

Minutes of the Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held at North Petherton Community Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 at 7:15 pm

Present. Cllr A Bradford Chairman.

Councillors. Cllr Mrs A Fraser, Cllr B Sellick, Cllr P Spencer, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr R Ives, Cllr Mrs L Hyde, Cllr J Barham, Cllr Mrs L Spelman-Ives, Cllr L Parchment and Cllr R Brown

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

116/2018 **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr W Revans and Cllr Mrs M Denham

117/2018 **Community Time**

Mr Dadds reported on the latest position of the proposals for land to the East of junction 24. He expected an application to be determined early in 2019, outline for the whole site and detailed for the motorway service area.

There was also a discussion about neighbourhood watch schemes and it was agreed to consider this further at the next meeting.

118/2018 **Minutes**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Resolved:** that the minutes be approved. There were no matters arising

119/2018 **Co-option**

No applications had been received to fill the council vacancy. However, Mrs Helen Warren, who was present at the meeting indicated that she might consider applying.

120/2018 **Mayor's Report**

Cllr Bradford reported that he had attended a number of meetings including The Wilstock and Stockmoor Forum and Friends of North Petherton Library. He had also visited the Moorland Gardening Club Open Gardens, which had been a great success, raising over £3,000, and the Wilstock event which had been very enjoyable. He thanked all those involved, including Cllrs Ives, Spelman- Ives and Spencer, for their work organising and running it

121/2018 **Members' Reports**

Cllr Mrs Hyde updated Members on the work being done to help to establish the Friends of North Petherton Library Group.

122/2018 **Planning Matters**

Cllr Mrs Hyde reminded the meeting that there had still not been a meeting with the Highways Authority to discuss their input into local planning issues.

123/2018 **Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the budget report, the first on the new accounting system , which was generally well received.

**Resolved:** that the report be received and that the Clerk look into ways of providing more detail in certain areas.

124/2018 **Items for payment**

**Resolved:** that the following payments be approved:

A Sutton	92.00
G O'Loughlin	210.00

125/2018 **Wilstock and Stockmoor Forum**

The Clerk presented the notes of the Forum meeting that had taken place during the previous week.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted and that efforts be renewed to get all of the key players to attend so that issues could be resolved.

126/2018 **Huntworth Railway Bridge**

Cllr Taylor brought Members up to date with progress on this major project. It was still not clear when the start date would be, but it appeared that it was still the case that the road to Moorland would be closed for a long time, causing considerable inconvenience to the community. It was felt that this was as much to do with cost as with practical matters and that Network Rail should be encouraged to meet with the community to explain their plans. Cllr Taylor agreed to continue corresponding with the relevant parties.

127/2018 **Correspondence**

The Clerk reported receipt of a request to use the Memorial Fields for a fete in early September.

**Resolved:** that, on behalf of the Trust, the request be granted

128/2018 **Matters of Report**

Cllr Bradford reported that the footpath from Old Road to the A38 was overgrown. It was agreed to ask the Street Cleaning Contractor to deal with this.

Cllr Mrs Hyde reported on continuing anti-social behaviour at Parkersfield and about plans for raising awareness among parents and providing advice on how to deal with it.

Cllr Spencer reported that he had responded to a complaint about the possible misalignment of a memorial stone at the cemetery. He had also attended a recent exhumation on behalf the Council. He and the Clerk were looking at overhauling the arrangements to help to improve the appearance of the cemetery.

Cllr Mrs Spelman Ives described how well the the recent Event had gone in Wilstock and Stockmoor. Over £1,000 had been raised. Further events were planned.

Cllr Taylor provided more information about the Open Gardens and of the important role played by the local BBC. He also reported that a local footpath had been blocked in Fordgate. The Clerk agreed to write formally to the County Council.

Cllr Parchment noted that some of the information on the web site was out of date and offered to help to make more of the site.

129/2018 **Exclusion of the public.**

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

130/2018 **Alfred Jewel Award.**

The Mayor asked Members to consider nominees for the Alfred Jewel Awards. Mr J E and Mrs T E were added to the long list along with Mr DW

**Resolved:** that the matter be discussed further at the next meeting, when final decisions would be made.

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm



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