

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the North Petherton Community Centre commencing at 7:15 pm

Present. Cllr A Bradford Chairman.

Councillors. Cllr Mrs L Hyde, Cllr J Barham, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr R Ives, Cllr P Spencer, Cllr B Sellick, Cllr Mrs L Spelman-Ives, Cllr Mrs H Warren, Cllr L Pickersgill and Cllr L Parchment.

In Attendance. District Cllr G Wong and Mr R T Latham, Town Clerk

68/2019 **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr W Revans and Cllr Mrs D Bunce

69/2019 **Election of Mayor**

Cllr A Bradford was elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year

70/2019 **Election of Deputy Mayor**

Cllr L Parchment was elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

71/2019 **Declarations of interests**

Cllr Sellick declared an interest in item 17 and left the room during its consideration

72/2019 **Acceptance of Office**

As Cllr Revans was unable to attend for health reasons, it was

**Resolved:** that Cllr Revans be allowed to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the next meeting

73/2019 **Community Time**

Cllr Bradford welcomed Cllr Wong to the meeting and congratulated him and Cllr Revans on their election to Sedgemoor DC. Cllr Wong gave a brief description of his background and his work as a consultant in the NHS

74/2019 **Minutes.**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

**Resolved:** that the minutes be approved as a correct record

75/2016 **Matters arising.**

Cllr Taylor reported on the Railway Bridge project. There had been disappointment about Network Rail's response to a suggested official opening of the new bridge on 26<sup>th</sup> June and concern about continuing damage to verges and passing places on the diversion route. It was agreed that the Clerk ask that the Council should be involved in any post completion discussions about repair work to the road. It was also felt that there should be a general review of how the project had been handled.

76/2019 **Co-option.**

It was agreed to defer this item

77/2019 **Appointments to Committees**

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

- a. **Allotments advisory committee** – Cllr Barham (Chairman), Cllr Ives and Cllr Sellick (plus Mayor and Deputy Mayor)
- b. **Cemetery advisory committee** – Cllr Taylor (Chairman), Cllr Spencer and Cllr Pickersgill (plus Mayor and Deputy Mayor).
- c. **Finance & general purposes committee** – Cllr Spencer (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Spelman-Ives, Cllr Mrs Warren and Cllr Revans (plus Mayor and Deputy Mayor)
- d. **Personnel committee** – Deputy Mayor (Chairman), Cllr Revans, Cllr Mrs

Bunce, and Cllr Spencer.

- e. **Library sub committee** – Cllr Mrs Hyde, Cllr Revans and Cllr Mrs Bunce (plus Mayor and Deputy Mayor).

78/2019 **Appointments to outside bodies.**

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

- a. **SALC** – Cllr Mrs Spelman-Ives and Cllr Pickersgill
- b. **Moorland Village Hall** – Cllr Taylor and Cllr Ives.
- c. **North Petherton Twinning Assoc.** Cllr Bradford and Cllr Mrs Hyde.
- d. **North Petherton Community Centre** – Cllr Mrs L Hyde (Cllr Mrs Warren as deputy).
- e. **North Newton Playing Fields Assoc.** – Cllr Barham
- f. **North Petherton Youth Centre** – Cllr Revans and Cllr Mrs Warren
- g. **Friends of N Petherton Library Group** – Cllr Mrs Hyde
- h. **Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee** – Cllr Taylor (Cllr Mrs Spelman – Ives deputy)
- i. **Wroth Charity/Cheeke & Stodgell Education Educational Foundation** – Cllr Spencer and Cllr Revans.

79/2019 **Parish path liaison officer**

**Resolved:** that Cllr Sellick be appointed

80/2019 **North Petherton Playing Fields Trust**

As Mrs Denham, the previous Chairman of the Trust was no longer a Councillor, Members agreed that Cllr Mrs Hyde should act as Chairman prior to being formally elected at the Trust's AGM

81/2019 **Mayor's report**

Cllr Bradford began by thanking the Clerk and the Deputy Mayor for their support over the previous year. He then thanked his fellow Councillors for their help and good humour, which had made the Town Council an enjoyable and effective organisation to be a part of. He outlined the main issues that were facing the Council and the community and stressed the need to work with developers and public bodies to achieve the best outcomes for local people.

82/2019 **Allotment report**

Cllr Barham thanked his fellow committee members for their hard work. He reported that the wall repairs had been completed and that plans were in place to improve the access track, the parking area and to create a more formal composting arrangement.

83/2019 **Cemetery Report**

Cllr Spencer reported that work was needed to secure the future of the chapel building, and that, in due course, further land would have to be identified to expand the Garden of Rest.

84/2019 **Finance report**

The Clerk presented the finance report for the year 2018/19. Cllr Spencer noted that, as there had been no elections, there would be a saving in the current year. He also stated that the level of cash balances needed to be assessed, with a view to making further investments.

85/2019 **Items for payment**

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

A B Memorials	£520.00	Tablets and vases
---------------	---------	-------------------

British Gas	£133.45	Electricity Library
B Sellick	£2,220.00	Wall repairs - allotments
Somerest Ass of Local Councils	£25.00	Training course
Somerest Ass of Local Councils	£1,268.12	Subscription
A Sutton	£92.00	Mowing Community Centre
Crimson Hill Support	£90.00	Room Hire - Youth
SDS	£1,374.00	New laser printer/copier + Toner etc.
Coomber security systems Ltd	£208.80	Alarm system - Library
Peter Parfitt	£690.00	Grave digging
Moorland Village Hall	£22.50	Room hire
Zurich Insurance	£1,234.76	Annual insurance
Young Somerset	£2,703.00	Youth provision Q1
Walford Security Ltd	£220.32	Key holders Library

- 86/2019 **Connect.**  
Cllr Mrs Hyde agreed to look further into the financial requirements of the local Connect group which provided refreshments and social opportunities for local people.
- 87/2019 **Public toilets**  
The Clerk presented a report on the current management arrangements and costs for the public toilets in North Petherton.  
**Resolved:** that Cllr Spencer, Cllr Mrs Hyde and the Clerk meet with representatives of the Community Centre Committee to identify how best to proceed.
- 88/2019 **Community Centre Car Park**  
The Council had been invited to send two representatives to a meeting to discuss the proposals to introduce new management arrangements for the Community Centre car park.  
**Resolved:** that Cllr Bradford and the Clerk attend the meeting.
- 89/2019 **Meeting schedule 2019/20**  
The Clerk presented a revised meeting schedule, which, as far as possible, had avoided Finance & GP meetings following other meetings.  
**Resolved:** that the schedule be agreed.
- 90/2019 **Correspondence**  
The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the local GP surgery outlining proposals for changing the way that the practice would operate. It was agreed to invite Dr Moyse to come to the Annual Town Meeting to discuss the proposals in more detail.
- 91/2019 **Matters of report**  
Cllr Taylor reported on the progress being made on the legal arrangements at Moorland Village hall.  
Cllr Mrs Hyde reported that she had attended a meeting about dredging in and around the River Parrett. It was agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting. She also reminded members that she and former councillor Mrs Denham had been running the successful coffee mornings. It was agreed that these should continue.

Cllr Mrs Warren reported on her recent attendance at a SALC training event and thanked the Council for paying for her to go.

Cllr Pickersgill updated the meeting on progress with the bridges in the Country Park and the range and variety of birds that were populating the area.

Cllr Mrs Spelman-Ives commented on some anti-social behaviour in Wilstock and Stockmoor and stated that photographic evidence had been sent to the police. She also reminded Members about the Big Lunch fund raising event on 1<sup>st</sup> June for the Hub project.

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm

67/2019

