

MINUTES OF NORTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.15pm on Monday, 6th June 2016 in the Private Dining Room at the Woolpack Inn, Totford, SO24 9TJ

Present: John Mitchell (Chairman) (JM)

Yvonne White (YW)

Simon Walker (SW)

Adam Dyne (AD)

Cllr Kim Gottlieb (KG)

Cllr Jackie Porter (JP)

Alexandra Risebury (Clerk) (AR)

The chairman welcomed all present and noted that Council Member Fleur Boyce has tragically passed away due to ill health on the 1st of June 2016. JM said that Fleur was appreciated for her enthusiasm, sense of humour, motivation and hard work for the PC and our community. Her passing is a great loss. He asked for a formal note of thanks to be recorded in the minutes. She will be dearly missed by all.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

- a) Alresford recycling centre: KG and JP will provide an update later in the meeting.
- b) Internal auditor: AR will report in Clerk's report.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Councillors reports

Congratulations announced by JM to KG for winning the elections in May2016. Lisa Griffiths and Ernie Jeffs also part of the conservative team. JM asked KG who would be the best contact person for any issues arising and KG reassured the council that any matters he will be unable to resolve to forward to the other councillors.

The recycling centre in Alresford is likely to remain but with cut of operational hours, after over 1000 voices have been heard in the recent survey. JP added a final decision will be made by HCC by autumn 2016.

There are still no precise plans for a new leisure centre in Winchester (Highcliffe/Bar End , Jct.10) nor what exactly it will contain (GC Leisure).

Devolution was mentioned briefly with its restructure of local government and the threatened isolation of Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council. JP mentioned a consultation on the principle of unitary authorities and perhaps even another referendum.

JP reported on the closure of Children's Centres (decisions made by 1st July 2016) as well as the "Early years sufficiency". And provided a link for parents in order to find out about eligibility of 30 hours childcare and how those hours would be used:
<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/childrens-services-consultations/cs-consultation-30-hours-free-childcare>

JP raised the matter of changes to local Health Services. A decision whether Hampshire Hospital Foundation Trust will be able to create a new hospital near Dummer will be decided by the end of 2016. Mental health service for children (CAMHS) has been re-commissioned and there is still a serious shortfall in the sums of money available for this service. The target of 8 weeks before treatment (currently 18 weeks) is unlikely to be achieved.

The service of Lengths -men are now part of the HCC' s maintenance plans and JP has written to Rob Humby with regards to risk averse contractors.

HCC confirmed they will make traffic management changes only if a fatal accident has occurred (this does not affect 20mph decision).

On a positive note, Alresford library will not be closed.

JP asked for views on school transport by Mervyn's coaches (transporting to Preston Candover Primary School). AR explained that Javelin (transporting pupils to Perins school) provides the same size bus as Mervyn's due to the high volume of pupils and both buses cross near the village hall in order to have enough room to pass each other making travelling safer. The use of those buses is vital given the volume of pupils in the valley relying on its service.

JP was also updated on the recent progress towards broadband improvement.

4. Planning applications

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

5. Northington Down

Following several complaints about the rubbish in the field opposite Northington Down, the matter has been raised and Winchester City Council will take up the matter.

6. B3046

JM has sent a letter to HCC Highway Department, asking for progress and update. HCC had replied that the signing and lining orders were raised on the 13th April 2016 and are now with their main contractors. The orders were issued on a 42 day working days priority and therefore works will be implemented shortly.

JP mentioned that the main problems are with the police and JP will discuss enforcement of 30mph. SW pointed out that a footpath through the village and speeding on a dangerous bend are two separate issues but could benefit from each other.

JP said that NPC could purchase speed limit signs as posts are already in place. JP will confirm the cost and fully supports NPC taking this step.

YW enquired whether "Kites Hill" could apply for similar signs. JP thought it would be unlikely but will investigate.

7. AGM review

Footpaths: JM will contact Alexander Langlands Pearse and arrange a meeting with SW.

8. Clerk's report

a) Financial Update:

AR registered with NatWest and recognised as Clerk to NPC.

QTR1 update

£250 for Rhona Hatchley's missed salary 2015 has been signed and sent to Rhona

b) £ 276.49 Insurance has been paid (as agreed in previous meeting with HISCOX)

c) The annual return has been completed and posted. New internal auditor Paul Clarke (AAT, Association of Accountants Technician Level 4 qualified and approved by BDO, based in Chilton Candover) as Sarah Harris (previous internal auditor) has moved out of area.

d) Declaration of acceptance of office has been signed and countersigned by all members of the NPC

9. Any other business

HCC will no longer provide the PC with website services and an alternative has to be negotiated in order to maintain our local website. This has been discussed between AR and SW and SW researched various providers/alternatives. NPC has agreed with SW's selection of "one to one" at a cost of £0.99 per month for the first year and £5 per month after that (£72 per year incl. VAT). It was suggested the cost could be split between NPC and the Village Hall.

JM noted that it is necessary to find replacement for Fleur Boyce and a search will start in September. Notices announcing the search will be posted in the usual manner.

10. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, 12th September 2016 at 7.15pm in the Private Dining Room at The Woolpack Inn, Totford, SO24 9TJ.