

# NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012

**PRESENT:** Cllr N Fletcher (Chairman), Cllr A Wellman, Cllr N Blades (left at 8.30), Cllr Mrs V Hewer, Cllr Carol Davies, (left at 8.30pm) Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Nick Fisher, Cllr G Stock, Cllr D Turner, Mrs C Crompton (Clerk), Cllr Chris Hancock (District), Cllr Fiona McKenzie (County) PCSO Brian Stagg, 1 member of the public.

78/12	<b>Action</b>	<p><b>Public Question Time (2) - Standing Order 22 refers</b> The Chairman shall have discretion to limit to twenty minutes the time set aside to receive statements from the public, and to <b>limit to three minutes</b> the time available for any one member of the public to deliver their statement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gerald Green asked for clarification as to why Town Council is no longer consulted on planning applications. Thames Water in their reply to MP has not answered the question about what they are going to do about the drainage. He proposes that a meeting is held about this issue. It is only the depth of the manholes which stops it overflowing and the high velocity of flow. The pumping trucks are always down West End. If there is a major pump system failure it would be a matter of hours before it overflows. Fallows Road blocked up a short while ago and there are no separate pipes for storm waters. We need to log issues centrally and be aware that any new development will exacerbate the surface runoff. Prudent to find out what problems people have had and log centrally. Cllr Fletcher asked what do you propose TW should do? Mr Green replied we should contact Thames Water and MP again as the letter was not responded to accurately and the question not answered.</li> <li>• Clerk to write to Thames Water and MP again.</li> </ul>
79/12		<p><b>Apologies and Reasons for Absence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Nick Blades</li> </ul>
80/12	<b>Resolution</b>  <b>Action</b> <b>Action</b>	<p><b>Acceptance and signing of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate reflection of the Meeting and The Chairman signed the minutes.</li> <li>• Clerk to check with grass cutting and pets in relation to Bromford Houses</li> <li>• Clerk to check on outcome of parking review</li> </ul>
81/12		<p><b>Declaration of Interests</b> Cllr Turner and Cllr Rigby have an interest in the grant for the swimming pool</p>
82/12	<b>Action</b>	<p><b>To Discuss any Matters Arising from the above Minutes not included on the Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on dog mess paint. Cllr Turner reported that Sue Ponting has provided the 2 tins of paint. They have started using it and identified and marked lots up Fallows Road today. Sue Ponting needs people to come forward and report abuse but people are intimidated. The poster competition will be held at the Westwoods on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>• No update yet on cats eyes on A40 and bollards,</li> <li>• Confirm that the following were Co-opted as members on PPMC – Tim Barter, Michael Gaut and Bill White.</li> <li>• Update on grass cutting. Believe that we have now identified all the areas that were being missed though there are still occasionally inconsistencies.</li> <li>• Clerk to meet with Tony from CGS in July / August</li> </ul>
83.1/12		<p><b>County and District Councillors' Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Chris Hancock (District) announced there was a press release yesterday to effect that Friends of the Cotswolds are the preferred bidders for the Old Prison. A year ago it seemed fairly hopeless. Diana's fantastic petition was great but not guaranteed to succeed. Cllr Hancock put a motion in</li> </ul>



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85.3/12		<p>Financial update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk presented the year to date figures against the budget and a full list of receipts and payments from 1<sup>st</sup> April</li> </ul>
85.4.12	<b>Action</b>	<p>Insurance confirmation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have gone with Community First which is our existing supplier and understands our business. They had quoted us on 1 policy for everything but have since separated Westwoods centre from the rest as more effective and it is almost the same price.</li> </ul> <p>Clerk to check amount of public liability cover</p>
85.5/12	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider grant application from Friends of Northleach Pool, Cllr Wellman proposed and it was unanimously agreed the swimming pool grant of £150.</li> </ul> <p>Clerk to contact treasurer regarding the purchase of items.</p>
85.6/12	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider grant application from Northleach Playgroup. The Town Council wanted clarification on 3 areas: what are the "other costs" of £8000: why is there a surplus of £27k in the account: what is the breakdown and cost of the items required. Grant refused on this occasion but Town Council happy to review it with those questions addressed.</li> <li>Clerk to advise Playgroup fundraising committee</li> <li>Discussion followed as to who should agree these grants and donations.</li> <li>Some believed Grants committee should only consider it and Town Council rubberstamp it. Others that Finance should be allowed to make decision. Cllr Fisher said that other grant bodies operate set dates to apply for funds but this is not always relevant on community issues where money is needed quickly. All agreed that a process was needed. Cllr Wellman suggested that finance committee decide on process and then advise Town Council on what they suggest.</li> </ul>
86/12		<b>Planning and Tree Works</b>
86.1/12 86.2/12	<b>Action</b>	<p>To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both Sly Trust development applications have been submitted</li> <li>Second tree felling application has gone through and there is another to come in shortly.</li> <li>Pruning and felling. Cllr Fisher asked who is responsible for cutting the trees down? Clarified that we are responsible for maintenance and not felling, Cllr Fisher stated that other trees need to be pruned and the PCC expect that Town Council will help with felling. Tombstones need looking at and Cllr Fisher has raised money for. The Town Council has not been approached to assist with cost of the felling and would need to discuss that further. What are the expected costs as Town Council would need to get several estimates if expected to contribute. All the trees need to be pruned and Nick Price is being contacted following PPMC meeting.</li> <li>Clerk to contact Nick Price at Bibury</li> <li>Letter from Thames Water (see Public questions)</li> </ul>
86.3/12		<p><b>Plus any other Urgent Items received since publication of the Agenda</b></p> <p>No urgent items to report.</p>
87/12		<b>Property and Premises Maintenance Committee</b>
		<p>To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the Property and Premises Maintenance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At previous meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> discussions included trees in the Cemetery, grass cutting issues and playgrounds.</li> </ul>
88/12		<b>Westwoods Committee</b>
		<p>To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the Westwoods Committee</p> <p>Cllr Nick Blades not present, Clerk updated Town Council on the risk assessment and new electricity supplier.</p>
89/12		<b>Working Groups, Projects and Reports</b>

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89.1/12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider how to co-opt new councillor. Town Council agreed they would like to read a profile of each person and details of why they are interested. Decided that individuals do not need to have a sponsor from the Council or be endorsed by a Councillor as this would be detrimental to any who did not know a Councillor. Agreed that a cover letter giving required details be submitted by closing date of 16<sup>th</sup> July.</li> </ul>
89.2/12	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hard car parking stand at Westwoods. This should be discussed at a later as it is expensive and has many Health and Safety considerations. Cllr Turner has had a 6 figure price to be submitted to PPMC committee first.</li> <li>Clerk to add this to PPMC meeting and check folder with MUGA details, it included drawings and details and send to PPMC to discuss.</li> </ul>
89.3/12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycling centre stand at Westwoods. When it is waterlogged people are not able to reach the bins and so they just dump their rubbish. Cllr Turner has had one quote (£4000) and will get another soon. Cllr Wellman suggested that when they introduce plastics recycling we can ask CDC to take it away. It currently blocks the Westwoods garden gate and restricts access.</li> </ul>
89.4/12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trust update. Kim Bedford from GAPTC will attend July Town Council. Please consider questions in advance as she will be able to offer advice on Trusts, give an update on Localism bill update etc.</li> </ul>
89.5/12	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss use of Facebook and website in relation to Town news. More people are using social media in the Town and Cllr Rigby suggests that Clerk has the ability to respond to comments or give updates as the Clerk.</li> <li>Clerk and Cllr Rigby to meet to agree way forward.</li> </ul>
90/12	<b>Action</b>	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are receiving complaints about the toilets again. Believe they are being cleaned as well as possible considering their current state and lack of hot water. We are now a major bus hub, have a greater footfall and they are becoming a health issue as there is a leak.</li> <li>Clerk to continue conversations with Healthmatic as to a way forward.</li> </ul>
		<b>Plus any other urgent items received since publication of the agenda</b>
91/12		<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Wheatsheaf staff are parking at Sebastian Sellars over the weekends to alleviate parking issues. There seems to be less parking on the double yellow lines as a result. However there are still occasions when the emergency vehicles and buses struggle to get through.</li> <li>Letter from School Association is to follow</li> <li>Correspondence has been received regarding litter around the back of Londis. It had improved last year but has declined again.</li> <li>Cllr Fletcher will visit the manager to discuss.</li> </ul>
		<b>Plus Any Other Urgent items received since publication of the agenda</b>
92/12		<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Any other matters that any Councillor wishes to bring to the attention of the Council or agenda items for future meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At April meeting a member of the public asked why mobile signal was so poor and Cllr Hewer has heard that we can apply for money but how do we do this? The signal in Northleach is poor as we are in a hollow. A company called "Meteor" apparently have a signal in the middle of Northleach but we have not been able to track its location.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note that no Discussions or Decisions can be taken under this Item.</b></p>
93/12		<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 at 7pm to be followed by KGV Trust Meeting.</b></p>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm