

Minutes of Northington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.15pm on Monday, 18th April 2016 in the Private Dining Room at the Woolpack Inn, Totford, SO24 9TJ

Present: John Mitchell (Chairman) (JM)
 Adam Dyne (AD)
 Simon Walker (SW)
 Yvonne White (YW)
 Alexandra Risebury (Clerk) (AR)
 Cllr Kim Gottlieb (KG)
 Cllr Lisa Griffiths (LG)
 Cllr Ernie Jeffs (EJ)
 Cllr Margot Power (MP)

Apologies: Fleur Boyce (FB)

The chairman welcomed all present and, noting the forthcoming election of councillors to Winchester City Council, wished them well on Election Day. The Chairman noted FB's absence and, on everyone's behalf, wished her a successful recovery.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on the 25th November 2016 were approved by the Council and signed by the chairman.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising, which were not already covered by the agenda.

3. Councillors Report

Kim Gottlieb provided us with a further insight into the threatened closure of the Alresford recycling centre, which sadly appears to be the most vulnerable one. The proposals in the consultation include changing opening hours, closure for a full day, weekend only opening, winter closures, the full closure of some sites, or a combination of these choices.

Although Northington Parish Council has already written to the HCC, its intervention will be counted as a solo objection. KG therefore urged all villagers to make their views known, because the consultation exercise is strongly influenced by the number of people who write in to make their views known. The PC agreed to circulate everyone with this message.

4. Planning applications:

a) New Lodge 16/000567/FUL

An application for the development of this property earlier this year had raised concern and drew objections from the PC. NPC has no objections to the new application and has informed WCC accordingly.

b) Northington Down House 16/00610/FUL

NPC members have inspected the planning application and raised no objections. An email has been submitted to WCC in these terms.

5. Speeding on the B3046

NPC has received a letter from HCC, setting out steps to be taken. While helpful in themselves, the proposals beg some questions, which need answers. The proposed changes in the letter (with drawing attached) include the installation of some new enhanced chevrons, repainting of the lines on the road and road markings and signs warning of the bend. JM will write a letter seeking a clearer understanding of the proposed changes, especially concerning the apparently slow timing of the proposed changes.

6. Village spring clean

AD agreed to arrange for this year's spring clean of the verges of Northington, Swarraton and Totford. The date has been set for Sunday, 8th May 2016.

7. Crime reports

NPC discussed the recent crime apparent increase in crimes in our area. Elaine Capp has emailed all villagers about the recent happenings and advised everyone to be vigilant.

8. Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust

There is currently no public update about the proposed build of a new hospital (Critical Treatment Centre). The questionnaire from the Trust received by NPC is very broad based, which can be filled in by individuals should they feel their views could have an impact. The questionnaire is available online www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk

9. AGM

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, 17th May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. An agenda will be issued.

10. Clerk's report

AR presented the NPC with the FY15-16 ending figures and provided a financial update. The Parish Council approved them. Rhona Hatchley has kindly agreed to help AR with the annual return forms for the AGM. Sarah Harris is no longer available to conduct the PC's internal audit so a new accountant is needed before we can send the PC's return to the official auditors.

11. Any other business

Broadband update: SW said that engineering work necessary for enhanced broadband had started on schedule within the first quarter of this year. Fibre optic cables are being laid through existing cable ducts where possible. Markings are visible for the new "cabinet" in at the east entrance to the Grange. As yet there is no indication as to when the improved broadband service will go "live".

12. Date of the next meeting

The PC's next regular meeting will be on Monday, 6 June 2016 at 7.15pm in the Private Dining Room, The Woolpack Inn, Totford, SO24 9TJ.

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