

# NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2012

**PRESENT:** Cllr N Fletcher (Chairman), Cllr A Wellman (Vice Chairman), Cllr N Blades, Cllr Mrs V Hewer, Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Mrs P Rigby (until 10.00 pm), Cllr G Stock, Cllr D Turner, Cllr C Hancock (District), and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

20/12

### **Alan Barrett, Urban Transport Manager Integrated Transport Unit, Gloucestershire County Council**

- Confirmed that many of the issues raised in July have been addressed - publicity will be updated naming the correct bus stops.
- All signage along the route is being updated.
- 801 service is not subsidised by GCC. Pulhams have made significant investment in the service and in vehicles.
- Schedules are republished every time a service changes.
- All subsidised services were reviewed and changed in November 2011 resulting in some services being combined.
- New January timetable is now available in the Post Office.
- Busses on 855 service are fully disabled accessible provided that the stopping place is suitable.
- From 1 January 2015 all single decker buses must be accessible.

Members felt that some buses are driven too fast and Alan agreed to take this forward and he apologised for getting Northleach so badly wrong for so long. The Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting and for his help.

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### **Public Question Time (2) - Standing Order 22 refers The Old Prison, Northleach**

- Mrs Ray explained that the future of the building and the collection is pivoting on CDC's meeting on 28 February.
- Pulhams coaches have offered transport supporters leaving the Town just after 9 am
- She encouraged people to lobby CDC Ward Members
- Tenders for the building are unlikely to be available until after the Petition decision has been made.
- Cllr Hancock (District) has asked when the bids will be available to Council but no reply has been received. It is believed that 8 have been submitted.
- Mrs Rays Petition is Item 7 on the agenda followed by Cllr Hancock's motion which has been seconded by Cllr Joe Harris.
- Cllr Hancock advised that he will be looking at all of CDC's old Council minutes for June 1980 to find reference to the transfer of the Old Prison for £35,000 from GCC.
- He has found a document stating that CDC has an obligation to retain the Lloyd Baker collection at Northleach museum and he has made the Arts Council aware of CDC's solution to store the collection at the Waste facility.
- Mr Green recollected that other organisations including the Royal Agricultural College were interested in obtaining the collection when CDC took possession in 1980.

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### **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr P Sanders (Personal), Cllr N Fisher (Personal), Cllr Mrs C Davies (Personal), Cllr F McKenzie (County) and Mrs C Crompton

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### **Acceptance and signing of Minutes**

23.1/12  
RESOLUTION

#### **Minutes of Council Meetings held on 23 November 2011**

**RESOLVED** to approve as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

23.2/12  
RESOLUTION

#### **Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 1 February 2012**

**RESOLVED** to approve as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

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### **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Turner declared an interest in Item 32/12 as a dog owner.

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- 25/12 Matters Arising from the above Minutes not included on the Agenda**
- **Town Sewers**  
The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Thames Water asking when sewers will be upgraded. No reply has yet been received.
- Action:**
- **Town Sign**  
The Chairman has investigated but needs heavy equipment to lift it out for re-sitting.
- **Deer Signs & A40 Junction with Old A40 Near Pusedown Inn**  
The Clerk confirmed that she has chased Highways regarding the Deer Signs and that Compton Abdale Parish Council is supportive of making the junction safer. Members also expressed concern about the Cats Eyes that were not replaced following resurfacing at the junction of the A40 with the East End approach to the Town.
- Action:**
- **Life Cycle Stands**  
On closer investigation it has been found that more suitable stands are available quite cheaply but it was agreed not to pursue the provision of cycle stands at the moment.
- 26/12 County and District Councillors' Reports**
- A cheque for £1,136 from CDC's Youth grant was received. Cllr Hulcup and the Chairman confirmed that consideration is being given to busing children to attend Stowe Youth Club and this is being investigated. The alternative is to buy in supervision from Young Gloucestershire to run activities here in the Town. It was also agreed to contact local parishes to investigate joint provision.
- Action:**
- 27/12 Police Report**  
Not Available
- 28/12 Finance**
- 28.1/12 Draft Minutes from the Finance, Funding and Grants Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 February 2012**  
Noted.
- 28.2/12 Report from the Chairman of the Finance, Funding and Grants Committee**  
Cllr Mrs Hewer had not been available for the meeting and there was nothing further to report.
- 28.3/12 Reviewed Financial Regulations**  
**RESOLUTION** Proposed: Cllr D Turner Seconded: Cllr B Hulcup and unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt.
- 28.4/12 Bills for Payment for January 2012**  
Cllr Mrs Hewer queried payments for the Bench at East End, Cleaning materials for Westwoods Centre and the Pump maintenance fee. The Chairman then **PROPOSED** payment of January Bills and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to pay.
- RESOLUTION**
- 29/12 Planning and Tree Works**
- 29.1/12 Report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee**  
It was noted that the application for 4 Bassett Road has been approved and the application for a wind turbine at Cats Abbey has been refused.
- 29.2/12 Feedback from meeting with Farmington Trust**  
The Chairman reported:
- Plans showing the extent of Farmington Trust's ownership of land were circulated.
  - The Trust has outline plans for possible development for housing and industrial units
  - Keen to find out what the community wants.
  - Members felt that whilst the Trust has put different options forward at each meeting there seems to be a preference to develop 120 housing units on the site adjacent to Nostle Road.
  - It has been suggestion that the Fire Station could be moved near to Mustoes Yard on the Farmington Road and the existing site used for housing or a car park.
  - Cllr Hancock reported that he had attended a meeting at CDC to explore possible development sites in the District.
  - The Clerk reported that enquiries have been made with GCC about future plans for the site adjacent to Bassett Road.

