

NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON Wednesday 25th February 2015

PRESENT: **Cllr Hewer (Chairman), Cllr Wellman (Vice Chair), Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Rigby, Cllr Davies, Cllr Colton, Cllr Fisher (arrived at 7.15pm), Cllr Chilton, Cllr Blades, Cllr Stock, Mrs C Crompton (Clerk), Cllr Chris Hancock (arrived at 7.25pm) 1 member of the public**

1.	Cllr Mills, Cllr Hodgkinson, were unavailable
2.	Cllr Davies declared an interest in 10.5
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
3.	There were no public questions
3.1 Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wellman reported that CDC have not cleared the asbestos planks on the Fosseyway • Clerk to call CDC and request they are moved
4.	County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson was unavailable but had sent a report
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCC set it's budget last week and there is a council tax freeze again
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The performance of the highways contractor Amey has improved but is still below target on repairing pot holes on time
4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to the letter from Mrs Coghlan, I have raised the issue of the H lines 3 times with Bob Skillern, asked him once again to speak directly to her as I want this sorted out
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to raise this at next meeting with Highways
5.	Cllr Hancock gave a report
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will chase CDC and ask what response they have had Council Tax is going down by 5%
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2000 to be given to each ward councillor for environmental usage, shared over 6 parishes
5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gully clearance – have been given a map showing gully work and last dates cleared, the blue ones show blocked drains. The map does not appear to show all gullies. Cllr Hancock has also asked for a gully clearance schedule but this is not forthcoming
5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guggle Lane – Highways have said that they will do "patch repairs" as it's only a lane but Cllr Hancock has said this is not enough
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to raise this at next Highways meeting
5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A40 Roundabout - some foliage clearance and sign cleaning will take place soon
5.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Plan – need to ensure that their policy does not overtake the wishes of the town in terms of development
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk is submitting council response this week. Ensure this point is raised
5.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDP – next meeting is at the end of March. Need to look at all the feedback we have had from residents and landowners, review State of the Parish report and visions, rCOH will then come up with some policies and suggested improvements.
5.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As there is so much to do on 23rd March, Steering Group have been advised to meet beforehand over 2 main issues so most of the discussions are done
6.	The Police were expected to attend but affected by sickness. Unable to access report during meeting. The following was forwarded afterwards. Northleach Police information:
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2013 to February 2014. Assault without injury 1, Criminal damage dwelling 1, Assault with injury 1, Possession of other Weapons 1, Total of 4 crimes.
6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2014 to February 2015. Burglary non dwelling 2, Burglary dwelling 1, Theft by Employee 1, criminal damage to vehicles 1, Assault without injury 2.
MATTERS FOR DECISION	
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th January 2015 with the following change
7.1 Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The repairs to the Scout Hut were agreed at £5000 less the £500 grant and not £2.5k • Clerk to amend the minutes and Cllr Wellman to sign them
8.	The Action Point Update and Clerk Update were discussed
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to contact George Hudson for details of landowners and an update on the work
8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed not to take over the phone box for now as it still works
8.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover House – one of the estate agents is due to visit Bobbi Fowler soon
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to ask Andrew Jones at CDC to remove the fencing and install netting to catch the falling tiles. Council do not believe that the existing Harris fencing will protect the public from falling masonry. In addition one of Mr Jones colleagues asked Chris Mooney what he thought and he said it was dangerous
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to ask CDC to investigate what legal obligation the owner has to repair this roof
9.	Financial Matters
Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously RESOLVED to pay the bills presented, the receipts, payments, financial

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<p>Action</p> <p>Action</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>9.4</p> <p>9.5</p> <p>9.6</p>	<p>statements and bank balances were noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to change voucher 229 and 155 to read correctly • Clerk to review town and office supplies line and feedback to council as to why these are over budget • To seek approval to refit the Westwoods bar area • Cllr Blades explained that each year the Westoods committee try to improve the facilities to make it more attractive or user friendly. The bar level is too high especially on the other side, there is not a lot of space behind it. We have had 2 quotes for the work and the lower is for under £10k and this is from the company who did the toilets. Asking the council to give £5k this year and £5k next year to do this work. The bar puts people off bookings as it doesn't look very good. • Cllr Rigby understands the need to make improvements to the centre but this is a lot of money. There is a concern that we might run out of money with some of the other issues such as the new scout roof. • Cllr Blades proposed and Cllr Wellman seconded and it was RESOLVED by a majority to do the work on the bar. • To seek approval to purchase new chairs for the Westwoods Centre. Cllr Blades explained that the centre will need 200 chairs in total = £3290. The chairs are in constant use and are deteriorating. • Councillors suggested that chairs are reviewed in 6 months' time • Cllr Blades thanked the council for their support on the Westwoods refit
<p>10.</p> <p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p> <p>Action</p> <p>10.3</p> <p>Action</p> <p>10.4</p> <p>10.5</p> <p>10.6</p> <p>10.7</p> <p>10.8</p> <p>10.9</p> <p>10.10</p> <p>10.11</p> <p>10.12</p> <p>10.13</p> <p>10.14</p> <p>10.15</p>	<p>Planning and Tree works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no issues with outstanding planning applications • There have been no urgent planning issues since publication of the Agenda • Clerk to ask whether there should have been a planning application for the garage on Farmington Road. Was demolition, listed building consent or new build discussed • Councillors received an update on Mrs Nancy Jarrett offer of trees for the Town. Highways are coming next week, Mustoes have said no and The Farmington Trust have not replied yet • Clerk to update Nancy Jarratt and include Christopher Coghlan • Councillors reviewed response to Local Plan consultation • Clerk asked councillors to update their own comments • Councillors considered listing the Red Lion and other Northleach public houses as a community asset. • Not able to list residential or Post Offices. If going to list one thing then must list all public houses not just Red Lion. Making it a community asset hinders the owner from selling. • The place has been valued and a surveyors report done. Owner advised that listing it as a community asset could prevent her selling, devalue the property and they could sue local authority • Cllr Chilton explained that the purpose is to stop a historical or much needed building from changing use when it is needed • Cllr Rigby – where has this come from? Are the residents willing to take this over? • Cllr Blades - It is a commercial asset and don't think we should be involved as a Town Council • Cllr Fisher – the council did not wish this to go to change of use. It was a commercial premises and we have consistently rejected change of use to prevent buildings being turned into residential premises. • If the community feel strong enough then they should be asking for this • Cllr Blades said that through the planning policy we have stated our position • It was agreed that the council should not be involved at this point
<p>11.1</p> <p>11.2</p> <p>11.3</p>	<p>Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors considered the recent instances of doorstep knockers and potential approach • Councillors do not believe this is an ongoing issue. This is a police matter and we have communicated widely to the community to inform residents. Not able to prevent people coming into town but police and Town Council have reacted quickly • Councillors have considered their approach to dog mess. We have done a lot of work on this as listed previously. In addition there are new posters arriving and we are also investigating dog control orders
MATTERS FOR INFORMATION	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Update from Cllr Colton regards the KGV Trust</p>

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<p>12.1</p> <p>12.2</p> <p>Action</p> <p>12.3</p> <p>Action</p> <p>11.4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The windows and doors have been replaced; the store door is being painted, quotes coming in for the fascia boards. • The tennis club have not paid for a few years and we need to see where we got with this when it was last reviewed • Clerk to check a few years' worth of accounts to see last payment to us • Electrical testing has been done • User management group on 4th March and then there is the next KGV meeting after • Clerk to check terms of reference, what spend does Management Group have • NCL has offered funds for certain jobs
<p>13.</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>The draft minutes from PPMC meeting on 2nd February were received</p> <p>Clerk to amend attendance of Tim Barter and Cllr Davies on those minutes</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>The draft minutes from Westwoods meeting on 10th February were received</p>
<p>15.</p> <p>15.1</p> <p>15.2</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>The 2015 – 2016 meeting schedule was received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairs were asked for their feedback on the schedule. • Westwoods and Finance are fine • Clerk and Cllr Colton to review the KGV meetings together
<p>16.</p> <p>16.1</p> <p>16.2</p> <p>16.3</p>	<p>Cllr Hewer gave information about Bassett Road, the Post Office and North Cotswold Hospital.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Post Office is now owned by the FT, David Cotton is still postmaster • A bid was put in on the Bassett Road field by Farmington Trust last week but it did not include the Town Council as was previously thought • North Cotswold Hospital was recommended by Cllr Hewer
<p>17.</p> <p>17.1</p> <p>17.2</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Councillors received information about community tidy up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several residents have complained about the state of town • All Alone is also looking a mess • Clerk to communicate out asking community politely to look outside their own houses, there is a current campaign via Keep Britain Tidy which could be referred to • Clerk to check what we should expect from CDC regards Market Place sweepers and CDC litter picking across town
<p>18.</p> <p>18.1</p> <p>18.2</p> <p>18.3</p> <p>18.4</p>	<p>Future Agenda Items were received</p> <p>MUGA</p> <p>Play area update if ready</p> <p>Dutton Lane – the hedge is encroaching</p> <p>Market Place benches – add to PPMC</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 25th March at 7pm at the Westwoods</p>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55 pm