

NORTH PETHERTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of North Petherton Town Council held at North Petherton Bowling Club on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at 7:30 PM

Present. Cllr A Bradford Chairman

Councillors. Cllr Mrs A Wassell, Cllr. J Hesketh, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr Mrs M Denham, Cllr Mrs H Phillips, Cllr W Revans, Cllr Mrs W Darch, Cllr D Parry and Cllr M Goodland

In Attendance. Mr. R Latham (Town Clerk) County Cllr R Brown and 4 members of the public.

17/2015 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs A Hodges and Cllr D Edwards
The meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

18/2015 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

19/2015 **Community Time**

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the Environment Agency for their presentation on Trigger Points, which had taken place immediately before the meeting. He also expressed his disappointment that only a very few people had attended. Mr Kingman gave a presentation on dementia and members were encouraged to watch a short video on becoming a dementia friend. The Chairman agreed to bring forward agenda item 10 and after further discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Darch, Taylor and Philips would look at ways in which the Council could help in this area.

20/2015 **Co-option of new Councillor**

Applications to be co-opted to the Council had been received from Mr Philip Knight and Mr Richard Ives. Each applicant made a short presentation after which they withdrew from the meeting. After a secret ballot, it was

Resolved that Mr Philip Knight be co-opted onto the Council.

21/2015 **Minutes of previous meeting.**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

22/2015 **Matters Arising**

Further to minute 05/2015, the Clerk was asked to contact Somerset Rural Community Council regarding the provision of defibrillators, and, further to minute 08/2015, the Clerk was asked to contact the family of the late Mr Painton in relation to the renewal of the memorial bench.

23/2015 **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor spoke about the special viewing of the Alfred Jewel that he and others had attended and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Philips would talk to Cllr Mrs Hodges and others about how widely the Jewel was used as an emblem in the town. The Mayor also reported on a visit that he had made to Kingscliff and the resultant action that had taken place.

23/2015 **Planning.**

Members noted the report on planning determinations in the area..

24/2015 **Finance**

a. Items for payment

Resolved: that the following payments be approved:

R S Nagele £288.00

M Clifford £288.00

TRA Bartlett £1560.00

Somerset Mechanicals Ltd. £321.60

L Mills £101.66

Fine Memorials £100.00

A Sutton £46.00

SALC £25.00

S T Ling £230.88

b. Finance Report

Resolved: That the budget report and financial summary be approved.

25/2015 **Kingscliff**

The Clerk presented a report on the issues surrounding the public amenity area at Kingscliff. There was a discussion about the ownership of the site and how this could be established, and the Clerk was asked to contact Richard Hampson, a previous clerk, who might have some knowledge of the situation.

Resolved that a meeting be arranged between the Council, represented by the Mayor, Cllr Revans and Cllr Knight, and other interested parties to explore how best to take the matter forward.

26/2015 **SID Equipment**

The Clerk reported on the implications of the Council acquiring its own Speed Indicator Device and on the scheme being developed by Somerset County Council to loan devices to parish and town councils. After some discussion the Clerk was asked to seek further information on the details of the County scheme.

27/2015 **North Petherton Cricket Club**

The Clerk reported on correspondence that he had received from the Cricket Club relating to the need to replace their septic tank and enquiring about the possibility of the Council providing financial assistance. Cllr Revans agreed to investigate what items were covered by the Club's insurance and what tests had been carried out to determine the most effective solution to the problems.

Resolved that a formal application for a grant be invited, accompanied by the club's accounts and full details of the work required.

28/2015 **Somerset Rural Youth Project**

Cllr Revans reported that an application had been made to the County Council for a grant to support the continuing provision of youth services in the town in 2015/16.

Resolved that Cllr Revan's actions be approved and endorsed.

29/2014 **Civic Expenses**

Further to minute 10/2015, Members discussed what was the appropriate amount to be included in the budget for civic expenses, and in particular the Civic Service and Alfred Jewel Awards. An amount of £1,000 was proposed and seconded, followed by an amendment that the sum should be £500. On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost, and it was then

Resolved that a sum of £1,000 be included in the budget for the forthcoming year for Civic Expenses.

30/2015 **Election Meeting** Members discussed the meeting that was due to be held on the 26th February to inform local people about the forthcoming elections. Due to a clash of dates, it was decided to move the date to March, to be agreed by the Mayor. Cllrs Philips, Goodland, Revans and Denham agreed to help the Clerk with the organisation and delivery of the meeting.

31/2015 **Urgent Items of Report**

Cllr Parry reported on the build up of detritus on the highways in the area, effectively reducing the width of the carriageways, and on the build up of rubbish and foliage in the stream to the rear of Watery Lane.

Cllr Taylor raised the issue of the continuing traffic problems in North Petherton and Bridgwater, which were clearly part of the same problem. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Bridgwater Town Council to suggest some form of joint approach to the problems. He also drew Members' attention to a presentation in Moorland Village Hall on "Coping with Disasters" to be held at 7:30 pm on 19th February.

Cllr Goodland updated the meeting on issues at the cemetery. It was agreed that an item on Cemeteries should be included on the next agenda.

Cllr Hesketh reported that there were still problems with the operation of the Post Office in the town.

The meeting closed at 9:35 pm