

Minutes of the Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held at North Petherton Bowling Club on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 at 7:30 PM

Present. Cllr A Bradford Chairman

Councillors. Cllr. J Hesketh, Cllr P Spencer, Cllr Mrs H Phillips, Cllr J Barham, Cllr Mrs M Denham, Cllr Mrs L Hyde, Cllr G Jones and Cllr R Ives.

In Attendance. Mr. R Latham (Town Clerk), County Councillor R Brown and several members of the public

21/2016 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Taylor and Cllr W Revans

22/2016 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

23/2016 **Community Time**

The Clerk reported that the presentation by Mr Stewart Granger of the Somerset Rivers Authority would now take place at the next council meeting in March.

Problems with car parking at Kings Cliffe were reported and the Clerk was asked to raise the matter with Somerset County Council.

Representatives from SaWRA and Knighstone Housing Association spoke in support of the grant request for the Time Bank project. It was agreed that item 12a be brought forward.

24/2016 **Grant Application.**

Members considered the application from SaWRA for a grant of £5,000 towards the Time Bank project which was to be implemented in Wilstock and Stockmoor. Various questions were raised and further information about the scheme was provided by the representatives present. Cllr Spencer reminded the Council that a sum of £10,000 pa had been earmarked to help to address the issues being faced by residents of Wilstock and Stockmoor.

**Resolved:** that a grant of £5,000 be made to SaWRA to enable the Time Bank project to be started, and that a report on progress be provided to the Council after 3 months, by which time, it was anticipated that the scheme's longer term funding would be secured.

25/2016 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were considered.

**Resolved:** that they be approved as a correct record.

26/2016 **Matters Arising**

The Clerk was asked to send copies of the Council's response to the draft Local Plan to all members.

27/2016 **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported that he had attended a several events and continued to receive and respond to a considerable number of issues raised by the public

28/2016 **Allotments**

The Clerk reported that he had looked at the deeds to the Pilot's Helm site and that they did not make it clear who was responsible for the boundary walls and fences. Cllr Spencer noted that there was also a problem with the stone wall in the Cemetery.

**Resolved:** that Cllrs Bradford, Hesketh and Barham would have a closer look at the walls and report back.

29/2016 **Planning Decisions.**

The Clerk reported on recent decisions made by the Planning Authority. Cllr Mrs Phillips informed members that she had attended the last meeting of the Development Committee at Sedgemoor and was concerned about some remarks made about the way in which the Town Council responded to applications in its area.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk write to the Planning Authority suggesting a meeting should take place between representatives of the Council and relevant officers and members of Sedgemoor D.C.

30/2016 **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current situation.

31/2016 **Items for payment.**

The following payments were approved:

Somerset Mechanicals	£936.00 (replacement cheque)
RBS Software	£133.20
Sedgemoor DC	£636.00
H A Durkin	£48.00

32/2016 **Finance Reports**

The Clerk presented the summary receipts and payments account and budget comparison report.

**Resolved:** that the reports be received.

33/2016 **North Newton Issues**

Cllr Barham and Cllr Bradford updated the meeting about current problems relating to speeding and dog fouling in North Newton. The Clerk reported that he had received a quote to provide a new fence along the boundary between the cricket pitch/playing area and the adjoining council owned land.

**Resolved:** that

- a. The Clerk contact the Highways Authority and the Police regarding the speeding;
- b. That it be agreed in principle to proceed with the provision of a new fence and the Clerk proceed to seek a further two quotes.
- c. That Cllr Bradford would raise the issue of the dog fouling with the District Council

34/2016 **H M The Queen's Birthday Celebrations**

Members discussed how best to support the local community to celebrate Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Resolved:** that local groups and organisations be invited to apply for grants of up to £200 to help fund parties and other events in the area and that £1,000 be set aside in the budget to fund this.

35/2016 **Grant Application Mendip Community Transport**

This item was deferred

36/2016 **Casual Vacancies**

**Resolved;** that the three vacancies be filled by co-option.

37/2016 **Schedule of Meetings**

The Clerk presented a draft schedule of meetings for the current year.

**Resolved:** that the schedule be agreed

38/2016 **Matters of Report**

Cllr Mrs Hyde raised the issue of "sharps boxes" initially brought to Members' attention by Cllr Jones. The Clerk was asked to bring the matter to the attention of the District Council.

Cllr Spencer raised the matter of cars being parked on the Community Centre car park by "Ideal cars", a commercial venture in which Cllr Hesketh was involved. Although the Council was not responsible for the car park, it was agreed that it would be in the Council's interest for this matter to be resolved quickly.

Cllr Hesketh reported that the Christmas trees had still not been removed from the Community Centre grounds

Cllr Ives reported a concern regarding fly tipping on Campion Way.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm

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