

NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2012

PRESENT: Cllr N Fletcher (Chairman), Cllr N Blades (left at 8.30), Cllr Mrs V Hewer, Cllr Carol Davies (left at 7.50pm) Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Mrs P Rigby, Cllr P Sanders, Cllr G Stock, Cllr D Turner, Mrs C Crompton (Deputy Clerk), Sue Ponting and George Lager until 7.30 pm (Environmental Wardens) and 1 member of the public.

38/12 Chairman welcomes Sue Ponting and George Lager, CDC Environmental Wardens Dog Fouling Problems in Northleach

- Their role encompasses fly tipping, dog fouling and littering issues.
- Discussed dog fouling issues in Northleach, Wardens expressed shock at amount of deposits (over 30) discovered at first visit to recreation ground. Some deposits were right under dog bins. Highlighting deposits by painting them seemed to have a positive impact as amount reduced to 10 deposits on second visit 2 weeks later.
- Looking at alternatives and currently working with 1 local school to raise awareness.
- Northleach School to be approached next and Northleach with Eastington Town Council have offered a small prize to schoolchildren to produce posters to highlight dog fouling issue.
- Security of patrols is important and button-hole cameras are being issued to help enforce on the beat.
- Leaflets and wrist bands are also promoting the pick up after your dog message.
- Able to operate more patrols now George is on board.
- Offered suggestions on how to speak to offenders about dog mess and how to change dog owner's views and gain support from the public.
- Really important that people report offenders and this can be done confidentially if necessary.
- Garden waste issue in river discussed as river is changing course slightly. Refuse must not be dumped in the river or on the banks.

39/12 Darren Isbell, Development Manager, Bromford Group Bromford's Interests in the Town including Fortey House

- Unfortunately unable to come at short notice.
- All agreed that we urgently need to see a Bromford representative

Action: Deputy Clerk to re-arrange

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

40/12 Public Question Time (2) - Standing Order 22 refers

- Gerald Green highlighted the issue of drains and sewers in Northleach. He believes the system is grossly overlaid as it was laid down in 1952 for 600 residents and is now supporting more than double that number. The particular area of concern is between Cooks Yard and the bottom of the station. He asked that the Town Council put pressure on Thames Water to investigate properly.
- Cllr Blades proposed a letter to Thames water copying in Environment Agency saying system grossly overloaded and could potentially pollute the watercourse.

Action Letter to be sent to Thames Water and Environment Agency explaining issues, Deputy Clerk asked that further evidence be submitted to her.

41/12 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Mrs Caroline Braidwood (Clerk) Cllr A Wellman (Vice Chairman), Cllr C Hancock (District)

42/12 Acceptance and signing of Minutes

42.1/12 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 28 February 2012

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

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42.2.12

- Cllr Hulcup commented that the newly repaired and erected Town Sign looks good.
- Cllr Hewer asked for clarification on cats eyes on A40. Deputy Clerk read out circulated email from Paul Swift (Gloucestershire Highways) detailing the following
- 1. A40 junction East, different coloured cat's eyes have already been ordered to better define the junction, awaiting installation.
- 2. A40 junction West, different coloured cat's eyes have been ordered to better define the junction.
- 3. A40 junction West, the junction markings, i.e. two arrows are compliant with regulations.
- Cllr Hewer requested that 29.2 was amended to read "small development" rather than "120 housing units"
- Is there any update to Clerk's enquiry about GCC's future plans for site adjacent to Bassett Road. Deputy Clerk confirmed that Clerk had chased for a response on 13th March.

43/12

Declaration of Interests

None declared

44/12

To Discuss any Matters Arising from the above Minutes not included on the Agenda Including

- Town Sign – now completed and cost about £300
- Deer Signs & A40 Junction with Old A40 Near Puesdown Inn.
- These have been chased. Road Signs – in hand just some delays due to highways re-organisation.

45/12

County and District Councillors' Reports

Neither Cllr Hancock nor Cllr McKenzie present

46/12

Police Report

No police representative present, however Cllr Graham Stock reported back on Neighbourhood co-ordination group.

- 10 other parish representatives attended, discussions included details on community speed watch.
- Some slight vandalism at Fortey House,
- Andy Fogden will be contacting us about Neighbourhood Watch
- Crime statistics 1.1% increase, mainly caused by theft of metal

47/12

Finance

To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the Finance, Funding and Grants Committee

- End of financial year, nothing to report since last meeting in February, waiting for year- end figures,
- Need to agree on auditor. Clerk has proposed Reg Talbot who completed last year's audit.

Action

Cllr Hewer is going to investigate costs and report back.

48/12

To Approve Bills for Payment for February 2012

- Cllr Hewer expressed delight at accounts but queried profit share from Pavillion. In general the Town Council do not understand how profit share works and seek clarification.

Action

Clerk to explain profit share agreement.

- Cllr Rigby queried payments to Elite for web hosting – is this an annual or monthly payment? In addition what does SSE rental; fee mean?

Action

Deputy Clerk to check these 2 queries.

RESOLUTION

Chairman then **PROPOSED** payment of February Bills, seconded by Cllr Blades and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to pay.

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49/12 Planning and Tree Works

To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee Verbal

- Cllr Stock reports that it has been very quiet on the planning side.
- Cllr Rigby said planning application has just come in for Old Woolhouse.

50/12 Plus any other urgent items received since publication of the agenda

- Parking still an issue at West End, cones placed on double yellows have been removed though PCSO Stagg has recovered some of them. Discussion ensued about solutions.

Action Cllr Hulcup requested details of Chipping Campden TC as they operate a self-policing Scheme.

51/12 Property and Premises Maintenance Committee

To Note the Draft Minutes from the Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2012

51.1/12 Cllr Hulcup met with Mr Coghlan and examined trees in Cemetery. The trees are fine though there is

a dead branch. However ivy on the trees is an issue as it causes bulk and is caught by the wind. The yew tree needs trimming and he was positive about rest of the trees.

51.2.12 Deputy Clerk updated Town Council about the Dropped kerb issue at Fortey Road. Currently Cynthia laird is liaising with Bromford's OH person.

51.3/12 Cllr Hewer expressed a need to look at all the Town's trees and Kerry (tree warden) is happy to do East End. A plan is being formed to do this

Action Deputy Clerk to complete plan and contact Kerry

Review footpath at Doctor's surgery. Surgery wants it away from windows but then people will be walking under trees.

Action Tim Barter to pursue with Surgery.

The draft minutes were noted.

52/12 To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the Property and Premises Maintenance Committee

53/12 Westwoods Committee

53.1/12 To Note the Draft Minutes from the Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2012

The draft minutes were noted.

53.2/12 To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the Westwoods Committee

- Update on bookings, the Lan gamers will be returning this Summer,
- The main doors were installed incorrectly years ago. Work effectively so will hold off doing repairs for now.
- Insurance due for renewal shortly and need to review insurance on buildings at that point.

54/12 Working Groups, Projects and Reports

54.1/12 Provision for Youth and Update on Grant

- Cllr B Hulcup reported on meeting with Youth Gloucestershire and shared quotes for provision of youth van services. Could achieve 11 sessions with youth van between September 2012 and March 2013 using fund money. Explained that YG believe young people respond better to van than a fixed location and as its mobile it can go to different locations in Town.
- YG can bring van to Annual town meeting to view, agreed to go ahead with the booking.

Action Cllr Hulcup to confirm with Dan Jones of YG

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54.2/12 To Discuss Arrangements to Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics

- No update on beacon
- Action Request a response from Nick Fisher from PCC
- Plans for a photo of townspeople on Sunday 3rd June as could combine with Civic service in Church. Would need to advertise, block off Market Place. Suggested to approach photographic club or one of the professional photographers in Town.
- Action Deputy Clerk to check photographers and Highways.

54.3/12 Rural Broadband – Cllr Mrs P Rigby

- Nothing to report but we may know more in June.

55/12 Chairman's Report

- Many items have already been discussed including parking issues.

56/12 Correspondence

- Email from Thames Water re Town Sewers (circulated)

Plus Any Other Urgent items received since publication of the agenda

57/12 Any Other Business

Any other matters that any Councillor wishes to bring to the attention of the Council or agenda items for future meetings.

- Cllr Fletcher asked for Fencing on river in Westwoods gardens to be considered by Westwoods committee.
- Cllr Fletcher asked that Fencing on bridge over river by tennis courts to be considered by KGV / PPMC.
- Cllr Rigby expressed concern about the Pool. The pool committee are doing all they can to be ready for the summer and have involved Cllr Hancock. Struggling to get a licence to cover them as they are not the owners or trustees. A meeting a few weeks ago seemed to resolve things and now back to the start. Needing to comply with a lot of different things and may not be able to open after school hours. The pool association are willing to take over once school is closed but need a document to show this.
- No response from David Cotton about new changes.
- No news on prison as yet. Decision should have been made today but not sure if that happened and will await information from Cllr Hancock.
- Cllr Hewer explained that Lion Keith Messenger was due at meeting to discuss provision of extra trees. Agreed to send a letter saying yes we would like additional trees. Need to understand how this will look in terms of location and planning.
- Cllr Davies requested that a dog bin and dog fouling signs be placed at the lane leading up to the woods adjacent to 10 Fortey Road and opposite McArthur Road. There is an increase in dog fouling and dog owners have been hanging their used dog bags to the fence. Cllr Turner to investigate and this to be taken to PPMC committee.

Please note that no Discussions or Decisions can be taken under this Item.

58/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting –

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING on Wednesday, 18 April 2012 at 7.00 pm

Advise what plans are in place

ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING (AGM) on Wednesday, 23 May 2012 at 7.00 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm