

Northiam Parish Council

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**A meeting of the Parish Council held in
the Village Hall, Northiam at
7pm on Thurs 11th JANUARY 2018**

MINUTES

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Johnson, Pratt, Harding and Farmer. Dist Cllr Mooney

2) ATTENDEES:

Cllrs Sargent (PS), Maltby (RM), Wontner-Smith (AWS), Sitford (GS), Streatfeild (JS); Cty Cllr Davies (AD), Dist Cllr Jenkins (IJ) and 7 members of the public

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none

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:

There were none

5) REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: - Maximum of 15 minutes.

There was an enquiry regarding the state of the land at Cavix Field/Dixter Lane junction. Clerk to ascertain ownership

Action Clerk

A complaint was lodged regarding some of the hedge cutting by contractors, Clerk to investigate

Action Clerk

It was enquired as to when NPC would be refunding the additional precept collected this year. PS stated that the monies were being held until the result of the second consultation was known, which will take place this Spring.

6) MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 14th DECEMBER 2017

Were approved, signed and adopted.

7) REPORTS by PARISH, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

PS reported he had visited Peter Hayman at the rest home and was pleased to report he was making good progress. He passed on a message from Ann Fielding thanking the Council for the Christmas tree on the Village Green. He had had a fruitful meeting with AD regarding the possible future of the library. He also proposed that the council formerly thank Ann Fielding for supplying the power for the Christmas tree

JS reported he had attended a meeting regarding the Sports Hall, a copy is attached to the Minute book.

AD In addition to her written report, attached to the Minute Book she advised that more hopeful discussions are taking place with ESCC regarding the library, but she did exhort those present to try and encourage further volunteers to assist in its organization. Apparently the A269 is to be re-surfaced in Sidley, which will lead to similar amounts of disruption as occurred when they were building the link road.

IJ reported that in a recent survey our doctor's surgery had been placed amongst some of the best in the country. RDC have ascertained that proposed development land supply is well below the required standard of central government. PS enquired about RDC's future plans for the surgery car park and was advised that the waste collection system had been improved.

PLANNING

- a) RR/2017/2586/P & 2587/L - Pandora Place (formerly Elmside) Main Street - Convert garage to living accommodation - **No objection**
- b) RR/2017/2729/P - Lane Cottage, Whitebread Lane - Single storey extension. - **No objection**
- c) RR/2017/2873/P - Silver Birches, Dixter Road - extension & alterations - **No objection**

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

9) OTHER PLANNING MATTERS :

It was noted that two recent planning applications had not been notified to Council by RDC, nor were they listed on RDC's web site, which has concerned Cllrs, Clerk to try and obtain clarification.

Action Clerk

There was concern expressed about developments occurring at the caravan site, about which NPC have not been advised or consulted. Cllr Farmer to lodge a formal request to Planning Enforcement.

Action PF

10) VILLAGE MATTERS:

- a) Library proposals - PS has drafted a formal proposal for ESCC regarding NPC's proposed take over should it be decided that ESCC will discontinue support, which is being considered.
- b) Bowls Club trees - Clerk has contacted the Tree's Officer at RDC to ascertain what can and cannot be done to the trees as they are subject to TPO's and also border the Cemetery.
- c) Precept survey - PS advised the suggested structure of a second consultation regarding the Council's proposals for the Blue Cross site, which will entail more detailed information and a system to ensure that proven delivery and return of voting forms can be effected.

11) CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY CIRCULATED:

12) RALC: Clerk reported that Representatives of NPC have been appointed

13) FINANCE:

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

14) FINANCE, OTHER MATTERS:

15) CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE:

As per list provided to Cllrs - Copy attached to Minute Book

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19-55

The next meeting will be in the Jenkins Room at 19-00 hours Thursday 8th February



Cllr. Peter Sargent, Chairman, Northiam Parish Council