

# **NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm**  
**North Cheriton Village Hall**

**Present** – Dave Young (Chairman), David Badham-Thornhill, Gillian Freeman, Hannah Croft, James Lee, Jenny Chambers, Nick Haggett, Janet Down, Richard Biss.

**In attendance** – Elizabeth Persson (Clerk), William Wallace

**16.1 Apologies** - Lesley Tyson, Tim Inglefield

**16.2 Register of Interests** - None

**16.3 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations** - None

**16.4 Minutes of Last Meeting**

Received and signed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**16.5 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

- 16.5.1 William Wallace was given the applications for funds from ‘Funds for Health and Wellbeing’. William will try and fund half the Holton and North Cheriton applications and the whole of the Maperton application. We will have confirmation in due course.
- 16.5.2 Clapton Lane Drainage – this is an ongoing issue and more work is starting shortly.
- 16.5.3 Property Project – no one has any properties that they can think would be of interest to this project.
- 16.5.4 Bank Signatories – the new ones have been taken to the bank and all but Richard Biss are now signatories.
- 16.5.5 Precept expenditure enquiry – Clerk to get accounts published on website as soon as possible.
- 16.5.6 Dustbin in layby outside Holton – Clerk still to chase up
- 16.5.7 Gale Trust Clarification – Clerk still to investigate
- 16.5.8 Distributed wheelie bin stickers

**16.6 Planning Applications**

- 16.6.1 16/00448/FUL – Alternative use of a dwelling for a Canine Rehabilitation Centre and proposed signage. Brook Barn, Lattiford, Holton, Wincanton, BA9 8AG. There were no objections or comments on this application.

**16.7 Planning Decisions**

- 16.7.1 16/00111/S73 – Application to remove Condition 4 (Agricultural Occupancy) of approved planning permission 45934/A dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 1964 - Crofters, Higher Holton Lane, Holton, Wincanton, BA9 8AP. Refuse permission as the applicant has failed to demonstrate that the restricted occupancy dwelling is not needed to meet the needs of agricultural business in the area as a whole.

**16.8 Signage – notes of meeting with Colin Fletcher see Paper 21.03.16- 16.8**

- 16.8.1 Update on moving of signs in Gibbet Lane, Higher Holton. – See attached Paper
- 16.8.2 Update on signage at Shepherds Cross, North Cheriton. – See attached Paper

- 16.8.3 Finger posts – the upkeep of these is to be discussed further at our Annual Parish Meeting in April. Investigations to be made in to costings prior to the meeting.
- 16.8.4 Update on speeding through Dancing Cross. – see attached Paper
- 16.8.5 Cleaning of street furniture within our parish. – investigations in to costs and then further discussion at Annual Parish Meeting.

## **16.9 Clerk Training**

- 16.9.1 Councillor Training – Clerk to request an evenings training for all Councillors
- 16.9.2 Clerk Contract – Clerk to sort out contract.
- 16.9.3 Laptop and scanner for Parish Council – it was agreed that the Clerk should have equipment for sole use of the Council. Clerk to investigate purchase.
- 16.9.4 Community Group Representatives – to be discussed further after Councillor training.
- 16.9.5 Filing – cabinet and archiving. It was agreed the Clerk should look to purchase a fireproof cabinet in which the Churchyard records and other papers can be kept. All minutes older than five years are to be sent to Taunton for archiving.

## **16.10 Correspondence**

- 16.10.1 Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter (FYI)
- 16.10.2 New rates for the Garden Waste Collection Scheme (FYI)
- 16.10.3 Somerset Day, 11<sup>th</sup> May, Do we wish to organise an event? – No, not this year with all the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> celebrations going on.
- 16.10.4 Area East Bulletin (FYI)
- 16.10.5 Scam phone calls – Councillors made aware
- 16.10.6 Area East Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> February meeting now available on website (FYI)
- 16.10.7 New Free Money and Debt Advice Service – posters on notice boards.
- 16.10.8 Request for us to look into where the BT Infinity project has got to. – Clerk to investigate.

## **16.11 Financial Matters**

- 16.11.1 Authorise Cheques
  - £10 for hire of Village Hall for tonight's meeting
  - £50.70 for Clerks expenses
- 16.11.2 Account Review - £6432.31
- 16.11.3 Sign letter for change of address at Bank to new Parish Clerk. - Done

## **16.12 Dates/Events**

- 16.12.1 Annual Parish Meeting – to be held at 7pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April in Holton Village Hall, prior to our next meeting.
- 16.12.2 Annual Meeting of the Council – to be held at the start of our May meeting.

## **16.13 Matters of report and items for next meeting.**

- 16.13.1 The next meeting will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Holton Village Hall.

Mrs Elizabeth Persson  
Parish Clerk

**NOTES OF SITE MEETING BETWEEN  
COLIN FLETCHER, AREA TRAFFIC ENGINEER, SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL AND  
NORTHVALE PARISH COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

Colin Fletcher kindly agreed to the following points.

**1. Gibbet Road, Higher Holton**

Agreed to apply for permission to move 30mph out to village boundary on the north side of A303 underpass. See attached map 1

Agreed to replace faded 'Higher Holton' sign where Gibbet Road meets Anchor Hill. The sign facing east.

**2. B3145 including Shepherds Cross – see attached Map 2**

Agreed to the following –

- a. Find out why 'Gateway Feature' signs have not been instated at east end of North Cheriton as per original plans agreed in 2014.
- b. Mending finger post at Shepherds Cross
- c. Look in to getting finger post at A357/B3145 junction put upright, also the finger post on the A357 that points up lane past Marchant Holliday School. Re-join finger on finger post in Maperton on junction between Blackford Road and Charlton Horethorne Road.
- d. Straightening first cross roads sign coming down the hill to Shepherds Cross.
- e. Replace old 30mph repeater sign going up Cheriton Hill away from Shepherds Cross with new yellow backed repeater facing both ways.
- f. Put 30mph roundels on road next to repeater signs.
- g. Raise road narrowing sign at triangular junction on Cheriton Hill and cut back vegetation so it can be seen. Also add pedestrian sign.
- h. Remove central white line between houses where road is too narrow for large vehicles to pass one another.
- i. Ask police to place mobile speed camera on junction from B3145 leading to Hook Lane.

**3. A357 – Map 3**

Agreed to having North Cheriton signed placed at either end of village along A357. North end to be placed next to 30mph signs and south end to be placed just south of Wood Lane junction.

**4. Dancing Cross – Map 4**

Agreed to the following –

- a. Have all painted road features repainted along Anchor Hill Road also leading up to Clapton Lane junction.
- b. Put in a speed monitor for 7 days to check average speeds through Dancing Cross.
- c. Have 'no through road' sign mended at bottom of Clapton Lane.

**Northvale Council will need to action the following –**

1. Discuss cleaning of street furniture within our parish.
2. Discuss the upkeep of fingerposts within our parish.
3. Depending on the outcome of the speed monitoring through Dancing Cross possibly take this issue up with William Wallace.
4. Contact Hopkins and see if they will cut back hedge on junction to allow better visibility for those pulling out on to Anchor Hill Road from Maperton village centre.