

## **MINUTES OF NORTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Draft minutes of a regular meeting of Northington Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20th November 2018 at The Woolpack Inn, Totford, SO24 9TJ.

Present:       John Mitchell (Chairman) (JM)  
                  Melissa Jennings (MJ)  
                  Yvonne White (YW)  
                  Dennis Nye (DN)  
                  Alexandra Risebury (Clerk) (AR)

Apologies:     Margot Power (MP)  
                  Adam Dyne (AD)

The chairman welcomed all present, in particular Dennis Nye, our new council member.

### **1. Minutes of the last meeting**

Paragraph 3 (Northington Hill): Rewording of the following sentence: "JM said that he understood PB's and LW's concerns.."

Although PB and LW had agreed to provide NPC with a write up about the speeding issues on Northington Hill, nothing has been submitted.

Paragraph 6 (Winchester Local Plan): The circulated email had unfortunately not been received by all residents in time to make comments. NPC received one complaint due to the delay and JM arranged for the complainants to submit any comments to WCC directly.

The minutes were proposed by YW, seconded by JM and signed as a true record by the chairman.

### **2. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **3. Northington Hill**

On Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, JM and AR went to Northington Hill to measure the exact spot for the survey device to be fitted. The precise location had been requested by Peter Lamb. JM and AR marked the location and took photographs, which were forwarded to Mr Phil Turner at HCC. Mr Turner informed NPC that the device needs to be fitted to an existing pole or tree, to minimise the risk of theft. A tree nearest to the initially marked location had been identified and Mr. Lamb was satisfied with this arrangement. HCC installed the device on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November and it will remain in place for one week. The data collection will take approximately 48 hours and NPC will be sent the findings shortly after. The invoice of £200 will be issued once data collection is completed.

### **4. B3046**

Speeding along the B3046 remains of concern and speed limits are being ignored. A few weeks ago another car accident occurred on the Grange Corner in Swarraton. YW holds and collects all the data from previous incidents and accidents. JM suggested another letter to HCC and DN asked for further ideas of action. JM clarified that NPC has met with the police in the past and although it has been acknowledged that the camber is wrong, no action has been taken, except the repainting of the road. NPC complained about the risk of skidding due to large amounts of mud and flooding in the corner but once HCC cleared the corner no continued action has been taken. The issue was raised at last years' AGM and residents opposed the installation of flashing speed signs. DN suggested crash barriers like on dual carriage ways but JM said that the speed limits need to be reduced in the first instance. YW offered to write to HCC and will cc Mr Andy Smith (Highways Department) too. There is an increased number of children using school buses in our villages and parents have to be very vigilant to keep their children safe.

Several phone call complaints from different families in the villages have been made to the "Box It" company, whose vans drive regularly well above the speed limits. To encourage "Box-It" to take action to reduce speeding by their vans, NPC agreed to send a formal letter of complaint to the company.

### **5. Preparing our roads for winter**

NPC will check all our grit bins within the Parish and will arrange for refills, if required. DN kindly offered to take on this role. If any resident notices an empty grit bin over the winter month, could this be reported to HCC (website), please?

## **6. Parish Council Elections 2019**

In May 2019 local council elections will take place. Posters will be displayed in due course. There is a chance that some of our council members will step down and new council members will be required.

## **7. Clerk's report**

AR reported the current balance of accounts and no financial outgoings occurred since the last NPC meeting in September.

All present council members have signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

WCC also requires each council member to complete and sign hard copies of "disclosable pecuniary interests" forms. AR to collect and post.

AR also to inform WCC of our new council member, Dennis Nye, in order to update their website.

## **8. Any other business**

a) Kim Gottlieb, an Itchen Valley Councillor on WCC has left the Conservative group and joined the Liberal Democrats.

b) JM thanked Melissa for agreeing to read at this years' Carol Service.

c) MJ enquired about building site past Micheldever Woods on the corner to the A30. YW and JM confirmed the land is now owned by the Plymouth Brethren and they plan to build a Meeting House there.

d) NPC would like to thank The Woolpack Inn and the Le Brocq Family for hosting and organising a superb Halloween Party for all the children within our community. The back of the restaurant and the private dining room were turned into a spooky fun area with lots of party games, followed by dinner for each child. The event was a great success.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm at the Private Dining Room, The Woolpack Inn, Totford, SO24 9TJ.

The meeting ended at 20.35.

AR 22/11/2018