

NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Monday 20th June 2016 at 7.30pm
Holton Village Hall

Present – Dave Young, David Badham-Thornhill, Gillian Freeman, Jenny Chambers, Janet Down, Nick Haggett, Hannah Croft

In attendance – Elizabeth Persson (Clerk), William Wallace, 2 Members of the public

County/District Councillor Reports – William reported that sadly, there was still no money for the Health and Wellbeing Fund as he had hoped, so our grant applications will not be successful as previously intermated.

16.40 Apologies – James Lee, Tim Inglefield

16.41 Register of Interests

16.42 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations

Dave Young declared an interest in the planning application arising in 16.46.1.

16.43 Minutes of Last Meeting

Received and signed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on Monday 16th May 2016.

16.44 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

16.44.1 Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

16.44.2 Fireproof box for cemetery records – *still to investigate*

16.44.3 BT Infinity Project – *still to investigate*

16.44.4 Clerk's Contract – *still to complete*

16.44.5 Instillation of Community Heartbeat Machines – there is still some interest in these so exact costings are to be investigated.

16.44.6 Adoption of North Cheriton telephone kiosk – the adoption of the North Cheriton telephone box is to go ahead and Holton would also like to adopt their telephone box. The council agreed that both should be adopted by the Parish Council with the communities taking on the upkeep of the boxes.

16.45 Councillor Vacancy's within North Cheriton and Maperton.

Sue Fitzmaurice could not be co-opted on as Councillor for North Cheriton Parish at the Annual Meeting of the Council as stated in the minutes as the vacancy had not been advertised in the proper manner. This has now taken place. Notices (see attached Papers 20.06.16 – 16.45a & b) were placed on the relevant notice boards and the website. No requests for an election were received so we can now move to co-option. Notices to this affect (see attached Papers 20.06.16 – 16.45c & d) will be posted on the notice boards and website after this meeting with information also going in to the Excalibur magazine. Any applications to fill these Councillor positions be brought to our July meeting with co-option taking place at this meeting.

David Young left the meeting. Nick Haggett took over as Chairman.

16.46 Planning Applications

- 16.46.1 **16/02009/S73 – Application to remove Condition 4 (Agricultural occupancy) of approved planning permission 45934/ A dated 26th June 1964. Crofters, Higher Holton Lane, Holton, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 8AP.** After much discussion around this planning application it was decided to recommend in favour of the clause being removed because it is virtually impossible for anyone to get a mortgage on a house with a agricultural tie and there are many houses of a similar value in nearby towns that someone would be able to get a mortgage on more readily. It would also appear that there is not the need for properties with agricultural ties on in this area as two properties in neighbouring Maperton have been empty for some time.

David Young returned to the meeting and resumed as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

16.47 Planning Decisions

- 16.47.1 16/00964/LBC – Alteration of external facing joinery from dark stain/varnish to Farrow & Ball Number 18 (French Gray). Mr James Horton, Tythe Barn, Holton Road, Holton, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 8AX. Consent given with conditions.

16.48 Training

Councillor Training was due to take place on Monday 6th June in Holton Village Hall but was again cancelled, this time due to Justin being off sick. The training will now be free when it finally takes place due to all the rescheduling. A date will be organised once new councillors have been co-opted.

16.49 Roads and Signage

- 16.49.1 An update on all issues will be given at our July meeting

16.50 Correspondence

- 16.50.1 SSDC Health & Well-Being Service Newsletter (FYI)
16.50.2 Charity Commission Newsletter (FYI)
16.50.3 June's Somerset Waste Partnership Monthly Briefing (FYI)
16.50.4 I have had a letter from Dave Gradham, Traffic Engineer to say that we will be having the SID (Speed Indicator Device) on the B3145 approach to North Cheriton for the week commencing 31st October 2016 in recompense of the week commencing 11th January 2016 when the device suffered a technical failure.
16.50.5 Changes to Section 106 Contributions Policy with regard to Affordable Housing. (FYI)

16.51 Financial Matters

- 16.51.1 Annual Audit – The annual accounts were signed off. See attached Papers 20.06.16 – 16.51.1a, b, c & d
16.51.2 Intermediate Audit – Declaration from Chairman was signed. See attached Paper 20.06.16 – 16.51.2
16.51.3 Internal Auditor - June Ruthven was approved as our new internal auditor for this year. She currently audits North Cadbury Parish Council accounts having been the Town Clerk for Wincanton for 20 years and audited their accounts in her retirement.
16.51.4 Clerk's overtime – overtime pay for the Clerk was approved due to many outstanding issues that need sorting.
16.51.5 New pension regulations – *Parish Clerk still to apply to be registered.*
16.51.6 Account Review – as of 13 June 2016 there was £9,072.17 in the current account.
16.51.7 Authorise Cheques
£10 for hire of Village Hall for tonight's meeting
£31.05 for Clerks expenses
£90.78 Papertrees Account (Printer cartridges and suspension files)
£440.37 Insurance with Came and Company

16.52 Matters of report and items for next meeting.

- 16.52.1 The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th July at 7.30pm in North Cheriton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Mrs Elizabeth Persson
Parish Clerk