

NORTH PETHERTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held at North Petherton Bowling Club on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 7:30 PM

Present. Cllr A Bradford Chairman
Councillors. Cllr. J Hesketh, Cllr P Knight, Cllr P Spencer, Cllr Mrs M Denham, Cllr W Revans, Cllr D Parry, Cllr Mrs H Phillips, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr G Jones and Cllr J Barham
In Attendance. District Councillor Mrs A Fraser, Mr. R Latham (Town Clerk) and three members of the public.

85/2015 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr R Ives

86/2015 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

87/2015 **Community Time**

Ms Uppington and Ms Symonds gave a presentation on the work of Village Agents. They described the work that they did and how they were funded, which was primarily via the Big Lottery Fund, the GP's Federation and Taunton Deane BC. It was also reported that Ms Symonds remit was about to be extended to include the town of North Petherton as well as the surrounding villages. Members thanked them for the presentation.

Resolved: That the work of village agents be endorsed and supported and that Sedgemoor DC be asked why they did provide any funding.

88/2015 **Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19th May 2015.**

Resolved: that the minutes be approved.

89/2015 **Matters Arising**

Cllr Taylor reported on the latest developments with regard to the Railway Bridge, and indicated that he would be using a Freedom of Information request to find out the reasons behind the decision not to proceed with repairing it.

90/2015 **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported that he had visited France with the Twinning Committee and had had an enjoyable and informative time.

91/2015 **Planning Applications.**

The Clerk reported on the latest planning decisions by the Planning Authority. The decision to approve application number 37/15/00023 – Haddon Farm was discussed and the Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the Highways Authority seeking an explanation as to why they had made no observations on the unsuitability of the access road for large vehicles.

Resolved: that the report be received.

92/2015 **Allotments**

Cllr Knight informed Members that he would be presenting a report to the Town Meeting.

93/2015 **Items for Payment**

Resolved: that the following payments be approved:

A B Memorials	£500.00
NP Playing Fields Trust	£3,157.23

- 94/2015 **Finance Report.**
Resolved: the report be received
- 95/2015 **Co-option**
As no one had come forward to fill the remaining vacant seats, this item was deferred.
- 96/2015 **Moorland Village Hall**
Cllr Taylor reported on drainage issues at Moorland Village Hall and on the cations being considered to address them.
Resolved: that the Clerk write to Wessex Water requesting information about current arrangements for first time sewerage schemes.
- 97/2015 **Somerset West Lodging Scheme**
The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by a representative of Somerset West Lodging Scheme with a view to them giving a presentation to the Council.. Members were generally agreeable to this happening at an appropriate time
- 98/2015 **Matters of Report**
Cllr Denham updated the meeting on the latest developments at the Playing Fields, and Cllr Phillips informed Members of efforts being made by the Residents' Association to obtain funding for a Development Worker for Wilstock and Stockmoor. It was agreed that this item be included on the next agenda. Cllr Revans asked that items on Neighbourhood Plans and Honorary Aldermen should also be included. Problems relating to roads in North Newton, over grown verges in North Petherton, and continuing flooding at the bus stop opposite the BMW garage were also reported.
The Mayor informed the Council that the Civic service would be held at North Newton Church on 11th October 2015 and it was agreed that the annual Alfred Jewel Awards would be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm