

Northington Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday, 25th January 2016 in the Private Dining Room at the Woolpack Inn, Totford, SO24 9TJ

Present John Mitchell (Chairman)

 Fleur Boyce

 Adam Dyne

 Simon Walker

 Yvonne White

 Alexandra Risebury (Clerk)

The chairman welcomed all present.

JM introduced Alexandra Risebury as the new Clerk to the Northington Parish Council and thanked her for taking on the task. He also thanked Rhona Hatchley for her services and excellent work as Clerk for the previous 5 years.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

- a) The minutes of the meeting on the 24th November 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the chairman.

2. Matters arising

Para 5c: The Council noted Simon Lavers' concerns about exposure of his house to more car lights but thought that the trees and the lie of the land meant that the risk of light annoyance was low.

Para 11c: The sum of £246.60 from WCC credited to NPC's NatWest account has been allocated correctly.

3. Councillors Report

There were no reports from our Councillors.

4. Library Service

Rhona Hatchley had completed an online survey on behalf of the Northington Parish Council and submitted this in December 2015. The Council confirmed

that the library is vital for our community (applying to all age groups) and is being used widely by our parishioners

5. Speeding on the B3046

FB agreed to follow up with Jackie Porter with regard to chicanes, speed limits, speed bumps or other measures to slow traffic at the east end of the Grange Park. There is currently a 60mph speed limit and a long history of serious accidents. The rest of the B3046 in the parish is subject to a speed limit of 40mph. SW suggested that, road maintenance such as clearing of mud and leaves, and a lower speed limit (SW will investigate the cost of a 'of a flashing light to make drivers aware of their speed) .

FB agreed to speak to Harry and Felicity Buchanan who have raised concerns about speed limits around Keeper's Cottage.

6. Recycling centres

HCC's consultation about the future of recycling centres raises concerns about travelling to alternative recycling centres and fly tipping in the countryside. The increased number of new properties planned for Alresford will increase the need for a recycling centre in Alresford. The Alresford recycling centre is very well used by NPC's residents and is essential. A letter stating these issues /concerns will be forwarded to Jackie Porter and HCC.

7. Planning Applications

- a) 16/00109/FUL 'Whiteknights' has been submitted by Mr and Mrs Patrick Barber. This is for a single storey extension to the existing property. The council examined the plans and raised no objections. AR to submit a 'no objection' comment to WCC using the online facility provided by the planning department..
- b) 15/02707/LDP New Lodge: no further progress. JM has been in touch with WCC to ensure that NPC's comments on the application appear on WCC's website.
- c) AR noted the appointment of a new Senior Planning Officer. NPC affirmed that it wishes to continue to receive hardcopies of any planning applications.

8. Clerk's report

AR thanked the Council for its warm welcome and said that she is excited to be taking on the role of Clerk. Rhona Hatchley has agreed to support AR for the first few months. The handover took place on the 12th January 2016.

The Parish Council reviewed and agreed its budget. There are no changes to the previous year and the meeting saw no need to increase the precept.

9. Broadband

JM had written to Steve Brine M.P. asking for an update. SB had passed on his request to HCC's Superfast Broadband team. They replied that Superfast Broadband will arrive in 2016 but not by March, as we had been expecting.

10. Grange Park Festival

Michael Chance the Director of the Grange Festival will set out his plans and details for the Grange Park Festival in 2017 at a meeting at 19.30 on 2 March 2016 in the VH.

JM to ask Philippa Pellereau to advertise this event widely via the VH website, facebook page and personal email.

11. AGM meeting

AR undertook to agree with the VH the date of the Council's AGM to follow the Village Hall Committee's AGM. The preferred date is Tuesday, 17 May 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

12. A.O.B.

A date for the village spring clean up will be discussed at the next meeting.

13. Date of next meeting

7.00 p.m. on Monday, 18th April 2016 in the Private Dining Room at the Woolpack Inn, Totford.

AR/30/01/16