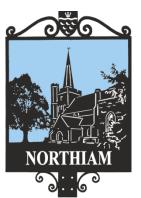
A Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the Village Hall, Northiam at 7-00 pm Thurs 12th MARCH 2020

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DRAFT MINUTES

1) APOLOGIES:

Cty Cllr Davies & Sue Schlesinger

2) ATTENDEES:

Dist Cllr Ganly (TG); Farmer (PF) Sargent (PS) Chairman, Harding (JH), Johnson (DJ), Pratt (DP), Maltby (RM), Wontner-Smith (AWS); Biggs (TB), Conservation Soc'y (SG) & 6 members of the public

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

PF re 8a & PS re 8c

- **4) ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS** To consider such other items as the Chairman decides are urgent and due notice of which has been given to the Clerk by 9:00am on the day of the meeting:
- **5) REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: -** The Conservation Society presented a cheque for £500 as a contribution towards the VE Day celebrations
- 6) MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13th February 2020 were approved, adopted and signed

7) REPORTS BY PARISH, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

PS reported receipt of the library cabin which is now installed at the Village Hall that has been paid for by the Section 106 monies from Persimmon. Work by Bourne's will commence, weather permitting, on upgrading the Recreation Ground & Football facilities, funded from the same source. The bungalows on the St Francis Fields have now water & electricity connected and renovation work will commence shortly. A local farmer has taken out a Grazing Licence and will be moving sheep on to the land in the next week or two, again weather dependent. He had attended a training day in London about Parish Council's being able to "commercialise" some of their activities, picking up some useful points from other councils.

DP advised that she still had someone interested in the redundant portacabins at St Francis Fields.

JH asked for donations of bottles (with contents!) for the VE Day tombola.

RM advised he has a number of very useful cardboard boxes freely available.

TG advised that members of the public and parish councils could now speak at planning committee meetings without the need for a petition. Those wishing to do so should register with Democratic Services at RDC

8) PLANNING:

- a) RR/2019/2738/P AMENDED PLANS AND/OR DESCRIPTION The Paddock Object to application see our previous comments
- b) RR/2020/136/P Whitefield House, Whitebread Lane Support Approval
- c) RR/2020/219/PN3 Crockers Farm House, Crockers Lane NPC requires clarification as to whether 'Prior notification' applies for a request for 'a change of use'. Also, more information concerning the actual request is required.
- d) RR/2020/272/TN Lane Cottage Land rear, White Bread Lane No Comment
- e) RR/2019/2853/P Cartref, Dixter Lane Support Approval
- f) RR/2020/116/L Holmwood Mill, Mill Corner NPC are very concerned that retrospective planning consent is even being considered in respect of Listing Buildings as we feel this will set an extremely unwelcome precedent. If is building is

listed in respect of the exterior colour then this surely is something that ought not to be revoked so easily.

g) ALL PLANNING DECISIONS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS:

- h) OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:
- i) CASUAL VACANCY: Mr Burns & Mrs Schlesinger have submitted their applications to be considered for co-option; following a secret ballot it was resolved to accept Mr Burns by a majority of 6/2
- j) VILLAGE MATTERS:
 - a) Mary Shipstone update, drafts of possible signage was submitted for Cllrs approval and it was resolved to adopt the blue version, subject to Lyndsey's approval
 - b) Dog & Litter bins having digested Trevor's report it was resolved Clerk would approach RDC regarding the supply and ownership of the litter bins.
 - c) Grass cutting contract update. PS advised the contract was due for renewal now but, due to the potential disruption at various parts of the Parish it was resolved to accept O'Conner's quotation for a year's extension of the current arrangement.
- k) CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY CIRCULATED:
- I) FINANCE:

All financial information has been previously circulated to all Councillors & is available on the web site.

- m) FINANCE, OTHER MATTERS:
 - a) Scanner contribution request from Conquest Hospital; it was resolved to donate the sum of £500-00
- n) CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20:20



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RAY HARRINGTON-LOWE - PARISH CLERK

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