

Northiam Parish Council

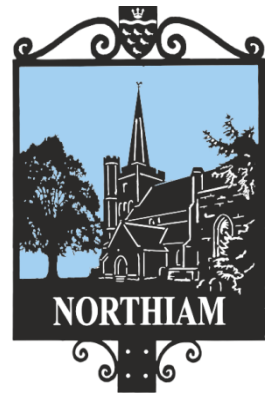
**A Meeting of the Parish Council held
in the Village Hall, Northiam
at 7-00 pm Thurs 20th AUGUST 2020**

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DRAFT MINUTES

- 1) CARRIED OVER FROM MAY: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
RM proposed PBS, seconded by DP, unanimously elected
- 2) ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**
DJ proposed PJF, seconded by JH; unanimously elected.
- 3) APOLOGIES:**
Cllr Wontner-Smith
- 4) ATTENDEES:**
Cty Cllr Davies (AD); Dist Cllrs Ganly (TG) & Mooney (MM); PCSO Phillips & companion; Cllrs Sargent (PBS), Farmer PJF), Johnson (DJ), Pratt (DP), Maltby (RM), Biggs (TB), Harding (JH) & Burns (JB)
- 5) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
DP & JB re item 10d
- 6) 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: There were none.
- 7) REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: - Maximum of 15 minutes**
There was a complaint regarding the mess & detritus left in the Playing Field area following visits by the public and football teams, it was agreed to approach the football management.
- 8) POLICE:** There was a short report given by PCSO Emmalouise.
- 9) MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12th March 2020:**
They were approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman.
- 10) REPORTS BY PARISH, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:**
PBS reported that the library had been officially opened 6th August by Cllr, from ESCC and that the car parking area in the Playing Fields was now operational, once the grass is fully established, which should reduce congestion in Main Street on match days. The bungalows at St Francis Fields are almost ready for letting and he had attended a C I C meeting 19th July. He also wished to place on record our thanks to all the stalwarts at "Northiam Together" and "Helping Hands" who have been working hard together to support the vulnerable in this village.
DJ referred again to the road condition at the surgery car park entrance – Clerk to liaise with RDC/ESCC again.
Action Clerk
JH had attended a meeting of RALC whereat it was agreed that councils should write to Ministry of Housing, copied to RALC, addressing the governments proposed changes to Planning legislation.
PJF reported on overgrowth at Strawberry Field/badger run – Clerk to action with contractors.
Action Clerk
DP reported on the allotment oak tree needs attention and that parking on the pavement outside the playing field was causing problems; see PBS report at 10 above.
TB suggested combining with other parishes for the acquisition of expensive tools & equipment; plus, he enquired about the original library signpost, he was advised this is in hand for re-erection. RM suggested there were insufficient speed awareness signs and asked for a progress report on the van apparently dumped in the lay-by in Main Street.
Action Clerk

AD had little to add to her written report but took the opportunity to congratulate the Parish Council on the re-birth of the library.

TG/MM similarly had little to add to their written report, but it was suggested their reports were placed in the notice boards.

11) PLANNING:

a) RR/2020/1201/O - Sherbourne Bridge – No objections

b) RR/2020/1124/P - Pemberton, Main Street. - NPC does not wish to encourage UVPC windows within the Conservation Area of the village. However, we are mindful of the requirement to promote energy efficiency within properties and therefore as long as the windows are in keeping with the design of the building and the surrounding properties, we have no objection to this application.

c) RR/2020/1112/O - Wild Wood, Station Road. – No objection

d) RR/2020/944/T - 2 Cedar Close, Peacehaven, Oak T1 - 4m. crown reduction. – No objection

e) RR/2020/669/P - Ivy Lodge, Station Road. – No objection

f) RR/2020/644/P - Meridian House, Horns Cross. – No objection

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

13) OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

14) VILLAGE MATTERS:

a) Bungalows at St Francis Fields – Having made enquiries PBS proposed that in order to support prospective tenants we set the monthly rents at £450 for the one bedroom and £675 for the larger one; this was unanimously supported.

b) Church trees - future care – PBS proposed that, for future maintenance we propose that the Church, RDC and NPC share costs equally, this was also supported – it was agreed the Clerk to compose a proposal to the other parties.

Action Clerk

c) Parish Website – There had been a proposal document circulated to all Cllrs that due to the ever-increasing legalistic documentation we have to publicise by this means, that we register a separate web address for purely Council documentation.

15) CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY CIRCULATED:

a) Clerk read out a thank you letter from the Library volunteers.

b) There was a consultation form ESCC received too late to respond.

c) A complaint about vehicular damage had been received, the correspondent to be advised that only the Police could assist them.

16) FINANCE:

a) Precept payment to Village Hall – it was unanimously agreed to donate our customary £1,500-00.

17) FINANCE, OTHER MATTERS TO BE HELD IN CAMERA:

The Clerk submitted the internal audit results and report – it was unanimously approved for adoption and onward transmission to external auditors.

18) CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21-00

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 10TH SEPT. WHEN ALL WILL HAVE TO WEAR FACE COVERING

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RAY HARRINGTON-LOWE - PARISH CLERK