

NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON Wednesday 20th May 2015

PRESENT: Cllr Blades (Chair), Cllr Hewer (Vice Chair), Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Rigby, Cllr Wellman, Cllr Mills, Cllr Davies, Cllr Lesley, Cllr Rayner, Mrs C Crompton (Clerk), Cllr Hancock and 1 member of the public

1.	1.1	<p>The election of Chairman and Mayor of Northleach with Eastington took place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Vicki Hewer and Cllr Blades put their names forward for the position • Cllr Hewer has chaired for a couple of years, lots of work recently on the NDP, in past few years there has been a surplus but finances are tight this year. • Cllr Blades has lived in Northleach since 1991, been on the Council for 8 years and has been Chair of Westwoods, ran a few local businesses so understands needs and difficulties of residents, had planned to move but this has changed, comes from a business background, <p>Resolution Cllr Nick Blades was elected as Chair by a majority of 6 to 3 votes and will hold office until the Annual General Meeting in May 2016</p>
	1.2	Cllr Blades received and signed the Chairman's Acceptance of Office
2.	2.1	<p>The Election of Vice Chairman and Deputy Mayor of Northleach with Eastington took place</p> <p>Cllr Wellman and Cllr Hewer put their names forward</p> <p>Resolution Cllr Vicki Hewer was elected as Vice Chair by a majority of 5 votes to 4 and will hold office until the Annual General Meeting in 2016</p>
	2.2	Cllr Hewer received and signed the Vice Chair's Acceptance of Office
3.	3.1	Apologies were received from Cllr Colton and Cllr Hodgkinson
	3.2	No interests were declared but 2 members requested forms in order to update the Register
	3.3	Declaration of Office - All members completed the form
	3.4	<p>The new councillors introduced themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Rayner, has lived in Fallows Road Northleach for 10 years, with wife and various pets, he is a consultant project manager which may be useful in project work, • Amy Lesley, lives with 2 sons and 3 step sons, runs Guides and previously worked in voluntary role and minerals for County Council,
4.		The council Committees and Groups were appointed
	4.1	The members of Property and Premises Maintenance Committee were confirmed
	4.2	The members of Westwoods Committee were confirmed
	4.3	The members of Finance, Funding & Grants Committee were confirmed and others may be added once Chairs agreed at first committee
	4.4	Planning Committee - All Members to be involved
	4.5	Pauline Rigby was elected as Chair to the Planning Committee
	4.6	KGV Trust All members, Chair to be elected at first meeting, Cllr Colton is stepping down, Cllr Wellman expressed his interest
	4.7	<p>Working Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi Use Games Area – council felt that it was an important project and that the MUGA group could be reinstated once a location was available • Town Council News – Pauline and Cat. Agreed it would be useful to have a meeting to review NDP communication soon • Resilience / Emergency Planning Group – Cat and Mary to review inventory, • Children's Play Area – Pauline, Amy, Brian, Cat and Mary
5.		There were no public questions
6.	Action	<p>There was no police report</p> <p>Clerk to check what is happening with Neighbourhood Watch system</p>
7.	7.1	Cllr Hodgkinson was unavailable
	7.2	Cllr Hancock gave an update
	7.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ward has £2k to spend on keeping things green and clean, Northleach could get about 60% if this amount is broken down by elector circa £1k
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors to consider ideas for the pot
	7.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grit bin required at All Alone
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to request from Highways
	7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocked gullies still an issue across Town
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hancock and Cllr Hulcup to review the gullies soon

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	7.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friends of the Cotswolds are being more proactive, HLF bid is progressing and a questionnaire is being circulated. The vision is to move the café from the front, re-roof galleries and make them more economic, build at the back a larger 2 storey building with café and work space, free up prison space, reinterpret collection and pick themes
	7.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Mills raised an issue about Antelope Paddock where there is an exposed lip which is deteriorating,
	7.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hancock said there are outstanding issues across the whole parish including Back Lane and Guggle Lane,
8.	Resolution	It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th March 2015,
	Action	Clerk to change 9.8.3 to read "and 2 other councillors supported this option"
9.	9.1	The Action Point Update and Clerks Report was discussed Clerk to check updated statutory documents alongside auditors recommendations
10.	Action	Councillors agreed the process for co-opting another Councillor for vacancy Clerk to communicate the vacancy and asking people to come forward, invite people to meeting in June,
11.		Finance
	11.1	The Register of Assets was discussed, Internal auditor advised the insurance value is different from the asset value <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to get some advice on this from Kim Bedford
	11.2	Unable to confirm insurance provider and term of renewal as still awaiting quote from AON, Councillors agreed that Finance committee could make this decision as due on 15 th June Action Clerk to add to Finance meeting
	11.3	Councillors discussed the bills presented It was unanimously RESOLVED to Approve Bills for Payment for April 2015 Resolution Action Clerk to process the bills
	11.4	To Receive the Internal Auditor's Report for Year Ending 31 March 2015 (if complete) Action Clerk to write up the observations and recommendations from the Internal auditor and feed into the Finance committee to agree a plan
	11.5	Cllr Blades signed the Annual Return on behalf of the Town Council Clerk to forward paperwork to external auditor by 8 th June
	11.6	Councillors considered the Statement of Accounts for 2014 - 2015 Action Clerk to ensure £700 currently under donations is allocated elsewhere this year.
12.	12.1	There were no urgent Planning Applications to consider
13.	13.1	Councillors considered the repair of gate at KGV Play area, Cllr Wellman proposed and Cllr Lesley seconded and the motion was carried Resolution Action Clerk to instruct Bibury to fix the gate
14.		Items for future meetings Dog mess and loose dogs – Clerk to ask CDC for advice Asset transfer for play area to be discussed Clerk to add to Agenda
15.		Date and time of next meeting, Wednesday 24 th June at 7pm The Westwoods Centre

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm