

# NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD

**ON Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

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

1.		Apologies were received from Cllr Blades, Cllr Rigby, Cllr Mills, Cllr Colton and Cllr Hodgkinson
2.		No interests were declared
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>		
3.		Public Question Time
	3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morag Pearson - introduced herself, she and husband Bruce are taking over Fruitcakes and will complete on Monday. The name Fruitcakes and the essence of the shop will remain</li> </ul>
	3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Izzy Nevins - wants to say that the parking in Town is unsafe. My grandparents live up Walkers Gardens and its really dangerous when you pull out into the traffic</li> </ul>
	3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Hewer – we are very aware that there are traffic issues across Town and it's really difficult as people have more cars and we don't have enough spaces. In West End we are trying to produce some passing places and that should help.</li> </ul>
	3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People parking on a junction are making this more difficult. White lines would help to ensure people don't park over the gap.</li> </ul>
	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Hulcup to progress this idea with Highways</li> </ul>
	3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Fisher asked if Izzy had any ideas. She would like to see a car park for people to be able to park.</li> </ul>
	3.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Hewer explained that the NDP is taking form and they want to address this matter</li> </ul>
	3.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Izzy is on the School Council. Cllr Hewer suggested that they come to a meeting with the Town Council (more on this below)</li> </ul>
4.		County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson was unavailable and sent a report
	4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic lights on A429, has been repeatedly chasing this despite a commitment from new contractor Amey to get the problem fixed by mid-summer. The latest is that Amey have been working on the cabling and have ordered new camera equipment. The total fix is imminent and he will keep chasing</li> </ul>
	4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new contractor has been slow to deal with issues and he has raised concerns about this – they are aware and are now catching up on delayed work.</li> </ul>
	4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Together public health money - hoping to support an application for funds for the MUGA and also for Northleach swimming pool. He is meeting Dr Alex Poole about the latter on Thursday.</li> </ul>
5.		Report from the District Councillor Chris Hancock
	5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At CDC meeting on Tuesday some unused monies were discussed.</li> </ul>
	5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WW1 fund needs to be submitted, Clerk has finally managed to get prices from HMP Leyhill and included plaques and completed the form for submission,</li> </ul>
	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to get the form signed and submitted</li> </ul>
	5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monies for youth need to be spent. The Town Council has allocated these</li> </ul>
	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to call Cllr Hancock to understand and complete process</li> </ul>
	5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thames Water has promised to feedback on sewage works by end of the month</li> </ul>
	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to contact GCC to see when the gullies will be cleared, some drains have been blocked since the summer and nearly caused a flood. Cllr Hancock has fed this back to Laurence King</li> </ul>
6.		PCSO Stagg has sent a report
	6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was an incident in Fortey Road on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September which was quickly contained. The main protagonist has been removed from Northleach and the police have been in touch with local residents</li> </ul>
	6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been a small spike in reported burglaries of garden sheds. Police advice is to ensure these are locked and that expensive items are not store there. Shed alarms, motion sensor lights and signs are all recommended.</li> </ul>
<b>MATTERS FOR DECISION</b>		
7.	<b>Resolution</b>	It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2014 and they were signed as an accurate record of the meeting
8.	<b>Action</b>	The Action Point Update and Clerk Report was discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk is still to contact Richard Wills about the field behind the school</li> </ul>

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	<p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p> <p>8.4</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>8.5</p> <p><b>Action</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is still an issue with the encroachment into the woods.</li> <li>• George Hudson spoke to say that at one point The Farmington Trust considered taking over the woods and there is a meeting going to happen soon.</li> <li>• The woods are in a poor state and no-one is policing the encroachment.</li> <li>• Cllr Hulcup suggested that as we are not the owners of the woods all we can do is inform the owners</li> <li>• Clerk to inform CDC again about the encroachment</li> <li>• It would be useful to know how many councillors may not wish to stand again in May so we have an idea of resource.</li> <li>• Councillors to speak in confidence to the Clerk</li> </ul>
9.	<p>9.1</p> <p><b>Resolution</b></p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>9.2</p> <p><b>Resolution</b></p> <p>9.3</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>9.4</p> <p>9.5</p> <p><b>Action</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The payments, receipts and Financial statement were discussed</li> <li>• It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to pay the bills presented</li> <li>• Clerk to pay the bills presented</li> <li>• The renewal of the NCL lease was discussed.</li> <li>• Councillors unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to renew the NCL lease for another 2 years.</li> <li>• Cllr Wellman proposed and Cllr Chilton seconded the motion and it was unanimously agreed by Councillors</li> <li>• Clerk to confirm to Pat Holroyd that the lease with NCL will be renewed for another 2 years</li> <li>• Councillors discussed items to be considered for next year's budget and Precept planning. Cllr Hewer explained that if the NDP remains within the budget, we may not need to raise the Precept. However all Chairs need to look at what their committees may need in terms of funds next year.</li> <li>• KGV Trust has a lot of work to be done and Councillors questioned whether funds for this should form part of the Precept. With the lease in place this should allow an income from NCL and sports clubs.</li> <li>• Clerk to draw up a budget for KGV based on expected income and spend for next KGV meeting</li> </ul>
10.	<p>10.1</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>10.2</p> <p>10.3</p> <p>10.4</p> <p><b>Action</b></p>	<p><b>Planning and Tree works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to planning applications were discussed</li> <li>• No. 1 Eastington 14/03698/FUL – Clerk to submit a “no objection”</li> <li>• No. 21 Ward Road 14/03966/FUL – Clerk to submit a “no objection”</li> <li>• The next steps for Bassett Road were discussed. Cllr Hewer received a response letter from GCC last month asking about planning applications, veto and finances. Cllr Hewer replied to GCC a few weeks ago but no response has been received as yet.</li> <li>• Cllr Hancock met with the deputy leader of GCC and he was not aware of the approach yet. It is expected that this enquiry will be going to various committees before we hear more.</li> <li>• Cllr Hancock suggested that the stakeholders meet with GCC very soon to understand where everyone is.</li> <li>• Cllr Hancock to organise the meeting</li> </ul>
11.	<p>11.1</p>	<p>Councillors were asked to feed in a list of transport issues to be discussed on 8<sup>th</sup> October by Cllr Hewer at GCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some initial suggestions were that bus services are an issue. Early buses would help commuters but as Northleach is a bit of a hub, we are seeing an increase in commuters parking and leaving their cars all day which reduces parking in the Market Place.</li> </ul>
<b>MATTERS FOR INFORMATION</b>		
12.		The draft minutes from KGV Trust meeting on 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 were noted
13.		The draft minutes from Finance Committee meeting on 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 were noted
14.	<p>14.1</p> <p>14.2</p> <p><b>Action</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a West End residents meeting about parking and the possibility of a parking attendant which Jim Daniels from GCC attended. We can arrange attendance in advance but cannot call them and get them to come out to deal with an issue</li> <li>• Cameras were suggested but the vehicle needs to be moving. The residents were really concerned that people are parking on double yellows and never being fined.</li> <li>• Cllr Fisher has already spoken with the officers at Stow and get them to come down and walk the West End so we can determine what can be enforced or not</li> </ul>

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15.	15.1  15.2 15.3 <b>Action</b>	<p>Cllr Hewer gave an update about the MUGA working group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter has got a lot of estimates and quotes together for siting a MUGA outside the Westwoods. There is a consultation meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October for residents. There is also a meeting for the sports clubs on the 1<sup>st</sup> October</li> <li>• Councillors discussed the pros and cons of some of the suggested locations</li> <li>• The original MUGA report is on the website</li> <li>• Clerk to look out the plan of potential location on the playing field for the 8th</li> </ul>
16.	16.1 <b>Action</b> 16.2  16.3 16.4	<p>Cllr Hancock gave an update regards the NDP and dates for the diary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to circulate the meeting notes to Councillors</li> <li>• There are a series of meeting organised with stakeholders and residents to move the next part forward.</li> <li>• The plan is that by the beginning of the year the plan will be sent to the Inspector</li> <li>• The state report will be about 30 pages, the design statement looks at what we want to keep</li> </ul>
17.	17.1	<p>An update was given about the KGV Trust, new Chair and meeting information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Colton has written a comprehensive report on KGV and this was discussed</li> <li>• A meeting will be organised before the end of the year</li> </ul>
18.	18.1	<p>An update about the Post Office was given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was expected that contracts would be exchanged during the summer. This has been delayed but still expected to go ahead soon.</li> </ul>
19.	19.1 <b>Action</b>	<p>Cllr Hewer and Cllr Colton spoke to Mrs Harris about the School Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to ask Mrs Harris whether it is best to have the School Council to join us or to invite them at 6.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> October</li> </ul>
20.	20.1 20.2 20.3	<p>To receive Future Agenda Items - no Discussions or Decisions can be taken here</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remembrance Sunday wreath</li> <li>• Richard Wills field</li> <li>• Commercial Fly posting</li> <li>• Christmas feel in the Market Place</li> </ul>
21.		<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting – WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014, 7pm at the Westwoods</b>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm