

# NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD

**ON Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs V. Hewer (Chairman) Cllr Wellman (Vice Chair), Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Davies, Cllr Rigby, Cllr Colton, Cllr Fisher, Cllr Chilton, Cllr Mills, Mrs C Crompton (Clerk) and 6 members of the public ,

1.		Apologies were received from Cllr Stock and Cllr Blades
2.		No declarations of interests were received
		<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>
3.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gerald Green spoke about the traffic lights but Cllr Hodgkinson is going to discuss this</li> </ul>
4.		<p>County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson gave a report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County Council meeting today, Amey's performance was discussed, it has not been good. The traffic lights were given as an example. Cllr Paul has been chasing this regularly. Promised to be fixed by June and still not done, performance has improved since the summer and some money has been withheld from them.</li> <li>Mrs Coghlan raised the issue of H lines along West End and wants them reinstated.</li> <li>Cllr Hulcup explained that we have asked for double yellows at 3 locations outside the Cotswold Hall, the Brewery and the access to the Wheatsheaf so these can be enforced</li> <li>Agreed that Mrs Coghlan's issue can be taken forward White lines can't be enforced but people can be asked to move.</li> <li>Consultation on the fire service at the moment so please respond</li> </ul>
5.		<p>District Councillor Chris Hancock gave a report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drainage still an issue and problems in the Summer. The culvert may be subject to riparian rights, the o ring was cleaned out in 2007 and it cost £30k to clear out.</li> <li>Cllr Hancock asked to be included on the flood forum scheme</li> <li>Bassett Road field and sewage works. Thames Water has said the works are not fit for purpose but need a year's worth of data to better analyse</li> <li>The Local Plan will be going out to consultation shortly. The proposed allocations for Northleach on it are Bassett Road field, Nostle Road field and the Ferrari Garage. This will not give Northleach the proposed number of houses allocated to Northleach</li> <li>Broadband. Northleach should be completed by the end of December. Funding is being sought to cover those bits of Northleach not covered.</li> <li>Fastershire project, 90% of Gloucestershire should receive superfast broadband by the end of next year</li> </ul>
6.		<p>PCSO Stagg gave a Police report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillors discussed the issue of "obstruction"</li> <li>If a vehicle is parked on a pavement and this prevents a pedestrian walking on the pavement and they have to go onto the road to pass it then that is obstruction</li> <li>Double yellows, the Market place is chaotic and the gap between Fruitcakes and Costcutter should not have parking on it. It obstructs pedestrians there.</li> <li>Parking on bus stops, needs to be a thick yellow line across stop for this to be enforced</li> <li>PCSO usually has traffic warden powers but they are being withheld at present</li> <li>Extra lines are required and these are in the pot to be done by Highways</li> <li>Double yellows outside the Wheatsheaf are still causing concern. Trying to work with the enforcement officers and when they last came out they ticketed 4 cars</li> <li>The police are going to start noting car registration numbers and visiting them and writing to them to ask to consider the impact.</li> </ul>
		<b>MATTERS FOR DECISION</b>
7.	<b>Resolution</b>	It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2014 were an accurate reflection of the meeting.
8.		<p>The Action Point Update was reviewed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The asset transfer issue of the play area was discussed, FIT is investigating but there may be a cost. We are unable to progress funding for the play area until resolved</li> <li>The original playing field came in two parts, the Town Council manage the Wills and Hamilton meadow but don't own it as it was left to FIT so Council can't apply for funding if they don't own it.</li> </ul>
9.	<b>9.1</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to authorise payments presented. Receipts, bank</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Resolution</b> 9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p><b>Action</b> 9.4</p> <p>9.5</p> <p><b>Action</b> 9.6</p> <p><b>Action</b> 9.7</p> <p>9.8</p> <p><b>Resolution</b> <b>Action</b></p>	<p>balances and Financial statement were noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Colton proposed and Cllr Fisher seconded that the Council are not yet in a position to make a decision on approving the draft forecast budget for 2014 as some key information is still to come in</li> <li>• Cllr Colton noted that the Cricket Hut is actually a Town Council responsibility rather than a KGV one and so it was recognised that the £2k grant to KGV Trust to fund capital projects cannot be discussed.</li> <li>• Clerk to add Cricket Hut to next Finance meeting</li> <li>• Councillors unable to approve amended NCL lease as more work needs to be done</li> <li>• Council needs a solicitor, preferably on a pro bono basis to review this lease. They need to have notice that they have no security of tenure and this is complicated</li> <li>• Clerk to investigate getting a solicitor</li> <li>• The bar rent should be going from NCL to the Trust and not the Town Council. The Trust owns the Pavilion buildings.</li> <li>• Clerk to check where rent goes</li> <li>• The reality is that the Town Council has the ultimate responsibility for the grounds; the income generated has to go into the asset. The rent and profit share should be used for the upkeep of the Pavilion</li> <li>• The councillors discussed the SL106 submission to CDC</li> <li>• It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit the original request with the amended amounts</li> <li>• Clerk to submit revised figures to CDC</li> </ul>
10.	<p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p> <p>10.3</p> <p>10.4</p> <p><b>Action</b></p>	<p><b>Town</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors discussed the decoration of shops and placement of lights in the Market Place trees.</li> <li>• Cllr Wellman explained that this will be expensive for shops and they are not keen, Councillors reviewed the online reviews on the solar lights which claim that these will work in Winter but were undecided</li> <li>• Councillors agreed that the lights would just go on the Christmas tree this year.</li> <li>• Councillors considered Council's draft response to Fire survey</li> <li>• Clerk to add in, we are a hub that serves local area, ask local fire people for</li> </ul>
11.		There was no urgent tree or planning applications to discuss
		<b>MATTERS FOR INFORMATION</b>
12.		Councillors are unable to discuss potential Precept figure as have not been informed of council tax base figure yet
13.		The 2014 Christmas party was agreed for Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December and a card chosen
14.		The draft minutes from Finance meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2014 were received
15.	<b>Action</b>	<p>Cllr Hancock gave an update regards the Neighbourhood Development Plan Latest meeting reviewed 2 visions. Meeting felt that Vision A would be the status quo and Vision B was more radical but perhaps too much so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to send vision document to Councillors</li> </ul>
16.		Cllr Hewer update on Harris Manchester offer to GCC. The offer has been turned down as it didn't meet the criteria. The land will be advertised for sale on 5 <sup>th</sup> December.
17.		Cllr Hewer updated Councillors on the GCC transport meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> November where she requested better public transport for commuters
18.	<b>Action</b>	<p>Cllr Hewer update on radon survey. Some residents have had a survey through about radon. In this area radon gas affects 5 – 10% of houses, it can exacerbate lung conditions and cause cancers. Cllr Hewer recommended people apply for the kits or buy them from CDC.</p> <p>Clerk to send this out to email list once information received. It is not being distributed to all</p>
19.		Councillors discussed the reconfiguration of the Market Place. This is on the Agenda as it is a potential item for the Precept. These sketches were done in 1998 and provoke debate but no decision was made
20.		<p>Future Agenda Items to include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MUGA – preferred option</li> <li>• Precept decision</li> </ul>
21.		<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 7pm at the Westwoods</b>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23 pm