

NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON Wednesday 25th November 2015

PRESENT: **Cllr Blades (Chair), Cllr Hewer (Vice Chair), Cllr Wellman, Cllr Colton, Cllr Hulcup, Cllr Rayner, Cllr Rigby, Mrs C Crompton (Clerk),**

83.	Cllr Mills, Cllr Davies and Cllr Fletcher were unavailable
84.	No interests were declared
85.	No members of the public were present
86.	County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson gave a report
86.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fastershire meeting 2 weeks ago was interesting, in theory much of Northleach is hooked up but there are many problems between BT and Fastershire where the infrastructure is down
86.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They committed to come back to Paul on updates
86.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Rigby has information about a group of houses in Mill End who have not been included in the superfast roll-out
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Rigby to supply info to Cllr Hodgkinson
86.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once people are told that superfast broadband is enabled at their property, they still need to place an order for the service with an Internet service provider
86.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking enforcement stats distributed, the visits have been fairly regular but not at prominent times such as evenings and weekends when the issues occur, • Clerk to feedback to Paul what the council's main concerns are
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public cuts are coming in and there are discussions going on regards devolution
86.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulance response times have gone down, emergency services should arrive in 8 mins 75% of the time but currently in Cotswolds it's only 38% of the time
86.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadworks issue at the traffic lights was discussed. Cllr Blades made several complaints over a few weekends and Cllr Hodgkinson took this up with Highways, signage was poor and it was badly planned and managed. In the future we need to be involved in how they are going to manage it
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87.	District Councillor Chris Hancock gave a report
87.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Council need to submit comments to Local Plan consultation by 21st December, comments need to match with what we are doing with the NDP
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to collate comments, liaise with Steering Group and submit Councils response
87.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDP met today with rCOH and discussed potential viability of 3 sites across town. The sites considered were the field behind Jubilee Trees potentially for a car park and maybe some commercial, also looked at the field next to Chequers in regards parking and maybe some residential. The third site was behind the school and could provide school expansion, potential MUGA and perhaps a nursery.
87.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rCOH said all 3 sites were all suitable, CDC have not assessed the 3rd site but will do a high-level assessment and have indicated that they will give us their feedback in due course.
87.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At back of Local Plan there is a new Design Code document which we should review
87.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next MDP meeting is 9th December where we can assess information so far, plan a consultation and then look to go to pre-submission
88.	The Police gave a report.
88.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime has gone down from 15 to 10 crimes in last 3 months compared to the same 3 months last year
88.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence against another person is up, mainly due to domestic issues
88.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft from motor vehicles is also up
88.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new PCSO for Northleach is Mike Jurkiewicz who is showing a presence in the evening. There has been a number of burglaries in Northern Cotswolds and so need to promote Operation Switch to keep this issue away
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to reiterate message to residents
88.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic checks on vehicles which tests tax, MOT etc was done recently with no issues.
88.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers have had issues with people joyriding across the crops and disturbing animals
MATTERS FOR DECISION	
89.	It was unanimously RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 st October 2015
Resolution	Clerk to amend 75.1 to say "till end" of November and then they will be signed
90.	The Action Point Update from October 21 st meeting was discussed
Action	Clerk to send Cllr Rigby Pension letter
Action	Clerk to ask Ubico if they can clean signs as part of their remit or extend litter picking up to A429
Action	Cllr Rigby to ask Cllr Hancock when the different rCOH parts are being completed
91.	Financial Matters
91.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Financial Statement and bank balances were reviewed. Should be aiming to have 50 – 100% of Precept in reserve (£30 - £60k)
91.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Rigby proposed and Cllr Blades seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to pay the bills presented:
Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAPTC – Better Councillor Course 4/11/15, Inv. 4824 = £95

