

Minutes of the Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held at North Newton Village Hall on 5th June 2018 commencing at 7:30 pm

Present. Cllr A Bradford Chairman.

Councillors. Cllr Mrs A Fraser, Cllr B Sellick, Cllr P Spencer, Cllr Mrs M Denham, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr W Revans, Cllr R Ives, Cllr Mrs L Hyde, and Cllr R Brown

In Attendance. Mr C Dadds (JLL Ltd.), Rod Latham Clerk and three members of the public

96/2018 **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs L Spelman Ives, Cllr J Barham and Cllr L Parchment

97/2018 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Bradford reported that, as a member of the Sedgemoor Development Committee, he would not comment on any planning matters.

98/2018 **Community Time**

Mr Dadds from JLL Ltd. provided an update on the proposals to develop land at Huntworth East of the motorway. It was agreed that he provide a further report to the next meeting. Ms Symonds spoke in support of a grant request from the Moor Gardening Club, and raised the issue of dog fouling in Moorland and Fordgate. Mr Seymour gave additional information about the grant request from the Pentathlon Carnival Club.

99/2018 **Co-option.**

As there had been no applications to fill the vacant seat on the Council, this item was carried forward to the next meeting.

100/2018 **Minutes**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2018

Resolved: that the minutes be approved

101/2018 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

102/2018 **Dog bins**

Members discussed a request that dog bins be provided in Moorland and Fordgate. It was felt that the rural nature of the area made dog bins impractical and that the provision of appropriately worded signs would be a better option.

Resolved: That authority be delegated to the Clerk in association with the Mayor to provide appropriate signs.

103/2018 **Mayor's Report**

Cllr Bradford reported that, in addition to dealing with a variety of matters, he had attended the EDF Community Forum and he the Clerk had met with Persimmon Homes to discuss the Country Park and other current issues. He reminded Members of what the Council had achieved in recent years. He also stated that former councillor and Town Freeman Mrs Anne Hodges had represented the Council at the recent funeral of former Clerk Terry Foulkes.

Resolved: that the Clerk write to Mrs Hodges to thank her.

104/2018 **Planning Matters**

The Clerk presented a report on recent decisions made by the Planning Authority on applications in the area.

Resolved: that the report be received.

105/2018 **Hills to Levels**

Cllr Taylor reported on the successful work that had been done to improve the retention of water on the upper reaches of water courses feeding into the area. The “Hills to Levels” project, which was a local initiative promoted by the Council, had also received a UK River prize.

106/2018 **Items for payment**

Resolved: that the following payments be approved:

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| Somerset Assoc. of Local Councils | £50 |
| A Sutton | £92.00 |
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| N. Petherton Community Centre | £18.00 |
| NPPFCT | |
| Ashfords | £300.00 |

107/2018 **Statement of Accounts**

The Clerk presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018.

Resolved: that the Accounts be approved and signed.

108/2018 **Grant requests.**

Members considered a request from the Pentathlon Carnival Club for a grant towards the cost of hiring a grandstand for the carnival. They also had before them late requests for grants from Robert Blake School and the Moor Garden Club.

Resolved: that a grant of £1600 be made to the Pentathlon Carnival Club, and that the request from the Moor Garden Club be referred to the next Planning Meeting to be dealt with. The request from Robert Blake School was declined.

109/2018 **Somerset Rural Youth Project.**

The Clerk reported that formal approval was required to continue supporting the Youth Club. Cllr Revans informed the meeting that there were now over 40 young people involved with average weekly attendances of around 15. He was asked to pass on the Council’s appreciation for the hard work undertaken by the organisers.

Resolved: that the Council’s support for the Youth Club continue.

110/2018 **Wilstock and Stockmoor Country Park.**

Members discussed current issues at the park and future management options. Cllr Mrs Hyde agreed to organise a walk around the park prior to the forthcoming meeting of the Forum

Resolved: that the Clerk ask Bloor Homes to ensure that their contractors secured the gate at the Wilstock entrance after use to prevent unauthorised access.

111/2018 **General Data Protection Regulations.**

The Clerk presented a further report on the new GDPR.

Resolved: that the following tasks be delegated to the Finance and General Purposes Committee –

- a. Complete work on the Data Audit and take any necessary action to address issues raised.
- b. Renew consents where necessary e.g. the forum

- c. Prepare and issue privacy notices at appropriate times
- d. Develop policies as and when required.

Also, as it was no longer a requirement for local councils to appoint a Data Protection Officer, that the decision to nominate the Clerk to this position be rescinded.

112/2018

Library Review

Members considered its formal response to the County Council's consultation on the future of the library service, prepared by Cllr Mrs Hyde.

Resolved: that the response be agreed and sent to the County Council and that Cllr Mrs Hyde be thanked for preparing such a clear and comprehensive document.

113/2018

Correspondence

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from St Peter's Church in North Newton to see if the Council could help with problems that they were having maintaining the churchyard.

Resolved: the matter be deferred for the time being whilst the PCC investigated alternative solutions.

114/2018

Exclusion of the public.

Resolved: that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the next item due to its confidential nature.

115/2018

Alfred Jewel Award.

The Mayor asked Members to consider nominees for the Alfred Jewel Awards.

Ms L D, Mr JH and Mr PM were suggested.

Resolved: that the matter be discussed further at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm

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