

# NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015

PRESENT: Cllr Blades (Chair), Cllr Hewer (Vice Chair), Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Rigby, Cllr Wellman, Cllr Mills, Cllr Davies (left the room during Red Lion discussion), Cllr Rayner, Cllr Lesley, Mrs C Crompton (Clerk), Cllr Hodgkinson and 3 members of the public

<b>16.</b>	Apologies were received from Cllr Colton and Cllr Hancock
<b>17.</b>	Cllr Davies declared an interest in the Red Lion appeal
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>	
<b>18.</b>	Public Question Time
<b>18.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Pezet - representing local church council in regards the table top tombs, we would welcome contribution from Town Council, the work will cost £13k in total, 5 have been reassembled and a number of others have been repointed. A retired stone mason from the cathedral did the work. It was a safety measure as the stones are very heavy and potentially dangerous. Mr Pezet explained that it is the Town Council's responsibility to maintain the Churchyard.</li> </ul>
<b>18.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Hulcup asked about the chestnut fencing which needs to be removed but no-one knows who it belongs to. PCC will try and find out who it belongs to in the first instance</li> </ul>
<b>18.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Chilton – what is happening to the work on the River Bank and the suggested community tidy up</li> </ul>
<b>18.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk explained that the wardens were planning to do the work this Spring but not heard anything recently, no date has been set on community tidy up but it is on a future agenda.</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to chase wardens for an update</li> </ul>
<b>19.</b>	County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson gave a report
<b>19.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apologised he has not been available for last few meetings but Cllr Blades thanked him for attending this re-arranged meeting at short notice.</li> </ul>
<b>19.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul said that the fatal fire last week was incredibly sad and also very unusual.</li> </ul>
<b>19.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each year Paul has a pot of money called Highways Local, last year this funded waiting restrictions and although the double yellows have not been done yet some of the planned white lines have been completed. This year the money will go towards changes to parking layout in Market Place and better resurfacing at the traffic lights,</li> </ul>
<b>19.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadband is inconsistent across the parish and it would be useful to know which areas are affected. Cllr Rigby said the information is inconsistent.</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to support on gathering information from residents</li> </ul>
<b>20.</b>	Cllr Chris Hancock was unavailable but had sent a report
<b>20.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Hulcup will give an update on gullies further on in the meeting</li> </ul>
<b>20.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover House should soon have the fencing removed and supports put up to prevent falling tiles. (This work had just been completed prior to the meeting)</li> </ul>
<b>21.</b>	PC Mel Oliveria gave the police report
<b>21.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report covers Northleach parish, April 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> June and same period last year</li> </ul>
<b>21.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assault with injury 1 from 0 last year, assault 3 and last year 1, non- dwelling burglaries 2 from 0 last year, theft 1 and 1 last year, false representation 1, in total 9 crimes compared to 5 last year. On the burglaries she noted that people are taking opportunities if houses look easy to get into. The theft of pedal cycles has gone up as people tend to leave it out after a ride and then go back to them later. Smart water products are available at Stow Police Station. It is open most of the week and they also sell shed alarms. Smart water is £12 for the house which is much cheaper than on Smartwater's website.</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to communicate this information out</li> </ul>
<b>21.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neighbourhood Watch system is not working, information is being updated and yet keeps crashing,</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to ask PCSO Brian to keep us updated on neighbourhood Watch system</li> </ul>
<b>22.</b>	Mr Ian Prout spoke on behalf of The Fire Service about the tragic event at 58 Fortey Road when Mrs Sandra Jordan sadly lost her life.
<b>22.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smoke seen at 7.45 by residents who tried to gain entry. It is believed at least 4 residents tried to get in</li> </ul>
<b>22.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first fire call was put in about 15 minutes later,</li> </ul>
<b>22.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northleach crew were there in 3.5 minutes. The response time is the time from when the crew arrived at the station till when they arrived on the scene. 2 other appliances followed from other stations and the fire was quickly brought under control. Sadly the crews discovered Mrs Jordan body. There is a full fire investigation under way and this will go to the coroner. The fire service stressed that residents must call the fire brigade first before attempting a rescue.</li> </ul>
<b>22.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the days following the fire, local crews blanketed the town and fitted over 100 smoke detectors.</li> </ul>
<b>22.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some people only had one and there should be one on each floor. Crews still trying to get into as many houses as possible and people are still coming for the free support checks</li> </ul>
<b>22.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northleach crew in conjunction with other teams will be working with Careline to put in a whole system of support elements, these will include door alarms, bed pads and all 12 of the crew will act as responders. Initially there are 5 people they will support and if it works more people will be brought into</li> </ul>

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22.7	<p>the system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gloucestershire is the first service to trial this and the Fire Service has been pushing to support this. It costs a lot to have people otherwise in care so this all helps</li> <li>Cllr Wellman thanked the Fire Service for their help in his home</li> </ul>
<b>MATTERS FOR DECISION</b>	
<b>23. Resolution</b>	It was <b>UNANIMOUSLY</b> resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2015 as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and they were duly signed
<b>24.</b>	The Action Point Update and Clerk Report were discussed
<b>25.</b>	<b>Financial Matters,</b>
<b>Resolution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to authorise the bills presented</li> </ul>
<b>25.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council considered authorising £2k for an SEA Report to progress NDP work</li> </ul>
<b>25.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Blades contact is just an ecologist and therefore cannot do the work so the only available quote is from rCOH</li> </ul>
<b>25.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Lesley suggested that the district should have done this and we should be able to use this, Cllr Rigby believe that this is what rCOH will be using but taking out the valid points</li> </ul>
<b>25.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The original European Directive said a Sustainability Report would be better than an Environmental assessment as it doesn't just cover the environmental but the social and economic impact on the town as well. The report needs to be done professionally,</li> </ul>
<b>Resolution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Blades proposed that the council go for the rCOH report and that Cllr Lesley speak to them to see if with her help if we can increase this to Sustainability Report. Cllr Blades proposed and Cllr Mills seconded and it was carried by a majority of the council</li> </ul>
<b>25.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council considered the PCC request of £2k to support work to the table-top tombstones. Cllr Wellman proposed that as the PCC have been very generous in the fund raising that the £2k was to be granted. Cllr Wellman proposed, Cllr Rigby seconded and the motion was carried unanimously</li> </ul>
<b>25.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Rigby is waiting an update to asset transfer issue and asked that it was moved to the next meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to include the asset transfer in the next Town Council agenda</li> </ul>
<b>26.</b>	<b>Planning and Tree works</b>
<b>26.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no urgent planning issues to discuss</li> </ul>
<b>26.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The council considered their response to the Planning Appeal for Red Lion,</li> </ul>
<b>26.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillors discussed the issue. In summary the Councillors voted as follows</li> </ul>
<b>26.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 councillors did not support an application to change the Red Lion to residential, 2 councillors would support it being changed to residential and there was 1 abstention,</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to submit the comments to the Planning Portal,</li> </ul>
<b>27.</b>	The interested candidate for the vacancy was not at the meeting,
<b>Action</b>	Clerk to resend councillor vacancy information out to residents again
<b>MATTERS FOR INFORMATION</b>	
<b>28.</b>	An update was received on the KGV Trust
<b>28.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to have a KGV meeting after alternate Town Council meetings starting in September as per original meeting schedule</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary to amend schedule and circulate</li> </ul>
<b>29.</b>	The draft minutes from Finance meeting on 9 <sup>th</sup> June were discussed
<b>30.</b>	Councillors received information about the Market Place
<b>30.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been several complaints about the Market Place including one from Mrs Jarratt who had previously offered money. The offer stands but council need to tidy up the Market Place.</li> </ul>
<b>30.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area belongs to Highways but the Town Council are responsible for maintaining it. These complaints had come in several months after the Town Council took back the responsibility of its upkeep.</li> </ul>
<b>30.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Finance Committee discussed this and suggested a local gardener to do the work. PPMC have authorised the work</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to ask Cllr Hancock if "Green and Clean" pot of money could be used</li> </ul>
<b>30.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Hulcup and Cllr Hewer reviewed the beds today, the soil is poor and so need to sort that before planting anything</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to add this onto next week's PPMC meeting for decisions on exactly what is to be done</li> </ul>
<b>31.</b>	The new dog signs are out and seem to be having an impact
<b>32.</b>	Cllr Hulcup updated the council about gullies following the Highways meeting. Twenty gullies have sediment in the bottom and these have been identified and passed to Highways, Cllr Hulcup is chasing this.
<b>33.</b>	Future Agenda Items to include: Asset transfer issue; Gully clearance; PPMC now to be on 24 <sup>th</sup> June Cllr Blades read out the invite from PCC for the Civic Service where all are welcome
<b>34.</b>	<b>Next Meeting – Town Council Meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at the Westwoods</b>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm