

## **NORTH PETHERTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held at North Petherton Bowling Club on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Cllr A. Bradford (Mayor) (in the Chair)

Cllrs J. Hesketh, P. Spencer, Mrs. H. Phillips, J. Barham, Mrs. M. Denham, Mrs. L. Hyde, W. Revans and J. Taylor.

In attendance Mr. R. Young (Acting Clerk) and District Councillor Mrs A.E. Fraser.

### **57/2016 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R. Ives.

### **58/2016 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in matters regarding Moorland and District Village Hall being a member of the management committee together with his wife.

Cllr Barham declared a personal interest in Little Steps Pre-School, his wife being the Pre-School Manager.

### **59/2016 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 were considered.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record.

### **60/2016 Matters Arising**

The Mayor undertook to contact County Highways regarding an unsafe wall along the footpath between Pilots Helm and North Street (not Mill Street) and Cllr Mrs. Denham agreed to meet an official on site, if necessary.

Cllrs Mrs. Hyde and Revans reported that the meeting regarding North Petherton Library would be held at Taunton Library on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and undertook to report back at the next meeting.

### **61/2016 Community Time**

No issues were raised.

### **62/2016 Mayor's Report**

The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor for chairing the February meeting and representing the Town Council at an event in Yeovil.

He congratulated the Playing Fields Charitable Trust on their recent open day and Cllr Mrs. Derham undertook to contact the Bridgwater Mercury regarding a lack of publicity.

He also referred to an urgent need for a scout hut in the town and possible sites at Parkersfield and at the Memorial Playing Field were discussed. Car parking issues at the Memorial Playing Field were also discussed.

**Resolved** that the Deed of Covenant for the Memorial Playing Field be checked for relevant restrictions and the owner of specified land in the vicinity of Parkersfield, off Broadlands Avenue, be approached.

#### 63/2016 Neighbourhood Plan

**Resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to submit a formal application to Sedgemoor District Council to designate the whole of the Council's area for the purposes of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### 64/2016 Finance

**Resolved** that the financial summary and budget reports as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 be approved.

#### 65/2016 Grant Applications

**Resolved** that grants of £200 each be made to the following organizations towards the cost of HM the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations as specified:-

- Moorland and District Village Hall Committee – village fete on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- St Mary's Church – meal after special service on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- Little Steps Pre-School – street party in North Newton on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- Stockmoor & Willstock Residents' Association – event on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Members were encouraged to ensure that the Town Council was represented at these events.

#### 66/2016 Meeting Schedule

**Resolved** that the next Meeting of the Full Council be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15 p.m. at Ferrydown House, North Petherton but the schedule of meetings be deferred for further consideration to re-examine the proposed venues and to avoid clashes with East Lyng Parish Council Meetings.

#### 67/2016 Maunsel Lock Car Park

Members received details of a proposed notice for the Maunsel Lock Car Park. Cllr Mrs. Phillips felt that the notice should be more user friendly and in plain English. It was pointed out that the wording had been drawn up by a solicitor to protect the interests of the Town Council and, after discussion, it was **Resolved** that the wording be approved as submitted and the Clerk be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the Mayor, to accept a quotation up to a sum of £270 + VAT for the purchase of two signs.

#### 68/2016 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to consider.

## 69/2016 Matters of Report

Cllr Mrs. Phillips reported that a new bus stop had been provided at Campion Way;

Cllr Mrs. Derham reported upon a difficult gradient for mobility scooters at the new pelican crossing in the vicinity of the Brainwave Centre. The Clerk was requested to write to County Highways regarding the matter;

Cllr Barham reported that fallen trees had been cleared at the allotments but there was an issue with a wall. There was also a need to send out invoices. The Mayor undertook to call an Allotments Meeting when the Clerk returned from holiday;

Cllr Hesketh reported that the southern boundary at the Memorial Playing Field required attention and “no dogs” signs needed replacement. He also sought information on the street cleaning contract and reported that there was a need for the cycle path to be swept. He also requested endeavour be made to obtain a plan showing the current planning line around the Junction 24 site.

Cllr Revans reported upon a need to carry out remedial work to the Maunsel Lock Car Park surface. He also reported that North Petherton Youth Club had achieved Safe and Welcoming Status and he was thanked for his work in connection with this matter;

Cllr Spencer reported that a footpath had been provided at the Stockmoor bus stop;

Cllr Taylor reported that the refurbishment of Moorland and District was nearing completion and it was hoped that it would be completed before HM the Queen’s Birthday Celebration event.

He also reported upon the new Flood Re Insurance Scheme, financial issues concerning the Somerset Rivers Authority and issues relating to funding from Central Government/EU.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.