

Minutes of the Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held at Moorland Village Hall, Moorland on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016,, commencing at 7:15 pm

Present. Cllr J Taylor (Chairman)

Councillors. Cllr J Barham, Cllr W Revans, Cllr Mrs Denham, Cllr P Spencer, Cllr P MacLaurin, Cllr R Ives, Cllr B Sellick, Cllr Mrs L Spelman-Ives, Cllr Mrs H Phillips and Cllr Mrs L Hyde

In Attendance. Mr. R Latham (Town Clerk), representatives from North Petherton Rugby Club, District Councillor Mrs A Fraser and County Cllr R Brown

204/2016 **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Bradford, Cllr J Hesketh and Cllr G Jones

205/2016 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr J Taylor reported an interest, in common with others, in item 13. Cllr B Sellick reported an interest in item 12. Cllr R Ives and Cllr Mrs L Spelman Ives reported an interest in item 8, where they would be reporting back on a grant received by Wilstock Hub

206/2016 **Community Time**

Cllr Mrs Fraser raised the matter of a planning application relating to Folley Farm, and the number of local objections that there were to it. The application would be discussed at the next Planning meeting.

207/2016 **North Petherton Rugby Club**

Representatives of the Club gave a presentation on the history and current status of the Club and outlined current proposals to provide new changing facilities and a stand for people with disabilities.

**Resolved:** that a) the Club be thanked for the presentation;

b) the Council was in full support of the new projects and that letters confirming this be sent by the Clerk, to assist with fund raising; and

c) the Club be invited to submit an application for grant aid from the Council.

208/2016 **Minutes of previous meeting.**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November be agreed as a true record and that the Clerk be authorised to procure a suitable back-up printer following continuing difficulties with the existing machine.

209/2016 **Mayor's Report.**

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Denham and Cllr Mrs Spelman-Ives would join with the Mayor to judge the 2016 Window dressing competition.

210/2016 **Grant Feedback**

The Clerk reported on feedback that he had received from the North Petherton Scout Troop and North Newton Village hall Committee. Cllr Mrs Spelman Ives and Cllr Ives reported back on how the grants to the Wilstock Hub project had been used and also informed the meeting that a lottery grant of £4,500 had recently been obtained. Cllr Taylor provided a response with regard to the grant to the Wassail Theatre group.

**Resolved:** that a) the reports be noted and that Wilstock hub be congratulated on its success; and b) the report from SaWRA on the grant towards the Time banking project

- be rescheduled for the next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January
- 211/2016 **Neighbourhood Plan**  
The Clerk outlined the arrangements for the training session on community engagement being provided by Lemon Gazelle. It was agreed that this should take place on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017, venue to be arranged.
- 212/2016 **Items for Payment**  
The following payments were approved:
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| N Petherton Community Centre | £27.00  |
| Crimson Hill Support         | £72.50  |
| Rialtas Business Systems     | £351.60 |
| A Sutton                     | £46.00  |
| Lemon Gazelle                | £360.00 |
- 213/2016 **Precept**  
Members considered a report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee on the budget and precept for 2017/18.  
**Resolved:** that the budget for 2017/18, as presented by Cllr Spencer, be approved and that the precept for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 be set at £125,992.
- 214/2016 **Grant Request**  
Members considered a request from North Newton Village Hall Committee for a grant towards renovation works.  
**Resolved:** that a grant of £4,500 be approved..
- 215/2016 **Flooding**  
Cllr Taylor led a discussion on flooding issues particularly around Moorlands and Fordgate, with reference to the recent House of Commons Select Committee report, and the advantages of attenuation measures upstream of flood risk areas.  
**Resolved:** that Council supported local attenuation projects as a cost effective means of reducing flood risk, and that the Clerk write to the Drainage Board, the Somerset Rivers Authority and the District Council, making them aware of the Council's views and asking for the matter to be thoroughly looked into.
- 216/2016 **Code of Conduct Training**  
Members considered recent guidance issued by Sedgemoor DC Monitoring Officer with regard to planning matters.  
**Resolved:** that the guidance be noted and that the Clerk arrange an in house training session on local council processes and procedures, given the number of relatively new members now on the Council.
- 217/2016 **Matters of Report**  
Cllr Mrs Phillips reported that she had been in contact with Scott Mason from the District Council with regard to extra items of outdoor gym equipment. The matter would be discussed further at the site meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> December.  
Cllr Mrs Denham asked for an item relating to defibrillators to be included on a future agenda.  
Cllr Ives informed the meeting about a Christmas fair which was being held on the following Saturday, and Cllr MacLaurin reported that he was working with the District Council to organize new signs to remove any confusion over street names in Wilstock and Stockmoor.  
It was reported that former councillor Frank Clegg had sadly died recently; the Clerk

was asked to pass on the Council's condolences.

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm

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