

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northleach with Eastington Town Council held in the Westwoods Centre on 20 July 2022, 7pm

Members Present: Cllrs Andrew Wellman (Vice Chairman), Gina Blackwell, Valerie Glynn, Mark Ogden, Caroline Saunders and Sara Gorst.

In Attendance: Ms Pauline Rigby (Town Clerk), District Cllr Tony Dale and 4 members of the public

40. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Byron Hadley, Brian Hulcup, and Terry Morley-Blackwell.

41. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

42. County and District Council Reports

County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson reported that:

- Covid rates are higher than ever. The NHS has announced that anyone over 50 and the clinically vulnerable over the age of 12 will be eligible for a booster jab in the autumn.
- County Council has just announced a road safety policy, a consultation is coming out and he would encourage the council to respond. It includes a policy on 20mph speed limits.
- With regards to extending the 30mph zone on East End, Police have been consulted on whether they support the change and highways is awaiting their response.
- There has been a discussion about resurfacing of Back Lane, which is designated a public footpath rather than a road. It is a question of finding funding and he would be happy to contribute towards the scheme from the Highways Local councillor fund.
- There have been complaints about coach parking on East End.

District Cllr Tony Dale had sent his apologies and was not in attendance.

43. Public Questions

There were no questions from the public.

44. Confirmation of Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 15 June 2022 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

45. Action Point Update

The Town Clerk reported that it had continued to be very busy in the office and would report on the work plan in more detail at the next meeting.

46. Planning Matters

Note: Cotswold District Council is the Local Planning Authority.

46.1 Application No: 22/01968/LBC:

Address: Wheatsheaf Inn High Street Northleach Cheltenham GL54 3EZ

Proposal: Carry out repairs to lime mortar joints and stonework and take down and rebuild chimney stack.

Comment: No representation (the deadline had passed)

46.2 Application No: 22/01954/FUL
Address: Stable Building All Alone Lane Northleach Gloucestershire
Proposal: Conversion of stable building to a single dwellinghouse and associated works
Comment: No representation

46.3 Application No: 22/00427/LBC had already been determined (included in error).

46.4 Planning decisions at variance with the views of the Council: None to report.

47. Finance

47.1 The bank reconciliation was received, showing balances of £ 156,636.17 on 30 June 2022.

47.2 Council received the budget monitoring report to date. There were no questions.

47.3 The Clerk presented the payments schedule, which is appended to these minutes.

It was RESOLVED that payments in the sum of £8,005.45 be approved.

48. Jubilee Street Party

Final accounts, not including staff costs, showed the budget of £5,360 was exceeded by just £56; however, this included the purchase of a gazebo which can be reused at future events.

It was RESOLVED that a commemorative Jubilee plaque be purchased at a cost of approx. £70 to be displayed on the bus shelter facing the Market Place.

Clerk to confirm that Cotswold District Council has no objections.

It was suggested that the gazebo could be rented out. Topic to be added to the agenda for the next Westwoods Committee meeting as part of the equipment hire policy.

Feedback had been very positive, that the event was well organised and a fantastic way of meeting people. Thanks were given to Cllr Valerie Glynn and Gina Blackwell.

49. Community Event

Cllr Blackwell presented a proposal for a community day on the playing field. The event would be an opportunity to showcase the activities of community groups, help groups to attract new participants and raise funds if they wish. It is proposed to hold it on the playing field, as there are more opportunities to demonstrate activities outdoors.

Proposed date is Saturday 17 September 2022, 2pm onwards.

Costs will include: hire of playing field, first aider, promotion.

It was RESOLVED that the project proposal be approved with a budget of £200 to be transferred from any previously unused project budget.

50. Assets of Community Value

Council received information about the process for nominating assets of community value and considered whether to start an application to nominate the Sherborne Arms. It was considered that the Sherborne is the only true local pub remaining in the town as the Wheatsheaf is primarily a hotel/restaurant.

It was RESOLVED that council gather information for a nomination, study the Localism Act 2011 and look closely at reasons why other nominations were unsuccessful.

It was suggested that advice is sought from CAMRA [Campaign for Real Ale].

51. Land at Westwoods

Council received a report, previously circulated, about the old tennis courts at the Westwoods Centre. It was a possible location for adult exercise equipment. In recent weeks two alternative proposals had been received: (a) to build a Padel tennis court and (b) to lease the land for a plant nursery business. A boules or petanque court was also suggested at the meeting. It was noted that the land is subject to restrictive covenants not to be used other than for a community facility and/or sports facilities and/or public open space.

Members felt they should seek the community's view on what the land should be used for. It was noted that the land is fulfilling a function at the moment as public open space.

It was RESOLVED that a community survey be undertaken. Cllr Saunders agreed to help.

The Clerk was asked to contact Gloucestershire County Council about lifting the covenant.

52. Committee Minutes

Council received the minutes of the Financial and General Resources Committee meeting on 19 July 2022.

53. Reports from Members

Cirencester Food Bank: Cllr Ogden had attended the food poverty report launch event in Cirencester on Tues 21 June. He explained that Northleach is on the border of two food bank areas, which can lead to confusion over where to send donations. A small number deliveries were made from Cirencester during covid as they went entirely to home delivery during that period. The closest distribution centre to the public is in Bourton on the Water and local collections by the Lions are taken to the distribution centre in Guiting Power.

It was agreed to invite the Food Bank to the Community Day.

54. Future Agenda Items

Already noted: Fortey Woods, Neighbourhood Plan / parking strategy.

To be added: coach parking on East End.

55. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21 September 2022, 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

Signature of the Chairman on approval of the minutes: _____

Payment schedule

Date	Supplier	Description	Method	Authority
16-Jun	Dave Payne Electrics	Fire exit boxes	£ 192.98	LGA 1972 s133
17-Jun	Alby Belcher	Fuel for allotments	£ 10.67	SHAA 1908 s26
17-Jun	Paige and The Red Shift	Balance Jubilee band	£ 300.00	LGA 1972 s145
20-Jun	EDF Energy	Westwoods electricity	£ 104.55	LGA 1972 s133
21-Jun	Zen Internet	Broadband	£ 32.40	LGA 1972 s133
22-Jun	BrightHR	HR service	£ 24.30	LGA 1972 s111
22-Jun	Spot On Supplies	Cleaning supplies	£ 144.50	LGA 1972 s133
24-Jun	Cathedral Hygiene	Sanitary bins	£ 38.99	LGA 1972 s133
28-Jun	Amanda King	Westwoods cleaning	£ 128.00	LGA 1972 s133
28-Jun	Wordfence	Website firewall	£ 80.92	LGA 1972 s111
30-Jun	Stephen Chilton	Handyman services	£ 316.66	Various
30-Jun	Mainstream Digital	Telephone charges	£ 0.59	LGA 1972 s133
30-Jun	Grundon	Waste collection	£ 101.48	Litter Act 1983 s5
30-Jun	McCracken and Son	Mowing June	£ 1,345.20	LG(MP)A 1976 s19
30-Jun	UK Safety Store	Fire door signs	£ 20.64	LGA 1972 s133
11-Jul	B&Q	Storage box and games	£ 85.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s19
11-Jul	Nisbets	Barware	£ 4.20	LGA 1972 s133
12-Jul	Safelincs Ltd	Dorgard fire door retainers	£ 311.36	LGA 1972 s133
20-Jul	Pauline Rigby	SLCC subscription	£ 289.00	LGA 1972 s143
25-Jul	Staff costs	July salaries, pension	£ 4,474.01	LGA 1972 s112
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 8,005.45	