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- 30/12 Property and Premises Maintenance Committee**  
**30.1/12 Report from the Chairman of the Property and Premises Maintenance Committee**  
Nothing to report but there is a meeting scheduled for 5 March.
- 31/12 Westwoods Committee**  
**28.1/12 Report from the Chairman of the Westwoods Committee**  
LAN Gamers has collected much of their equipment for inspection and there was concern that their next booking may not be honoured but the organisers have since confirmed the booking of 5 days. The Committee is scheduled to meet on 20 March. Cllr Mrs Hewer enquired about the control of flies and Cllr Blades confirmed that advice had been sought but the problem was caused by the high roof and the warm weather.
- 32/12 Banning Dogs from the Playing Field and Meadow**  
Members were advised that the problem of dog faeces particularly on the playing field has increased to ridiculous proportions and consideration was given to banning dogs completely from the area. However, it was **RESOLVED**:
- RESOLUTION**
- To install new signs.
  - Carry out a campaign in the Parish magazine
  - Bann dogs from the sports pitches.
  - Write a letter to the Primary School requesting that the dangers of dog faeces are brought to the attention of pupils and parents.
  - Support Sue Ponting, Environmental Officer at CDC in her campaign and ask her to contact the Primary School. Finance Committee to consider offering a prize in the region of £25 for a post competition.
  - It was agreed that the offenders are more likely people walking dogs under cover of darkness.
- 33/12 Working Groups, Projects and Reports**  
**33.1/12 The Old Prison Campaign**  
See Item 21/12
- 33.2/12 Rural Broadband**  
Cllr Mrs P Rigby advised that she had contacted Gloucestershire First and it would appear that Gloucestershire hasn't yet got a broad band strategy and there is no funding in place.
- 33.3/12 Sly Family Trust**  
Cllr Hancock advised Members that the planning application can't be progressed until a S106 Agreement has been made.
- 33.4/12 Provision for Youth and Update on Grant Application to CDC – Cllr B Hulcup**  
See Item 26/12
- 33.5/12 Arrangements to Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics**  
It was noted that the organisers are unable to change the date of the Charter Fair as many of the arrangements have been booked and funds have been spent. Members discussed some of the options to celebrate the event and it was agreed that:
- Surrounding Parishes should be contacted to enquire about their plans
  - A notice posted on noticeboards and in the Parish magazine asking for residents to come forward with ideas.
  - PPM Committee should investigate further.
  - A request should be put to the PCC to have a beacon on the Church tower.
- 34/12 Chairman's Report**  
The Chairman advised that more drivers are parking on double yellow lines in West End causing problems for service and emergency vehicles. The situation has increased since the refurbishment of the Wheatsheaf Hotel and, therefore, the owner has been asked to help by encouraging staff and customers to park elsewhere. CDC and the Police have also been request to increase enforcement actions. Cllr Fletcher also advised that he has tried to find alternative parking. It was generally agreed to carry out a feasibility study for taking responsibility for parking enforcement.

**35/12 Correspondence**

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None

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**Any Other Business  
Road Signs**

It was noted that many of the road signs have been knocked down and damaged during the snow and that Gloucestershire Highways do not appear to be repairing / replacing them.

**37/12**

**Date and Time of Next Meeting  
Wednesday, 28 March 2012 at 7.00 pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm