

Minutes of the Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held at Ferrydown House on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7:15 pm.

Present. Cllr A Bradford Chairman.

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

In Attendance. Mr Andy Newlands, Mr R Chorley, Mr. R Latham (Town Clerk) and six members of the public

192/2017 **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Hesketh, Cllr L Parchment, Cllr P MacLaurin, Cllr W Revans and Cllr J Taylor

193/2017 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Bradford stated that, as a member of the Sedgemoor Development Committee, he would not take part in any discussions on planning applications.

194/2017 **Community Time**

A number on members of the public spoke about the Planning Appeal being made by Gladmans Developments following the refusal to grant permission for the proposed development in North Petherton.

195/2017 **Planning Appeal**

The Chairman agreed to take this item out of order. The Clerk explained the process and the fact that comments made on the original application would be forwarded to the Inspector and taken into consideration at the Hearing. There was, though, an opportunity to amend or update these.

**Resolved:** that the Council was content with the comments that it had already made.

196/2017 **Minutes.**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**Resolved:** that the minutes be approved.

197/2017 **Mayor's Report**

Cllr Bradford reported that, in addition to dealing with day to day issues, he had attended the North Petherton Carnival and been invited into the control centre. He also referred to the recent Civic Service and thanked Members for their attendance.

**Resolved:** that the report be received and that that the Mayor, and particularly Mrs Bradford be thanked for all their hard work in organising a very successful event.

198/2017 **Members' Reports**

Cllr Mrs Fraser had sent a written report of her attendance at the recent Cluster meeting. It was agreed that this had been very helpful and was a good way to proceed in the future. Cllr Bradford reported that he had attended a meeting on the Quantock Hills AONB and that it had received a grant of £2.7m. .

199/2017 **Emergency Plan**

Mr Newlands briefly summarised the plan and explained that he had prepared the draft because an application for funding to Somerset Community Council had been declined because of the lack of one. The funding issue was no longer current, and there was no legal requirement for such a plan, but it remained good practice and he intended to finalise it. He also updated Members on the defibrillator programme which was nearing

completion. Cllr Mrs Fraser pointed out that training was an important element of the programme and Cllr Barham reported that training was in progress in North Newton.  
**Resolved:** that Mr Newlands be thanked for his efforts and work on completing the draft be supported with Cllrs Mrs Denham, Mrs Hyde and Mrs Spelman Ives agreeing to assist when necessary.

200/2017 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Members discussed whether or not it was appropriate to continue with the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that an informal meeting be arranged so that all the issues could be fully discussed,

201/2017 **Finance Reports**

The Clerk presented a summary of the Council's financial position at the end of October 2017, and a budget comparison report for the same period.

**Resolved:** that the reports be received.

202/2017 **Items for payment;**

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

N Petherton Community Centre	£72.00
Rialtas Business Systems	£360.00
N Petherton Community Centre	£5,000.00
Royal British Legion	£150.00
Moorland Village Hall	£18.00
West Country Catering	£2,507.76
J Wagstaff	£469.28

203/2017 **Allotments**

The Clerk reported that he had received quotes for undertaking wall repairs at the allotments.

**Resolved:** that authority be delegated to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to deal with the matter.

204/2017 **Communications**

Members discussed the provision of a logo for the Council, the purchase of a new noticeboard to be located at the Community Centre and the possibility of contributing to the "Link" newsletter.

**Resolved :** that

- a. Any logo should incorporate an image of the Alfred Jewel
- b. Quotations for providing a hardwood noticeboard be sought for the next meeting.
- c. The Council could support the "Link" by advertising in it when appropriate.
- d. The Council should work with Mr Dan Weeks on the production of a periodic newsletter

205/2017 **Meeting Schedule**

The draft meeting schedule was agreed

206/2017 **Street Light**

**Resolved:** that the County Council be asked for a quote to install a new street light on Tappers Lane opposite the Globe

207/2017 **Wilstock and Stockmoor Forum**

The Clerk presented notes from the recent forum.

**Resolved:** that the notes be approved for circulation

208/2017 **Colley Lane Link Road**

It was reported that work on the link road project was due to start in the new year.

**Resolved:** that a letter be sent to the County Council thanking them for their efforts in this area.

209/2017 **EDF Funding**

Members agreed to support the Somerset Rural Youth Group in their bid for EDF funding.

210/2017 **Maunsel Lock Car Park**

The Mayor reported on the current position regarding the proposed clearance work at Maunsel Lock car park in conjunction with Mr Chorley.

**Resolved:** that this issue be referred to the next Planning meeting for a speedy resolution

211/2017 **Bus Shelters**

The Clerk referred to a request he had received for a new bus shelter to be provided.

**Resolved:** that the request be referred to the County Council.

212/2017 **Matters of Report**

Cllr Mrs Denham reported that the school bus was regularly running late, particularly on the return journeys, and that rubbish was not being removed from the children's play area in Parkersfield.

Cllr Bradford reported that the care home in Stockmoor had been officially opened by the Mayor of Bridgwater. It was agreed that the management of the care home be reminded that it was situated in North Petherton.

The meeting closed at 9:25 pm

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