

NORTON AND CUCKNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Norton and Cuckney Parish Council

The Meeting of Norton and Cuckney Parish Council held in the Norton Cuckney Village Hall on the 10 February 2016 at 7.30pm.

Minute

No.

158/15 Present: Councillors Collins (Chairman), M Smith, Alvey, J Reynolds, G Smith, Brailsford and Barlow.

Others present: Mrs Lisa Hill (Parish Clerk) and Bassetlaw District Councillor Kevin Dukes

159/15 To accept and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor L Morton and these were accepted.

160/15 To receive and record any declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed

There were no new declarations of interest.

161/15 To approve minutes of the meeting held 13 January 2016

Councillor Barlow proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 13 January 2016 as a true record; with the exception that Councillor G Smith had been incorrectly referred to as Councillor G Frost in Minute 095/15, this was seconded by Councillor J Reynolds. The minutes were signed and dated by the Chairman.

162/15 To receive any updates from the minutes of the meeting held 13 January 2016

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Min 459/15

- Bassetlaw District Councillor Dukes reported that he had sent two 'tweets' to the Royal Mail which had received no response. It was suggested that the Council should write to the local MP to highlight the lack of response from the Royal Mail regarding the Council's request for an additional post box. Bassetlaw District Councillor Dukes agreed to speak with John Mann MP.

Minute 095/15

- The Chairman reported that the bid to Groundwork/Tesco carrier bag fund for works to the wall and the path in the Community Garden had been successful. Tesco customers would now have the opportunity to vote for the scheme, against two others, which would determine whether the grant awarded would be £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000. A decision on Grantscape application was expected in the next few

weeks. Bassetlaw District Councillor Dukes suggested that Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) would be interested in highlighting the Parish Council's success in the press.

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Minute 133/15

The Clerk reported that a conversation with a BDC Planning Officer indicated that the email to BDC to complain about the non receipt of a planning application had not been read. This is due to the planning email system removing emails from the system within one month. The Clerk had resent the email to BDC. District Councillor Dukes reported that he had spoken to Beverley Alderton-Sambrook at BDC regarding the Council's complaint. Ms Alderton-Sambrook had indicated that there had been staffing, logistical and technical issues in the department recently. These issues were currently being dealt with and the Parish Council could expect a response shortly.

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Minute 151/15

Councillor Alvey reported that a meeting to discuss repairs to the fence surrounding the playing field was still to be held. Councillor Alvey was confident that the repairs were minor and could be carried out by the street cleaner as part of his lengthman duties. **It was agreed that**, staples and wire to carry out these repairs should be purchased and repairs carried out by the street cleaner. **Action – Councillor Alvey and Street Cleaner.** Discussion also took place regarding the updating of the lease for the playing field between the Parish Council and Welbeck Estates. **It was agreed that**, Councillors M Smith and Barlow should carry out these works but that some terms of reference would be required. This item would be on the agenda for the March meeting. **Action – Clerk.**

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Minute 155/15

- It was reported that the Moss outside stone cottage had been removed.
- Councillor M Smith reported that the gate at the Council yard had yet to be secured. The Clerk would follow this up with Welbeck Estates.
- Rachel Rickell, NCC would be visiting Norton this week to look at the broken wooden footpath sign.

163/15 Open session for members of the public to speak

District Councillor Dukes reported on a presentation he had recently attended which discussed the options for the route of HS2 through Sheffield and the proposed sites for the new station.

District Councillor Dukes informed the Council that Councillor Simon Greaves was willing to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the Parish's highways issues. District Councillor Dukes reported that Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) had discussed the formation of a Unitary Authority at its January meeting. The debate would resume in six months.

164/15 Finance – to approve payments and receive financial update

The following invoices were presented and payment **resolved** by the Council.

- a) Mrs Lisa A Hill, expenses January/February 2016 £34.58
- b) Mrs Lisa A Hill, wages January 2016 £114.67 (already paid by Standing Order)
- c) HMRC, PAYE - Clerk January 2016 £28.60 (already paid by Standing Order)
- d) Mr S Pemberton, wages 4/01/16 to 29/01/16 inclusive £224.00
- e) Mr R Wass, wages 4/01/16 to 29/01/16 inclusive £112.00
- f) HMRC, PAYE Wass 4/01/16 to 29/01/16 inclusive £28.00
- g) Mr D Alvey, reimburse purchase of safety boots, street cleaner £25.04
- h) National Association of Local Councils, annual subscription £82.82

165/15 To approve purchase of strimmer

The Clerk reported that funding had been received from BDC for the purchase of a strimmer. **It was agreed that**, a strimmer should be purchased. **Action – Councillor Alvey.** District Councillor Dukes requested that a photo be taken to mark the occasion.

166/15 To approve the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as external auditor 2015/16

After discussion, **it was agreed that**, Grant Thornton LLP should be appointed external auditor for 2015/16. **Action – Clerk.**

167/15 To discuss salt requirement Norton

After discussion, **it was agreed that**, two salt bins should be requested from NCC, one for Lady Margaret Crescent the other for Packhorse Row. **Action – Clerk.**

168/15 To discuss Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Discussion took place regarding possible events to mark the occasion. After discussion **it was agreed that**, Councillor Brailsford would approach the church to ask if all local groups and the Parish Council could join together for a picnic event or similar. **Action – Councillor Brailsford.**

169/15 To discuss farming solid on A60

Councillor M Smith reported that a large quantity of soil had been left by farm vehicles on the A60. After discussion, **it was agreed that**, this should be reported to NCC. **Action – Clerk.**

170/15 Planning – to consider any planning application, note any correspondence and decisions

- 16/00022/COU Retain the change of use of land to A4, Minor alterations to create a beer garden to include a new shed, new raised decked terrace, new children's play equipment, new boundary treatment and landscaping at Greendale Oak Public House, Budby Road, Cuckney – After discussion, **it was agreed that**, the Council objected to this application for the following reasons; the raised terrace would cause privacy issue to residents at neighbouring properties and car parking provision had not been considered for the increased number of customers visiting the site which would exacerbate current parking problems on Norton Lane and in the church hall car park. **Action – Clerk.**
- 16/00023/LBA Minor alterations to create a beer garden to include a new shed, new raised decked terrace, new children's play equipment, new boundary treatment and landscaping at Greendale Oak Public House, Budby Road, Cuckney - After discussion, **it was agreed that**, the Council objected to this application for the same reasons as application 16/00022/COU. **Action – Clerk.**
- 16/00012/CAT Remove and treat stump to one Sycamore tree to inhibit growth, remove eastern most stem to one Ash tree, remove young Sycamore, Goat Willow and Ash trees and remove Elder trees. After discussion, **it was agreed that**, the Council had no objections to this application. **Action – Clerk.**

The Chairman reported that BDC had granted permission for application 15/01576/LBA Hazel Gap Wedding Venue and planning application 15/01037/FUL Welbeck Colliery alterations.

171/15 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan

We have now completed the consultation period for the Sustainability Appraisal discussed in the last newsletter. The Steering Group met on Thursday 4th February to discuss 2 issues that had arisen from the consultation:

- Historic England and Bassetlaw Council are still objecting to the Land North of Budby Road site. This is because of its impact on the Church, a Grade 1 listed monument. The group decided to pursue this site as we think it is valuable and disagree with the stance of the objectors.
- Church Meadow and Fielding's Bank has been included as a Local Green Space site. It is larger than sites which are usually designated such, and this drew some concern. Once again the Steering Group decided to pursue this site.

The Plan is now almost ready to be submitted to Bassetlaw Council and then to an Inspector. We had not appreciated that after submission to Bassetlaw Council they also have to consult on it for another 6 weeks before the Inspector sees the plan. Be assured, the referendum will eventually take place.

172/15 To receive Welbeck Colliery Report

Councillor Alvey reported on the recent Welbeck Colliery meeting. Works continued as planned; country park on schedule, tree planting to be completed by March 2016, biogas test runs partial operation March and planning application approved for further works.

173/15 To receive any highways or services faults

- Lights not working on 30mph speed limit sign on Budby Road as enter Cuckney; signs also inadequate in size
- Path outside 5 New Cottages overgrown, path impassable
- Village sign for Norton removed; is this to be replaced?
- Lights on new warning sign outside school constantly flashing

174/15 To receive items for information and future agenda items

The Chairman reported that the BDC Spring Clean this year was entitled 'Clean for the Queen' and would be taking place between 18 April 2016 and 1 May 2016.

- Provision of skips for bulk rubbish
- Playing field lease and inspection
- Invite Darren Ridout, Welbeck Estates

175/15 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting of the Norton and Cuckney Parish Council meeting will be held on 11 March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Norton Cuckney Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.