on Wednesday the 14th of December 2016 were adopted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairperson.

- Minute 097/16-17 Section b:
 - i. Amend to include ‘with £87 still to claim’ at the end of the budget review.

➤ **Public Forum**
Cllr D Collins closed the meeting to allow Public Forum to take place. No public present. Cllr D Collins reconvened the meeting.

107/16-17 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- a. Footpath at Park House Farm – Cllr D Collins:
 - i. The state of the footpath has been reported to the Nottinghamshire County Council Footpaths Officer by Cllr D Collins. They replied saying that it is not currently a top priority but they will keep an eye on the state of the footpath.

- ii. No progress with regards to the use of the roofless barn with the board of Governors.
- iii. Street lamps were reported in Norton.

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Reports

- a. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr D Collins:
 - i. Steering group held on Wednesday the 4th of January with Bassetlaw District Council. Examiner advised for council to accept the report with his recommendations.
 - ii. Majority of recommendations improved the plan with 4 causing consternation including the proposed need for a crossing on the A60 for the Woodhouse Hall Barns redevelopment, a major component of neighbourhood plan.
 - iii. A crossing would be the responsibility of the developer of the site which would make the redevelopment financially non-viable.
 - iv. Bassetlaw District Council are not prepared to object to the inspector's comments.
 - v. Dist Cllr K Dukes to talk to Bassetlaw District Council Planning to get a reading on how they are feeling on their end regarding the recommendations by the inspector.
 - vi. Neighbourhood Plan to be submitted on the 26th of January if issues are solved.

- b. District Councillors Update – Dist Cllr K Dukes:
 - i. Welbeck Estate have agreed to take on responsibility of maintaining the telephone box in Norton. Dist Cllr K Dukes contacted BT on Welbeck's behalf and they are dealing with the request.
 - ii. Unlikely to be any progress on Devolution until after the County Council elections.
 - iii. Development has now started outside the garden centre and shall be on going for 4 weeks with disruption likely.
 - iv. The interactive sign has been straightened and is now working correctly. Dist Cllr K Dukes has asked K Greaves to look into moving the sign to a lamp post before the 30mph limit.

- c. County Councillors Update – County Cllr J Ogle not in attendance.

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Finance

- a. Financial Report - Cllr D Alvey

Cllr D Alvey presented the bank reconciliation sheet and advised that the accounts are healthy and advised that the total balance of the Current & Deposit accounts was at present £16,339.40.

b. Budget Review

Cllr D Alvey advised the council is doing well on budget. Street cleaner wages will balance out by the end of the year with £882 left in budget to pay them. Still saving and building up on Clerk's salary. Audit fees slightly overpaid as previously discussed. Have not currently used full budget on training. Rents and leases invoices to come through to balance out. Subscription is due for NALC. At this stage it is likely that there will be some expenses left over at the end of financial year with a surplus of £600-£1000.

c. Payments

Following discussions and clarifications, the meeting **approved** the following payments:

		Pre-approved payments made:	
	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3 rd	Ms E Carr	Expenses	£45.00
9 th	Mr S Pemberton	Pay	£360.00
	Mr R Wass	Pay	£144.00
	HMRC Cumbernauld	Income Tax	£36.00

Payments to be made:

Nil to date

All payments to be made by BACS

d. Unity Trust Bank Update

Unity Trust Bank deposit account has now been opened with £5000 to be signed over from current account to deposit account.

e. To consider the budget for 2017/2018

- i. Cllr D Alvey produced four scenarios for setting the precept. After discussion Cllr M Smith **proposes** and Cllr D Alvey **seconds** to follow the second scenario drawn up by Cllr D Alvey on setting the 2017/2018 Precept. Based on a reserves contribution of £600 with the 2017/2018 Precept to be requested at £9,756. Equating to a 9% or £6.00 rise per annum contribution from each band D household. 6 councillors **voted to accept** the proposal and 2 **abstained** from voting. Therefore it was **carried** to set the requested precept for 2017/2018 at £9,756.
- ii. Clerk's salary is still being included in the budget. After discussion it was **resolved** that the previous decision to *wait*

until April to begin the process of appointing a permanent Clerk and *whether or not to appoint* a permanent Clerk will be discussed at the next meeting.

- iii. Cllr D Alvey suggested putting together a working group for the Playground. Cllr D Collins put a bid in to Tesco for grant and have received £700 from funding grants already but the parish council do not fit the criteria for the Bassetlaw grant.

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Report from Fracking Meeting – Cllr M Smith

No comments from councillors on report from Fracking meeting.

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Car Parking in Cuckney – Cllr M Smith

After discussion regarding establishing the parish council's stance on car parking in Cuckney, there is overall agreement that the council recognise that there is a problem with car parking in Cuckney, particularly at the school end of the village.

Cllr S Penarski suggests a meeting to discuss the issue on its own to define the problem and discuss solutions. It is established that the meeting will be an extraordinary parish council meeting by Cllr D Collins. Cllr S Penarski to lead meeting and determine a time and date and to talk to Pub owners regarding their thoughts prior to the meeting. The council is happy with this as an on-going solution.

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Planning

a. New Planning Applications

No new planning applications

b. Planning Correspondence

- i. No new planning correspondence

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Highways

a. Any Previously Reported problems to Escalate

No new problems to escalate

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Correspondence

a. Any new items received by Council Members

No new items received by Council Members

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Monthly Council Policy Review – Equal Opportunities

Cllr M Smith **proposes** and Cllr D Alvey **seconds** to delete first sentence of 'Monitoring & Reviewing' section. Cllr D Alvey to make changes to policies and e-mail copies to everyone.

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Items for Next Agenda

- Discussion on Parish Clerk

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Date/time/location of next Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 8th of February 2017, 7:30pm @ Norton Cuckney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm

Signed:

Date: