

# NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD

**ON Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

PRESENT: **Cllr Wellman (Vice Chair), Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Rigby, Cllr Colton, Cllr Fisher, Cllr Chilton, Cllr Blades, Cllr Stock, Mrs C Crompton (Clerk), Cllr Hancock and 6 members of the public**

1.		Cllr Hewer, Cllr Davies, Cllr Mills, Cllr Hodgkinson were unavailable
2.		No interests were declared
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>		
3.	3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gerald Green - Pulhams keep stopping at the Doctors Lane and offloading people, it's dangerous, not an official bus stop and happens even when if bus stops are empty.</li> </ul>
	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to write to Andrew Pulham and ask the drivers to be informed</li> </ul>
	3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Jenny Moss introduced Streetbank. It is a not for profit organisation, reduces isolation, builds communities and reduce waste. It's about reusing and recycling. CDC is asking communities to come up with recycling suggestions. This scheme is free to join and enables people to share things with each other. It could become self-sustainable. CDC running a competition which would give a small grant to enable more communication.</li> </ul>
	3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillors questioned whether it was secure and are there any insurance issues?</li> </ul>
	3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to log in to register and sharing is between each individual,</li> </ul>
	3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillors agreed it could be a useful community link</li> </ul>
	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to communicate this out to email list and website</li> </ul>
	3.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>George Hudson gave an update on the water problems at Jessop Drive. Problem is caused by a spring. The land is not owned by the Farmington Trust or the Wills Family who own the land above. It is a bit of land that was left between Wills land and the new houses. George is trying to help but there are implications to this. There are additional issues at Ward Road and people need to understand where the responsibility ends. George wants to make it clear to residents and councillors that he is helping out at Jessop Drive but will not able to take on any other responsibilities due to the cost. The wood was planted by Brian Brazington some time ago but he cannot remember who requested this</li> </ul>
	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to make contact with owners once George has the details</li> </ul>
4.		<p>County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson is unavailable and sent an update about the traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic sensing cameras have been added onto the traffic lights so they can see if any cars are there. It's an added security measure to the recent works done there</li> </ul>
5.		<p>District Councillor Chris Hancock gave a report</p>
	5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swanbrook regularly fail to use the bus stop and if travelling West to East people have to cross the main road to enter the bus. Chris has written several times but had no response.</li> </ul>
	5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occasionally there is nowhere for them to park in the Market Place but usually there is. Clerk to write to Swanbrook and ask them to stop this practise.</li> </ul>
	<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed up to Streetbank, could possible merge with the Northleach For Sale and Wanted</li> </ul>
	5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent accident on the roundabout and investigated with Highways. It is number 26 on their list as a hotspot. They are going to clear some vegetation and improve signage</li> </ul>
	5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gully clearance. Walked out with Highways and Cllr Hulcup and over 10 gullies have not been cleared. There are a number of pinch points that need more than an annual clean,</li> </ul>
	5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover House email, not forwarded to Councillors as it is a private letter. Trying to get rid of the fencing however during discussions Chris Mooney was working on a neighbouring roof and confirmed that the Dover House roof was in an unsafe state.</li> </ul>
	5.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chequers – new application is out recommending approval. Parking is still an issue and so is layout. The stone they propose is coming from Tetbury. Chris has asked for this to be heard at Planning Committee in February</li> </ul>
	5.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
6.		Police unavailable. Cllr Wellman read out their report
<b>MATTERS FOR DECISION</b>		
7.		It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2014 were an accurate reflection of the meeting and duly signed
8.		The Action Point Update and Clerk Update were discussed
	8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radon issue – unable to communicate further. Some people requested testing packs but nothing arrived and CDC now has little information on its website</li> </ul>
9.		<b>Financial Matters</b>
	<b>Resolution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to pay the bills presented</li> </ul>
	9.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The receipts and payments and financial statements were discussed.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>9.3</b></p> <p><b>Resolution</b></p> <p><b>9.4</b></p> <p><b>9.5</b></p> <p><b>Resolution</b></p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p><b>9.6</b></p> <p><b>9.7</b></p> <p><b>Resolution</b></p> <p><b>Action</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Finance committee recommend that the Town Council accept their recommended figure of a 2% increase on the Precept to be requested from CDC</li> <li>• It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the recommendation and submit the 2% increase</li> <li>• Councillors discussed whether to replace the Scout Hut roof assisted by a loan from GPFA</li> <li>• There is a building on the playing field used by the Cricket Club and usually referred to as the Scout Hut, it's in a bad state of repair, previous quote has been held. Finance Committee recommend that Council spend £2k on this. In addition there is a £1500 loan grant and a £500 available from GPFA. Cllr Colton had a recent quote of £6k and many reckon that the damage and repair cost will worsen with time. The whole building is in a real state.</li> <li>• Cllr Colton proposed and Cllr Chilton seconded and it was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> that the work should be done, the Town Council will spend £5k to repair the Scout Hut less the grant of £500 accepted from GPFA</li> <li>• Cllr Colton to confirm with the builder</li> <li>• Clerk to write and accept grant from GPFA</li> <li>• The councillors discussed the Finance Committee's recommendation that the Charter Market funds are allocated to the play area.</li> <li>• The council have requested details of which charities benefitted previously from the market but not received any specifics. The letter to the Charter Market people explained that requests for donations would be heard via the Finance Committee's grant process.</li> <li>• It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to pass the money collected in 2014 to the play area.</li> <li>• Clerk to note that charities wishing to receive a donation from the Town Council can apply through the grant process</li> </ul>
<p><b>10.</b></p> <p><b>10.1</b></p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p><b>10.2</b></p> <p><b>10.3</b></p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p><b>10.4</b></p> <p><b>Action</b></p>	<p><b>Planning and Tree works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The reserved matters for Chequers was discussed</li> <li>• Clerk to forward the new application out to Councillors</li> <li>• The Councillors discussed Mrs Nancy Jarrett offer of trees for the Town. Members recognised that the offer is very kind and some work needs to be done on whose land and responsibility these would become</li> <li>• The planting and future maintenance will be the responsibility of the council</li> <li>• Clerk to thank Mrs Jarratt for her kind offer and say that the members will check localities and come back to her quickly.</li> <li>• The other suggestions include the phone box</li> <li>• Clerk to confirm with BT what is happening with the phone box. If defunct can we buy it</li> </ul>
<b>MATTERS FOR INFORMATION</b>	
<b>11.</b>	Cllr Colton gave an update regards the KGV Trust. Previously approved a grant for the Pavilion windows and a new quote is now in which is much cheaper and NCL have offered to pay for some of these.
<b>12.</b>	The draft minutes from Finance meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> January were received.
<b>13.</b>	Mrs Jenny Moss' suggestion for community recycling was discussed previously
<b>14.</b>	Information was received about the two pension issues
<b>15.</b>	Information was received above about Dover House
<b>16.</b>	Urgent items received since the publication of the Agenda
<b>16.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Red Lion was missed off this Agenda by accident, at the meeting when the Council discussed the planning application there was no support for the change of use. It has been suggested that this becomes a community asset and should be listed along with the other pubs</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk will circulate the documentation received from CDC</li> </ul>
<b>17.</b>	Future Agenda Items
<b>17.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List community assets – should Council or community drive this</li> </ul>
<b>17.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint response to Local Plan before 27<sup>th</sup> February</li> </ul>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm at the Westwoods</b>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm