

# NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015

PRESENT: Cllr Hewer (Vice Chair), Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Wellman, Cllr Davies, Cllr Colton, Cllr Rayner, Cllr Lesley, Cllr Rigby (arrived at 7.20pm) Mrs C Crompton (Clerk), Cllr Hodgkinson, Cllr Hancock and 4 members of the public

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| 35.                                   | Apologies were received from Cllr Blades, Cllr Mills,   |
| 36.                                   | No interests were declared  |
| 37.                                   | There were no public questions  |
| 38.                                   | <p>A report was received from County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The recent accident on the A429 has been really concerning. There were 2 deaths last week and so Paul has raised the issue of the dangers of A429 at County Council level. By law GCC need to progress. There have been 4 deaths this year between Cirencester and Northleach and further up it is regularly gridlocked near Bourton and Stow. The layout of the road can be controlled but not the drivers</li> <li>Broadband update. Fastershire think they have finished in Northleach but there is not enough equipment and many of the 800 households they think are connected are not. Paul will be raising this with Fastershire again. That was the first rollout and the second rollout is due soon but these are mainly rural properties. Paul will send the list of those involved</li> <li>Leading a mobile phone project, signals getting better but it's very slow progress</li> </ul>   |
| 39.                                   | <p>A report was received from the District Councillor Chris Hancock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns for the local roads discussed above</li> <li>Gully clearance - Cllr Hulcup and Cllr Hancock visited the gullies and marked up blocked ones. They are usually done only once a year unless we request more. They were cleared last week but some were still not tackled. Most are running ok but the one at the traffic lights is not clear. Investigated employing a specific gully clearer (£20 per pothole) which was much cheaper than hiring Highways vehicles.</li> </ul>  |
| 40.                                   | <p>Police report was received and explained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 3 months up to July last year there were 4 crimes, this year there were 14 crimes.</li> <li>The breakdown of these in last 3 months is: violence 3, burglary domestic 4, burglary non-domestic 2, crime 2, criminal damage 2, fraud 1. This is a huge increase but police explained that none are classed as really very serious. A brief summary is that of the 4 dwelling burglaries 3 of these had been empty long term and the fourth was left with an unlocked door and iPad on view. The non-dwelling were remote locations, one had no security and the other had CCTV but it was very poor quality. Domestic related crime included a Facebook incident and an inebriated individual. The fraud took place in the shop in regards change from a note. The assault was between 2 family members. Although police were called the family decided not to take it further but it had already been recorded. The final assault was in a licensed premises between 2 women.</li> <li>Police cover where the demand is. There is a concern about the time taken for paramedics to arrive and police concern that they are often the first people on a scene as there has been a 70% reduction in paramedic cover, North Cotswolds has the worst accident record in Gloucestershire,</li> <li>Also covering 999 calls, introduced 2 new beat officers who are now multitasking and crossing boundaries, more beat managers than before, they will immediately respond to serious offences.</li> <li>Message from Police Commissioners Office - local communities will retain support but officers will not be able to attend as many meetings or other events, they will still attend some key meetings such as vulnerable children support meetings</li> <li>Police will shortly be able to read emails on the go which will enable them to be out and about</li> <li>Neighbourhood Watch is still going but the software is corrupt, the leaders are not getting the messages unless getting them from town council,</li> <li>Cllr Hewer asked about cuts discussed on the TV today by Warwickshire police where it was stated that not all burglaries will be attended. Police explained that is not happening in the Cotswolds and burglaries will still be attended,</li> <li>Cllr Hancock asked how they interact with Fire Brigade, response was that resource will go to where it is needed</li> </ul> |
| <b>MATTERS FOR DECISION</b>           |   |
| 41.<br>Resolution<br>Action<br>Action | <p>Agreeing 2 changes, It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes were true and accurate record of the Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to clarify on 22.3 that the response time of the Fire Brigade is calculated as the time they arrived at the station and then got to the fire. Stress that people need to phone fire service first.</li> <li>30.4 Amend planting on the Market Place to note that the money was authorised by PPMC</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Blades to sign minutes on 23/9/15</p>   |
| 42.<br>Action                         | <p>The Action Point Update was discussed, wardens update was given,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to ask Ubico what things could be covered and what they could do for £1K</li> </ul>  |
| 43.<br>Resolution                     | <p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to authorise the payments presented</li> </ul>  |

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| <p><b>Action</b><br/>43.1<br/>43.2<br/>43.3<br/>43.4<br/>43.5<br/>43.6<br/>43.7<br/>43.8<br/>43.9<br/><b>Resolution</b><br/>43.10<br/><b>Action</b><br/>43.11</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to amend the payment for tombstones to be coming out of the Cemetery heading only</li> <li>• The bank balances were discussed</li> <li>• Cllr Rigby gave an update on the Finance meeting</li> <li>• It was agreed that the finances are reviewed every quarter instead of monthly as is done currently, Finance Committee can review and then advise</li> <li>• The Council reviewed the following resolution:</li> <li>• That the transfer of the Wills &amp; Hamilton Meadow from Fields in Trust to the Town Council be done for nil consideration,</li> <li>• to hold the land on charitable trust under the provisions of the King George V Foundation,</li> <li>• to enter into a Deed of Dedication between the Town Council and FIT,</li> <li>• to pay the legal costs incurred by FIT up to a maximum of £2,250, and to pay the Town Council associated legal costs up to a maximum of £750 (fee for Town Council given by Kendall and Davies)</li> <li>• Cllr Wellman asked why the council has to pay. The land was given to the Town Council by Bobby Wills and we should not have to pay anything.</li> <li>• Cllr Rigby explained that the land was left to National Playing Field Trust, not to the Town Council, and is being given to us free of charge. This payment is not for the land but for the transfer of the land.</li> <li>• Cllr Lesley proposed, Cllr Rigby seconded and the majority agreed the resolution</li> <li>• Cllr Rigby to continue with progressing the transfer</li> <li>• Councillors were unable to note the external auditors report as copies were not available</li> <li>• Clerk to provide copies of report to September meeting</li> </ul> |
| <p>44.<br/>44.1<br/>44.2<br/><b>Action</b><br/>44.3<br/><b>Action</b><br/>44.4<br/><b>Resolution</b><br/>44.5</p>   | <p><b>Planning and Tree works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no urgent planning issues since publication of the Agenda</li> <li>• The councils response to Yew Tree Cottage 15/02617/FUL planning application was delayed as councillors have not seen the application yet</li> <li>• Clerk to forward application</li> <li>• The councils response to Oughton House 15/02646/FUL planning application was delayed as councillors have not seen the application yet</li> <li>• Clerk to forward application</li> <li>• There have been 3 proposals on reconfiguring the Market Place and Cllr Lesley has a fourth idea. There has been no response from Highways as to who would be paying for this.</li> <li>• Cllr Hulcup proposed and Cllr Colton seconded that councillors need to know who is paying for this work in the first instance. It was discussed that no funds are available his year. Council would like to wait until Development Plan has been completed and see if decisions have made on other car parking</li> <li>• Tony Dale who had put forward a plan is keen to see something done but does not believe we should pay anything. If fully funded by Highways then work should be done as its their responsibility</li> </ul>   |
| <p>45.</p>  | <p>The community tidy up initiative was discussed and Clerk is checking with Ubico what items we could source from them. It is now in the Parish Magazine so hoping for some volunteers.</p>   |
| <b>MATTERS FOR INFORMATION</b>  |  |
| <p>46.<br/><b>Action</b></p>  | <p>Cllr Hulcup explained that he is stepping down from the Town Handyman role at the end of the year. Cllr Hulcup to put a resume together which Clerk can then circulate out</p>  |
| <p>47.</p>  | <p>The draft minutes from Finance meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July were noted</p>  |
| <p>48.<br/><b>Action</b></p>  | <p>There was no update on the surgery path, Tim put together a heads of terms for the landowner but they have to agree it. Plus there was a change of ownership.<br/>Cllr Rigby to ask Mr Barter to look at next step</p>  |
| <p>49.</p>  | <p>The Council noted their thanks to Keith Blundell and Kerry Hughes for their work in the Market Place raised beds which they did for the Town until March 2015</p>   |
| <p>50.</p>  | <p>An update on Dover House was received. The last contact was with Tayler and Fletcher who are in touch were her solicitors. CDC have put up the new fencing under the tiles</p>  |
| <p>51.</p>  | <p>NDP update – next meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and we hope rCOH will attend. The last meeting reviewed uses for each area,</p>  |
| <p>52.</p>  | <p>Future agenda items<br/>External audit details and internal audit recommendations</p>   |
| <p>53.</p>  | <p><b>Next Meeting – Town Council Meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm at the Westwoods</b></p>   |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm