

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 8 July 2015 at 7.30pm.

Minute

No.

049/15 Present: Councillors Alvey, J Reynolds, M Smith, G Smith, Morton, Chapman-Hart, Brailsford and Barlow.

Others present: Mrs Lisa Hill (Parish Clerk).

050/15 To accept and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor David Collins and these were accepted.

051/15 To receive and record any declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed

Councillors Barlow, Morton and Reynolds declared an interest in agenda item 8.

052/15 To approve minutes of the meeting held 10 June 2015

Councillor Morton proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 10 June 2015 as a true record, with the exception of the following amendments: Councillor Hart should read Chapman-Hart; 031/15 should read seconded by Councillor Barlow and 044/15 should refer to the requirement of the village hall of further committee members rather than just one, this was seconded by Councillor Reynolds. The minutes were signed and dated by the Chairman.

053/15 To receive any updates from the minutes of the meeting held 10 June 2015

Min 019/15

- The Clerk reported that the telephone kiosk in Norton could not be removed as a certain number of kiosks were required within an area to satisfy the need to be able to call the emergency services. British Telecom would however maintain the box and had added it to its repair list.

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Min 449/15

- The Clerk reported that Darren Ridout, Welbeck Estates had confirmed that the work to the fence on the southbound side of Cuckney Wood had been completed. It was hoped that this would solve the problem of motorcycles churning up the grass.

Min 458/15

- The Clerk reported that Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) had now included Norton and Cuckney on its website to ensure compliance with the new Transparency Code. All information, which was required by law to be published was now on BDC's website. Councillor Reynolds commented that her contact details were incorrect and suggested that Norton should be mentioned in the narrative on the site. **Action – Clerk.**

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Min 459/15

- The Clerk reported that a response had not been received following the Council's request for an additional post box. It was suggested that the village post lady may be able to provide a contact telephone number.

Min 460/15

- The sub-committee reported that following the meeting with Darren Ridout and Alan Sampson at Welbeck Estates to discuss Welbeck's offer to take on the street cleaning and maintenance in Norton and Cuckney that Welbeck Estates had decided they were not able to help. This left the villages without a street sweeper/litter collector. After discussion, **it was agreed that**, Councillor Alvey would approach the previous two applicants for the street sweepers position to see if either, or both, were interested in a temporary contract until October. Terms of working were to be the same as the previous street cleaner. This would allow time for further discussion regarding a permanent solution at September's council meeting. **Action – Cllr Alvey.** Councillor M Smith reported that he had reported concerns regarding the pavement on Cuckney Hill formally to NCC.

Min 038/15

- Councillors reported that they had found the Clerk sending all correspondence received to them useful. **It was agreed**, to continue this practice. **Action – Clerk.**

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Min 042/15

- Following the agreement in principle at June's Council meeting to install a park-type bench in the woodland overlooking the school Councillor Alvey was asked to provide possible designs and costs in order that the Clerk could apply for funding. Welbeck Estates' permission to install the bench on their land was awaited.

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Min 043/15

- It was reported that the banner advertising the 'Celebrating our Village' event had been removed from the fence at the Community Gardens. The Council congratulated Councillor G Smith on a fantastic event.

054/15 Open session for members of the public to speak

No members of the public were present.

055/15 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 June 2015 £34.05 (562)
- b) Planning for People, NP consultancy fees £400.00 (563)
- c) Mrs Lisa A Hill, wages June 2015 £114.67 (already paid by Standing Order)
- d) HMRC, PAYE June 2015 £28.60 (already paid by Standing Order)

The Clerk presented a draft financial report for June 2015.

056/15 To discuss benefits and costs of defibrillator for the parish

Councillor Chapman-Hart presented information on the benefits and costs of a defibrillator for the parish and details of a funding source. Concerns were raised regarding where the defibrillator would be sited, how its location would be advertised and the provision of adequate training on its use.

After discussion, **it was agreed** not to purchase a defibrillator at this time, but to consider it in conjunction with the emergency plan.

057/15 To discuss village hall car parking/lighting

Following discussion **it was agreed that**, the village hall committee should approach Welbeck Estates to fix the lighting in the village hall car park.

Action – Councillor Reynolds.

058/15 To discuss Chairman's Allowance

The Clerk had circulated information on the uses for a Chairman's Allowance prior to the meeting. **It was agreed that**, a Chairman's Allowance was not required.

059/15 Planning – to consider any planning application, note any correspondence and decisions

15/00697/VOC, Hazel Gap Solar Farm, regularize site layout following minor changes during construction. **It was agreed**, to make no objection. **Action – Clerk.**

15/00715/HSR, Cliveden, Cottage Lane, to erect single and two storey extension to front, side and rear of dwelling. **It was agreed**, to make no objection in principle however the Council wished to query the building line. **Action – Clerk.**

The Clerk reported that Bassetlaw District Council had decided not to make a tree preservation order with respect to planning application 15/00489/CAT to remove four trees at Fourways, Budby Road.

060/15 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor M Smith reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was still out for public consultation.

061/15 To receive an update on Hazel Gap Community Fund

Councillor G Smith reported that a meeting had taken place with Grantscape to discuss the Solar Century Community Fund attended by herself and Councillor Barlow. The fund was a one off donation by Solar Century, the company that had installed the Solar panel fields in Hazel Gap in Norton and Carburton Parishes and at the back of Hunciecroft in Holbeck. Grantscape would hold the fund until it is drawn down by the parishes. There is no time frame and Grantscape aim to make the application process as simple as possible. As yet there are no criteria for use of the fund, but Solar Century had expressed an interest in projects such as science for the young, renewable energy projects and improving the landscape. Local people would decide how the money would be spent. Applications can be made by groups with a constitution and can be audited by Grantscape. Applications can be selected either by public vote or a community advisory panel comprising representatives from community organisations such as the parish council, school, cricket club etc plus a representative from Grantscape. A further meeting was scheduled for 21 July 2015 at the village hall.

062/15 To receive any highways or services faults

- Street light not working in Norton; number required to enable Clerk to report to NCC
- Street light on permanently near the Spencer's
- Wall damaged near the shop
- Pothole, Norton Lane on Mill House corner
- Hole in pavement outside 2 RAF House, Main Street, Norton
- Road surface breaking up, 4-10 New Cottages, Norton

063/15 To receive information for future agenda items

- Vehicle Activation Speed Signs
- Street sweeper

064/15 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting of the Norton and Cuckney Parish Council meeting will be held on 9 September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Norton Cuckney Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.