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<p>Action 91.3 Action 91.4 Action 91.5 Resolution Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Square Gardens – Market Place Weeding Inv. 44 = £20 • Catriona Crompton – Printer Ink Home, Tesco = £22 • Cotswold District Council – Annual Premises Licence, Inv. 40722486 = £180 • Gary Evans – Westwoods Window Cleaning, Inv. 8 = £20 • Clerk to pay all the bills • Committee Chairs asked to consider which items councillors wish to include in next year's Budget • Chairs to feed into Cllr Rigby before Finance meeting on 12th January • Salaries need to be reviewed in line with potential new pay scales, • Clerk to check this new development out and see what the impacts would be • Councillors reviewed and approved the retrospective budget for 2015-2016, Cllr Rigby explained the changes, Cllr Colton proposed and Cllr Blades seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the updated budget • Clerk to update Scribe with new budget figures and resend to councillors
<p>92. 92.1 92.2 92.3 Action Action 92.4 92.5 92.6 92.7 92.8 Action 92.9 Action 92.10 Action</p>	<p>Planning and Tree works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Rigby has resigned as Chair of Planning; councillors reviewed the role and agreed that a new Chair was not necessary as there is not a committee. Planning issues are agreed at the full council meeting. When large planning applications come in councillors can be drafted in to help with response. • There were no urgent planning issues since publication of the Agenda • The council considered their response to Local Plan consultation, • Councillors to make comments to Clerk so these can be collated • Clerk to liaise with Cllr Hancock and NDP to ensure response is coherent • The council discussed the Highways proposals for the Market Place, the council have agreed that no funds are available at the moment but the lines need to be reinstated in the near future as they are so faint. Clerk has informed Highways. • The Highways map for proposed lines was discussed. The council had concerns about elements of the proposed works. Putting double yellows in front of the Wheatsheaf would not work as too many spaces would be lost. The keep clear in front of the Cotswold Hall is often used for parking but is needed for passing as well. • Cllr Hulcup said 3 passing places were discussed last year with Highways and that the following was suggested: double yellows outside the Cotswold Hall, double yellows at entrance to Wheatsheaf and Old Forge and double yellows outside the Brewery. • Cllr Blades suggested residents parking as another option • Councillors decided that they needed to go and look at the actual spaces involved in the proposed plans before making a final decision as it was difficult to imagine the spaces involved. • Councillors agreed to meet 11am at the Cotswold Hall on Saturday 28th. • The council considered the next steps in regards Market Place planting and proposed works. Cllr Wellman proposed and Cllr Hulcup seconded and it was RESOLVED that the council accept Mrs Jarratt's kind offer and take Sir Roddy Llewelyn up on his planting scheme. • Cllr Blades to communicate with Mrs Jarratt and Sir Roderic • The Trustees have asked if the Town Council are considering any changes to the Town entrance signs. The council are not sure which signs they are referring to and can only request changes via CDC • Clerk to ask Trustees to clarify
<p>93. Action</p>	<p>The Council agreed that they would like to acknowledge Mrs Harris retirement and her contribution to the town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to find out best time to make presentation and organise flowers
<p>94.</p>	<p>The person who had been considering the councillor position is not available at this point.</p>
<p>95. Action</p>	<p>The Council considered the options for Christmas card for the parish and selected a photograph from Steve Dore Clerk to format and send out to the residents first week in December</p>
MATTERS FOR INFORMATION	
<p>96.</p>	<p>Cllr Hulcup gave an update on the Charter Market signs. The cones have been working well and a rota was drawn up for the next few months</p>
<p>97.</p>	<p>The Finance Minutes were unavailable</p>
<p>98.</p>	<p>The letter of thanks from Royal British Legion for the wreath donation was acknowledged</p>
<p>99.</p>	<p>The Council's Christmas night out was discussed. People to buy their own drinks and bring food.</p>
<p>100.</p>	<p>The Council acknowledged the new Northleach Trail guide and commended it highly</p>
<p>101.</p>	<p>Future Agenda Items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Standing Orders - Cllr Rigby and Cllr Colton to help with this • How can we help promote town alongside new Northleach Trail • PPMC meeting – discuss offer of trees from school which could be planted in the Cemetery • Budget and precept on January meeting
<p>102.</p>	<p>Next Meeting – Town Council Meeting on Wednesday 20th January at 7pm at the Westwoods</p>

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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