

# NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD

**ON Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs V. Hewer (Chairman) Cllr Wellman (Vice Chair), Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Stock, Cllr Blades, Cllr Colton, Cllr Mrs P Rigby, Cllr Chilton, Mrs C Crompton (Clerk) and 5 members of the public,

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| 1. |                   | Apologies were received from Cllr Hodgkinson, Cllr Fisher and Cllr Davies  |
| 2. |                   | No interests were declared   |
| 3. | 3.1               | Cllr Hewer was re-elected as the Chairman and Mayor of Northleach with Eastington following a casting vote, to hold office until the Annual Council Meeting in May 2015  |
|    | 3.2               | Cllr Hewer signed and received the declaration of office   |
| 4. |                   | Cllr Alan Wellman was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman and Deputy Mayor of Northleach with Eastington to hold office until the Annual Council Meeting 2015   |
| 5. |                   | The Town Council's committees were agreed  |
|    | 5.1               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property and Premises Maintenance Committee – Cllr Wellman, Cllr Chilton, Cllr Davies, Cllr Hewer and Cllr Hulcup, it is hoped that the 4 co-opted members will continue</li> </ul>   |
|    | 5.2               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Westwoods Committee – Cllr Blades, Cllr Stock, Cllr Wellman and Supervisor Brian Crossley</li> </ul>  |
|    | 5.3               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance, Funding &amp; Grants Committee – Cllr Hewer, Cllr Wellman, Cllr Rigby, Cllr Colton, Cllr Blades plus the chairs of PPMC, Westwoods and KGV once agreed</li> </ul>  |
|    | 5.4               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning -all members and Cllr Blades to Chair</li> </ul>   |
|    | 5.5               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KGV – all members</li> </ul>  |
|    | 5.6               | <p>The Working Groups were agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi Use Games Area – Cllr Rigby, Cllr Hulcup, Cllr Colton and Peter Mills</li> <li>• Town Council News – Cllr Rigby and Clerk</li> <li>• Resilience (Emergency) Planning Group – Cllr Hulcup and Cllr stock</li> <li>• NDP – Steering Group</li> <li>• Children's Play Areas – Cllr Rigby, Clerk, Mary and Cllr Wellman</li> <li>• Pavilion Management Group – Cllr Stock and Cllr Hulcup</li> <li>• Clerk to circulate once Chairs agreed</li> </ul> |
| 6. | <b>Resolution</b> | It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.   |
|    | <b>Action</b>     | Clerk to amend minutes to read on 8.1 that phone was off the hook not disconnected   |
| 7. |                   | The action point update was discussed.   |
|    | 7.1               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Hancock awaiting details about youth funding being used for capital.</li> </ul>  |
|    | 7.2               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Hulcup updated about the school car park, £650 minus VAT to fix the pipe and insert a pipe for the allotments. A meter will be put on, Allotment Committee have been asking for this</li> </ul>  |
|    | Action            |  |
|    | 7.3               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Hulcup will ask for a contribution to this</li> <li>• Active and Able exercise classes by Denise Nethercote should be included in the health pot options</li> </ul>  |
|    | Action            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to feed into Cllr Hodgkinson</li> </ul>   |

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| 8.  |        | There were no public questions  |
| 9.  |        | District Councillor Chris Hancock   |
|     | 9.1    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Chris Hancock said he was approached to be a member of the Conservative cabinet, wanted to be considered so he could be involved much earlier in discussions. This will include areas like car parks, licensing and WC's contract management,</li> </ul>  |
|     | 9.2    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Wellman asked whether he should of resigned or waited until next elections,</li> </ul>  |
|     | 9.3    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Hancock agreed that would have been an option but he put himself forward before as Conservative and was not elected by Conservatives, so stood as an independent. Does not feel his decisions have been affected by political persuasion. Cllr Wellman expressed support and believes he will do the right thing for local people.</li> </ul> |
|     | 9.4    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fortey House – there are objections to particular aspects. The requested changes are minimal and involve privacy and overlooking</li> </ul>  |
|     | 9.5    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NDP Engagement meeting next week. Need to look at who will do various aspects of this and be able to support wish lists with information and evidence, Secondary and Primary schools are on board to give input. All this will help us engage widely.</li> </ul>   |
|     | 9.6    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% affordable housing is an issue but if we can demonstrate that we have well thought out plans for other alternatives prior to them suggesting affordable homes.</li> </ul>  |
|     | 9.7    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have done 2 Housing Surveys in recent years and they both said similar numbers. We don't require 50% affordable homes. There is an existing policy which planners should adhere to. Martin Perks email said local opinion will be taken on board.</li> </ul>  |
|     | 9.8    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Chilton expressed concern that CDC are wanting us to have all these affordable homes but there is not a need, no employment opportunities or good public transport.</li> </ul>  |
|     | 9.9    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Hancock and Cllr Hewer are trying to meet with GCC and CDC.</li> </ul>  |
| 10. |        | Cllr Hewer gave an end of year financial report.  |
|     | 10.1   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The reserves ended up at £33,522 and we have another £7k from a grant and hope to get £5k from CDC. They get money for helping us and so have asked for support on various elements</li> </ul>   |
|     | 10.2   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Internal Auditor's Report for Year Ending 31 March 2014 was discussed and the Chair signed Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return</li> </ul>  |
|     | Action | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to complete paperwork and send to external auditor</li> </ul>  |
|     | 10.3   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school are helping to design a dog poo poster, agreed 2 lots of £25 one for hand drawn and one for computer generated pictures. Prizes should be awarded for message coming across in the right way rather than how they did it.</li> </ul>  |
|     | 10.4   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Hewer, Cllr Chilton and Cllr Wellman, Cllr Blade and Cllr Colton to judge the poster.</li> </ul>  |
|     | 10.5   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Hewer explained the extra hours for Clerk and Admin assistant during the process of the NDP</li> </ul>  |
| 11. |        | Play Area – Cllr Rigby gave an update   |

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|     | 11.1   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The survey was done, Cllr Rigby has drawn up a report based on it, using priced up details from 2012 workgroup, the suggested cost is about £50k which will buy a certain amount of similar equipment.</li> <li>• Clerk to look out previous details from past applications, Cllr Hancock was involved with it previously, 2012 group suggested moving some of the bits out of the current space onto the banks and areas of the field.</li> <li>• Next stages are that the report is ready to be given to developers. Need statistical information in order to get started. Cllr Chilton suggested that we have a fund-raising and this was agreed.</li> <li>• Clerk and Cllr Rigby to look into this</li> </ul>  |
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| 12. |        | MUGA report by Peter Mills  |
|     | 12.1   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing in town as an informal recreational activity bar playing area, the focus is young people to have an informal area for play, need to do it as cheaply as possible but have low costs so no floodlights etc which would reduce after hours play.</li> <li>• There was a feasibility done and Peter asks that the Town Council considers the proposals.</li> <li>• Original plan has planning permission which has now expired and this included a car park area, it included an all-weather surface which would not be suitable in the winter,</li> <li>• The new plan with a tarmacadam surface without lighting is £98k, there are a number of funding sources. Northleach was identified as a real opportunity for this type of equipment. Now LED lighting would be more effective, S106 development money could be available and the Youth Club money could be available. In order to be used for the play area the Youth Club Trust would have to change their objectives.</li> <li>• Cllr Rigby thanked Peter for his support in drawing up the plan and explained that informal play for youth is very important and should not be under lock and key.</li> <li>• The different locations were discussed and the playing field had issues like access and utilities etc.</li> <li>• It was proposed and seconded that the Town Council at their next meeting should resolve to</li> <li>• 1) Support the provision of improved recreational facilities for young people as a priority</li> <li>• 2) Commit in principle to the provision of and develop a detailed funding and business plan for the multi-use games area.</li> <li>• Clerk to add it onto the next meeting</li> <li>• BBC Production The Casual Vacancy is due to be filmed at the end of July, they will be using the Market Place</li> <li>• Update on Dover House. Tim and Cllr Hewer visited a few weeks ago. The furniture needs to be moved out of the house and it is planned to move it into the barn</li> <li>• Cllr Hewer to call Tim and suggest approaching her advisors as options to support were not considered feasible by Councillors</li> </ul> |
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| 13. | 13.1   | The latest vacancy advert passed without an election being called. It was agreed that people should write a letter expressing why they are interested and what  |

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|     | Action               | they can bring to the role. Closing date 13 <sup>th</sup> June <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clerk to publicise application process</li></ul>   |
| 14. | 14.1<br>14.2<br>14.3 | Matters for future meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solar panels on the Westwoods to be added to next Westwoods meeting</li><li>• Skateboard ramp idea to be passed to MUGA group</li><li>• Cllr Hulcup awaiting a response from Highways and will update in June</li></ul> |
|     |                      | Next meeting Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June at 7pm, The Westwoods Centre  |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm