

Minutes of the Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held on Tuesday 10th December 2019 in the small hall of North Petherton Community Centre commencing at 7:15 pm

Present. Cllr A Bradford Chairman.
Councillors. Cllr Mrs L Spelman-Ives, Cllr R Ives, Cllr Ms C Woodford, Cllr P Spencer, Cllr Mrs L Hyde, Cllr Mrs D Bunce, Cllr B Sellick and Cllr J Barham

In Attendance. Mr R T Latham, Town Clerk and several members of the public

196/2019 **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Taylor, Cllr Mrs H Warren, Cllr L Parchment and Cllr L Pickersgill

197/2019 **Community Time**

A number of residents from Stockmoor raised further concerns about the development at Dawes Farm. It was anticipated that the application would be considered at the next Planning meeting. Claire Baker, the Village Agent, introduced herself..

198/2019 **Minutes**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

199/2019 **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported that he had attended a service at Wells Cathedral featuring school choirs as well as various meetings

200/2019 **Members' reports**

Cllr Mrs Bunce reported back from her attendance at the EDF Transport Forum. Drivers now had devices that enabled movements to be tracked more accurately. Cllr Mrs Spelman –Ives stated that she would be attending the next Community Forum meeting. Cllr Spencer updated Members following a meeting about the Community Centre car park.

201/2019 **Finance reports**

The Clerk presented the budget comparison and balances reports.

Resolved: that the reports be received.

202/2019 **Items for payment.**

Resolved: that the following payments be approved

A Sutton	£92.00	Grass cutting
N Petherton Twinning Assoc.	£100.00	Annual grant
N Petherton Community Centre	£54.00	Room hire
GWB Services	£1,706.25	Street cleaning
Rialtas Business Solutions	£376.80	Software maintenance
Sedgemoor DC	£181.28	Bins at Maunsel lock car park
NPPFCT		
GWB Services	£50.00	Play equipment inspection
Sutcliffe S W Ltd	£317.84	Repairs to play equipment

203/2019 **Meeting dates**

The following dates were agreed:

Monday 3rd February 2020 Climate change meeting

Monday 2nd March 2020 Training session

204/2019

Asst Town Clerk

Cllr Spencer reported on progress with recruiting to this post. It was agreed that the post should be advertised early in the new year.

205/2019

Sedgemoor Scrutiny Group on Infrastructure. Sedgemoor DC had asked for examples of where public infrastructure had not been delivered or was inadequate following housing etc. developments.

Resolved: that Members report such examples to the next Finance and GP Committee.

206/2019

North Newton Playing Fields Lease.

The Clerk reported that he had received a request to make the North Newton Cricket Club the lessees of the playing fields in North Newton, rather than the Playing Fields Assoc. This would help with fund raising activities.

Resolved: That the change be agreed and the Clerk, together with Cllrs Bradford, Barham and Sellick, be delegated authority to implement the decision.

207/2019

Correspondence.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Ssafa, the armed forces charity, providing guidance on the VE Day celebrations in May 2020.

Resolved: that a) The sum of £1,945 be set aside to fund the celebrations, and b) A working group be set up to plan the event including the Mayor and Cllrs Bunce, Hyde, Woodford, Pickersgill, Warren, Taylor and Spelman-Ives.

208/2019

Matters of report.

Cllr Ms Woodford reported that she had arranged for a number of trees to be donated by Monkton Elm Garden Centre.

Cllr Ives reported that he had arranged for 5 trees to be planted in the Country Park.

Cllr Mrs Hyde reported that lunch time opening was being trialled at the library.

Cllr Mrs Bunce reported that she had arranged for a number of plants to be sited at the entrance to North Petherton.

Cllr Sellick reported that the car parks at Parkersfield and Maunsel Lock had been repaired using voluntary labour and Cllr Bradford's tractor. It was agreed that Cllrs Sellick, Barham and Bradford be thanked and that Cllr Bradford be reimbursed for the use of the tractor.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm

