

NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON Wednesday 25th March 2015

PRESENT: **Cllr Wellman (Vice Chair), Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Colton, Cllr Fisher, Cllr Chilton, Cllr Blades, Cllr Stock, Cllr Davies, Mrs C Crompton (Clerk), Cllr Hancock, Cllr Hodgkinson and 18 members of the public**

1.	Apologies were received from Cllr Hewer and Cllr Rigby
2.	No councillor interests were declared
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
3.	Public Question Time
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Moss gave an update on Streetbank. It's a community website which enables us to share skills and items, on 20th January Northleach Streetbank had 1 person, now it has 56 members. On 20th February applied for Cotswold Greener awards and came second, won £700 which the Town Council will hold until we decide how to use it
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Hudson gave an update on the post office. Trying for a year to purchase and update the Post Office, want to spend up to £200k to upgrade the shop. It has taken time but will soon come to a conclusion. The PO Ltd is striving to reduce services in Northleach and downgrade it to a Post Office Local. The Farmington Trust are hoping to stop this plus expand the services there.
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Clark asked George Hudson about drawings that had been circulated showing houses in various locations. George said at the start of the NDP the Farmington Trust asked an architect to come up with some ideas for Northleach, these have been circulated and these drawings are not supported by George and will not be promoted by the Farmington Trust. They want to acquire the field at Bassett Road, bids were submitted in February and The Trust has been shortlisted. They may not proceed if land is not suitable, if successful the Farmington Trust will do a lot of consultation on this and look at all sorts of other facilities that are needed
3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Hamilton, lives at Greendale in The Green and is speaking on behalf of neighbours and residents. Planning Application for a development on neighbouring burgage plot does not give the full picture. The proposed development plot belongs to Tudor House and not Beech House. This is classic Northleach and one of the oldest parts of Town. This is a very visible development in full view of residents and the public. Several points to highlight, impact on amenity, it is in keeping with the modern property of Beech House but not the rest of the surrounding properties. Residents have met with Cllr Hancock and he would support an objection to it. This may well go to planning committee. This plot is already over developed and will complete change the character of these plots.
3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Barter spoke about the proposed MUGA. Resident of Fallows Road and sat on previous working group. This second report is much more comprehensive but the MUGA must be sustainable and has to be used. Suggests that councillors vote for option 3 so an integrated recreational plan for the Town can be formulated
3.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Rayner spoke. Also a member of the original group but would like to support the option of the central location on KGV field. This is already a play facility for kids. Having a floodlit managed site takes away the informal part of play. Last week walking through Northleach he passed the play area which was full of kids, more kids were playing on the playing field against the Scout Hut. He asked them where they would play and they were not prepared to go to the Westwoods. Location is key in this plan.
4.	County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson gave a report , Council Tax was frozen, Amey is not performing and the roads in particular are in a poor state, Paul asked for good and bad

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	feedback. The financial year starts next week so needs new ideas for the funding pot. The Active Together pot promotes public health. Paul is giving money towards Northleach pool and the play area has also been suggested. He will require a project brief on this.
5.	District Councillor Chris Hancock gave a report.
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looked at gully map sent from Highways
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to forward gully map
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The gullies silt up very quickly and we only have an annual clearance and need more than this
5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover House has been discussed again. Suggested looking at www.lhbc.org.co.uk which is a guide to enforcing historic buildings
5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Colton wrote to Planning Department and was told that CDC was dealing with the Town Council
5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors believe this has gone on long enough and it is dangerous but have been asked to step back from it for now
5.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of services at Cheltenham which have limited A & E facilities (24 hours) is underway.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to forward out information and ask people to comment
5.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NDP update. There were drawings and consultations on display last year, State of the Parish report was completed and this helped the consultants draw up some visions. They came up with 2 visions, a bit of development in a few places or a lot more development that allows some money to enable infrastructure.
5.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steering Group asked landowners what their plans were for sites. The Wills Family have offered the land behind the school for development and this could provide expansion for the school or parking, the Diocese has suggested that they will make the land available opposite the school for development but not suggested what their plans are. The Farmington Trust has stated that its up to the town to decide. Asked GCC if they will release the Fire Station.
5.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next month's meeting to understand what we want to do and where, rCOH will prepare a document which will enable us to have an informal referendum that will give us a clear idea of what people want.
5.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Mills asked whether the Wills field could produce an alternative site for the MUGA near the field and behind the school?
5.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hancock is waiting for a walk through with Highways to establish whether certain sites which are available would be suitable
5.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the difficult decisions for the NDP is to make these hard choices but overall it needs to be viable. We have the survey reports that suggest where people want car parks and development but these could change.
5.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Fisher asked about class sizes. The demand is already there from Northleach alone but further housing will increase the amount of pupils.
5.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Moss said the Playgroup is in a school building and if this is released then where would the early years or wraparound care be located?
5.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Mills. If the Shlaa states the number of houses do we need to adhere to this? The number of houses required has changed several times but will not necessarily provide more facilities. If Farmington Trust gets hold of the Bassett Road field then ribbon development could happen. The NDP could put planning restrictions on those land pieces and money would come into the Council which would not happen if there was no plan
6.	Police report was read out, some ongoing issues year on year
	MATTERS FOR DECISION
7.	It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 th February 2015 were an accurate reflection of the meeting and duly signed
Resolution	
8.	The Action Point Update was reviewed

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9.	<p>MUGA Report</p> <p>9.1 • Cllr Mills explained this should be a progress report rather than a final report, the key issue at this point is location. KGV is more central and would be ideal but costly. The increased costs would make it unsuitable. The key issues with Westwoods site is the distance from other facilities.</p> <p>9.2 • Tried to find similar sites across the UK for feedback, very few are built next to housing due to constraints. Sent out 12 surveys and got 4 back. Therefore unable to guarantee the impact on residents. It would be difficult to quantify. Overall Cllr Mills wants to be able to promote facilities in Northleach to benefit residents and so will be voting for option 3</p> <p>9.3 • Cllr Blades explained that the issue with Westwoods site is that people will use the centre. There is a concern that people would use the centre for toilets etc. It is offered hired out for exclusive use, weddings and children's parties. He would also vote for No 3.</p> <p>9.4 • Councillors debated whether it should be near the school, would it get more use there. Cllr Hulcup - there is not a more suitable location at this point, going for Option 3 means there will still not be anything in 5 years' time.</p> <p>9.5 • Cllr Colton – currently we provide nothing for young people. Wanted to commend Cllr Mills for his report, favoured KGV but cost was prohibitive</p> <p>9.6 • Cllr Wellman asked how big the towns were where there was a MUGA, The Chipping Norton one is next to a play area, no cost expected to the council</p> <p>The Council considered the following resolutions in view of the MUGA Working Groups Recommendations. Each councillor to vote once, casting vote with Chair</p> <p>9.7 1. To pursue the installation of the MUGA at the KGV • Cllr Chilton proposed and Cllr Fisher seconded, no other councillors voted in favour of KGV location,</p> <p>9.8 2. To pursue the installation of the MUGA at Westwoods • Cllr Hulcup proposed and Cllr Colton seconded, no other councillors voted in favour of Westwoods location</p> <p>3. To hold until a more suitable location is found • Cllr Mills proposed and Cllr Blades seconded, 2 other councillors agreed. It was agreed by a majority to wait for a more suitable location Cllr Wellman expressed his thanks to the working group for all their hard work</p> <p>Resolution</p>
10.	<p>10.1 Financial Matters</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>10.2 • It was unanimously RESOLVED to authorise payments presented</p> <p>10.3 • The receipts, payments, financial statements and bank balances were reviewed</p> <p>Action</p> <p>• Councillors were due to consider submitting CDC grant request to support work to the table-top tombstones however Clerk has discovered that this fund will not be appropriate for this</p> <p>• Clerk to add this to PPMC in June for further discussion</p>
11.	<p>Planning and Tree works</p> <p>11.1 • Members considered the Council's response to Planning Application at Beech House 15/00791/FUL</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>11.2 • Cllr Hulcup congratulated residents on the report they have produce</p> <p>11.3 • Cllr Colton proposed, Cllr Mills seconded and it was agreed by a majority to object to the application</p> <p>11.4 • Clerk to submit an objection based on the issues discussed – loss of light, amenity impact and overdevelopment</p> <p>• Councillors discussed the issues raised about the exterior appearance of shops in the Market Place. The additional signs at Muzzys have now gone but the Sky Sports sign is still up at The Sherborne. Councillors agreed it's difficult to run a rural business and Town Council should support them.</p>
12.	<p>Statutory</p>

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<p>12.1 Resolution</p> <p>12.2 Resolution</p> <p>12.3 Resolution</p> <p>12.4 Resolution</p> <p>Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors reviewed the Model Publication Scheme 2015 and it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt it ("Information available from Northleach with Eastington Town Council under the Model Publication Scheme) • Councillors reviewed the Code of Conduct 2015 – 2016 and unanimously RESOLVED to adopt it • Councillors reviewed and unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the Council's Risk Assessment & Financial Controls 2015 - 2016 • Councillors reviewed and unanimously RESOLVED to adopt Standing Orders for 2015 - 2016 • Clerk to date new documents and circulate when necessary
MATTERS FOR INFORMATION	
13.	Cllr Colton gave an update on KGV Trust, explained that the windows have been done to make the building more secure
14.	The draft minutes from Finance meeting on 17 th March were reviewed
15.	The Highways meeting on 24 th March was discussed. Over 25 areas of Town were considered for improvements plus new tree locations were reviewed
16.	Mrs Jenny Moss about Streetbank was discussed above
17.	Suggestions of who to invite to the April Annual Town Meeting included Bromford, potential sites for a MUGA, an update on the NDP and additional employment in Town.
Action	Clerk to formulate Agenda
18.	No urgent items had been received
19.	Items for Future Agendas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path at the Medical Centre - PPMC Please note that no Discussions or Decisions can be taken under this Item
20.	Next Meeting – Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm at the Westwoods

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm