

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held at Ferrydown House on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7:15 pm

Present. Cllr A Bradford Chairman.

Councillors. Cllr J Barham, Cllr P Spencer, Cllr Mrs M Denham, Cllr B Sellick, Cllr J Hesketh, Cllr G Jones, Cllr W Revans and Cllr Mrs L Hyde

In Attendance. District Councillor Mrs A Fraser, Mr. R Latham (Town Clerk), and four members of the public

71/2017 **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Taylor, Cllr R Ives, Cllr Mrs L Spelman Ives and Cllr Mrs H Phillips

72/2017 **Cllr Revans**

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, offered his condolences to Cllr Revans on the sad loss of his wife, Karen, and also congratulated him on his recent election to the County Council;

73/2017 **Election of Mayor**

Cllr Spencer nominated Cllr Bradford and Cllr Revans seconded him. There being no other nominations, it was:

**Resolved:** that Cllr A Bradford be elected as Mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr Bradford thanked Members for their confidence in him and their continuing support and gave a short speech on the Council's achievements and plans for the future.

74/2017 **Election of Deputy Mayor**

**Resolved:** that Cllr Mrs M Denham be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year

75/2017 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

76/2017 **Appointments to Committees**

**Resolved:** that the following appointments be made:

- a. **Allotments Advisory Committee** – Cllr J Barham (Chairman), Cllr G Jones and Cllr J Hesketh plus Mayor and Deputy
- b. **Cemetery Advisory Committee** – Cllr P Spencer (Chairman), Cllr R Ives and Cllr G Jones plus Mayor and Deputy
- c. **Finance and General Purposes Committee** – Cllr P Spencer (Chairman), Cllr W Revans, Cllr R Ives, Cllr L Spelman Ives plus Mayor and Deputy
- d. **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** – Cllr W Revans (Chairman), Cllr Mrs L Hyde, Cllr P Spencer, Cllr Mrs M Denham and Cllr Mrs L Spelman-Ives.
- e. **Personnel Committee** – Deputy Mayor Cllr Mrs M Denham (Chairman), Cllr P Spencer and Cllr J Taylor
- f. **Wilstock and Stockmoor Committee** – Mayor Cllr A Bradford (Chairman), Deputy Mayor Cllr Mrs M Denham, Cllr Mrs H Phillips, Cllr P MacLaurin, Cllr G Jones, Cllr Mrs L Spelman-Ives and Cllr R Ives.

77/2017 **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

**Resolved:** that the following appointments be made:

- a. **SALC** – Cllr Mrs L Hyde and Cllr Mrs M Denham
- b. **Moorland Village Hall** – Cllr J Taylor and Cllr R Ives
- c. **North Petherton Twinning Assoc.** – Cllr Mrs M Denham and Cllr Mrs H Phillips

- d. **North Petherton Community Assoc.** – Cllr J Hesketh and Cllr Mrs L Hyde
- e. **North Newton Playing Fields Assoc.** – Cllr J Barham
- f. **North Petherton Youth Centre** – Cllr W Revans and Cllr Mrs L Hyde (deputy)
- g. **Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee** – Cllr J Taylor and Cllr B Sellick (deputy)
- h. **Wroth Charity/Cheeke & Stodgell Education Foundation** – Cllr W Revans and Cllr P Spencer

78/2017 **Parish Path Liaison Officer**

**Resolved:** that Cllr R Ives be appointed.

79/2017 **Community Time**

No matters were raised.

80/2017 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

81/2017 **Matters arising**

It was noted that there was a defibrillator at the Bowling Club, and Cllr Mrs Hyde reported that she was in discussion with the library staff regarding displaying council information there.

82/2017 **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor took the opportunity to record his and the Council's thanks to Cllr Taylor in his role as Deputy Mayor over the previous three years.

83/2017 **Annual Governance Statement**

The Clerk reported that the Council's governance arrangements had been reviewed in detail by the Finance and GP Committee.

**Resolved:** that the Council was able to answer all of the assertions in the affirmative and that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

84/2017 **Allotments**

Cllr Barham reported on the progress that had been made in repairing the wall and tidying up the site and that a number of younger people were now taking on the plots. The Clerk presented a statement of work requirements for the forthcoming tendering exercise.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted and the Statement of Requirements approved.

85/2017 **Cemetery**

Cllr Spencer reported that he and the Clerk were meeting to have a look around the cemetery and chapel buildings later that week, with a view to identifying any work required. The Clerk reported a request to place a seat in the cemetery.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted and approval given to the siting of the seat.

86/2017 **Planning**

The Clerk reported on applications determined and updated Members on the Neighbourhood Plan and proposals for a mailshot.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted

87/2017 **Items for Payment**

**Resolved:** that the following items be approved for payment:

A Sutton	£92.00
GWB Services	£1,023.00
GWB Services	£50.00 (NPPFCT)

- 88/2017 **Statement of Accounts**  
The Clerk, as Responsible Finance Officer, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts.  
**Resolved:** that the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 be approved.
- 89/2017 **Wilstock and Stockmoor Committee**  
Members discussed co-opting representatives of local organisations onto this Committee, in accordance with the terms of reference.  
**Resolved:** that this issue be deferred to be decided at the next meeting.
- 90/2017 **Correspondence**  
Members considered a letter from the Lord Lieutenant about the “Great Get Together” in memory of Jo Cox. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Hyde and Cllr Mrs Denham would take this forward. The Clerk reported a request from the youth club to part fund a cupboard for storing equipment.  
**Resolved:** that the request be approved.
- 91/2017 **Matters of Report**  
The tour of the area was discussed and Cllr Jones suggested that the 12<sup>th</sup> June would be convenient to him, as the bus driver. It was agreed to discuss this further at the Planning Meeting.  
Cllr Mrs Hyde suggested that it would good practice if Members reported back formerly on meetings and courses that they had attended. It was agreed that a standing item be included on future agendas  
Cllr Hesketh reported that there were still parking problems by the Chemists in North Petherton.  
Cllr Jones reported on the poor standard of grass cutting on Stockmoor  
Problems associated with the public toilets in North Petherton were discussed and Cllr Hesketh agreed to contact the police.  
Cllr Sellick asked what progress was being made regarding yellow lines, and it was noted that the necessary procedures had been commenced.  
Cllr Bradford expressed his intention that progress should be made to provide a site for the scout hut and also for a new school in North Petherton.  
It was suggested that it would be useful to arrange a meeting with local people who had detailed knowledge of the area so that this could be captured for the future.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm

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