



**A Meeting of the Parish Council held in the  
Village Hall, Northiam at 7-00 pm  
Thurs 12th SEPTEMBER 2019**

## MINUTES

### 1) APOLOGIES:

Cllr Farmer

### 2) ATTENDEES:

Cty Cllr Davies (AD); Dist Cllr Mooney (MM); Cllrs Sargent (PS), Johnson (DJ), Harding (JH), Pratt (DP),  
Maltby (RM), Biggs (TB), Wontner-Smith; Conservation Soc'y & 4 members of the public

### 3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

AW-S ref 8 c & d

### 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:

PS wished Cllrs to remain after the meeting for a short meeting to be held In Camera

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

Concerns were raised regarding the itinerant ex-offenders and their aggressive door-to-door sales tactics and whether the No Cold Calling Zone could be extended to cover the whole village. It was resolved to investigate the possibility of installing larger signs at either end of the village. We were fortunate in having our PCSO in attendance who also advised that if one feels threatened in any way to telephone 999 and, if possible, take a photograph of the perpetrator/s.

### 6) PCSO REPORT: She advised us she is aware of the cold calling salesmen and reported that the break-in was part of a series of similar incidents. There has been reports of a tipper truck cruising and appearing to be "casing the joint" which apparently originates in Kent - Police are again aware. There have been reports of nuisance behaviour from Frewen pupils, action is in hand. Unfortunately for us her duties are changing and we will be seeing new personnel.

### 7) MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8th August 2019 were approved, adopted and signed

### 8) REPORTS BY PARISH, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

PS reported on our so far unsuccessful attempt to obtain planning permission to place a large Portakabin type structure in the grounds of the Village Hall.

DJ reiterated there are ongoing problems with owners allowing their dogs defecating within the Playground area, in spite of there being notices on all four sides.

DP reported a broken 30 mph sign near Goddens Gill.

TB advised he is in liaison with Beckley regarding the speed limits at Horns Cross.

AD reported in addition to her written report that she had attended a meeting at Cripps Corner with ESCC, RDC & others, it being the subject of road safety as there have been several accidents. She also encouraged Cllrs to complain to RDC about the use of certain types of funds to support Rother Voluntary Action.

MM had submitted a written report, in conjunction with Dist Cllr Ganly; in addition he advised there will grants available from RDC to assist with the VE day celebrations next year.

**PLANNING:**

- a. RR/2019//1688/P - **The Rosary, Main Street** - Single storey glass house extension to rear forming covered way to existing outside toilet. - NPC supports this application
- b. RR/2019/1811/P - **Fairview, Main Street** - Proposed single storey extension and entrance porch. - NPC supports this application
- c. RR/2019/1863/P - **The Grove, Main Street** - Proposed single storey extension to replace shed and replacement of canopy over front door. - NPC supports this application
- d. RR/2019/1864/L - **The Grove, Main Street** - Proposed single storey extension to replace shed and replacement of canopy over front door. - NPC supports this application
- e. RR/2019/1855/T - **11 Northridge - T1- Oak** - deadwood removed and re-balanced. - NPC supports this application

**9) ALL PLANNING DECISIONS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS:**

**10) OTHER PLANNING MATTERS :**

DP reported on a planning application Ref 2018/2798/P which is still undecided, Clerk to enquire why it has taken so long

**11) VILLAGE MATTERS:**

- a) Dog's detritus - although a very unpleasant fact of life the truth is that unless we can post someone on watch for 24 hours every day there is no way of policing it.
- b) Bowls Club lease & revised rent - Cllrs were updated on the situation.
- c) Surgery Car Park & barrier - RDC are trialling a period without a barrier, however all Cllrs wished for a replacement barrier at the earliest opportunity.
- d) New hedge at Dixter Rd junction - PS proposed the planting of hedge outside the boundary fence of Thornton House.
- e) Road safety Sarah from the Conservation Society reported on the Speed Watch which has in a four and a half month period recorded around one hundred offenders, who will be hearing from the Police.

**12) CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY CIRCULATED:**

Clerk reported on an initiative of the Citizen's Advice Bureau to support those struggling to pay their Council Tax. It was noted that the CAB are in attendance at the Village Hall the third Thursday in every month.

**13) FINANCE:**

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

**14) FINANCE, OTHER MATTERS:**

- a) Revised Financial Regulations it was resolved they be adopted.

**15) CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE:**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 10th OCTOBER**



**Cllr. Peter Sargent, Chairman, Northiam Parish Council**

**PAYMENT LIST 12th SEPTEMBER 2019**

<b>Payee</b>		<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cheque No</b>
N V H T (room hire)	378	35-00	794
	395	35-00 = 70-00	
C P R E (subs)		50-00	795
SAFETY SIGNS (playground signs) 2118374		41-52	796
J O'CONNER (grass contract) 67502		891-46	797
	66978	891-46	
	67722	891-46 = 2,674.38	
R A L C (subs) 20/2019		80-00	798
LAND LAKE etc (R & R) 2206		60-00	799
CARTRIDGE KING (ink) 1024868745327		27-73	800
	1370219610223	44-20 = 71-93	
SCOUTS (GAS & ELECT FOR LIBRARY)		100-03	801
SAMUEL & SON (SURVEY) 4513		618-36	802
D. JOHNSON (LITTER PICK)		200-00	803
R HARRINGTON-LOWE (SALARY)		1298-11	804

**RECEIPTS**

11-09-2019	MacGregor	CEMETERY	240-00
01-09-2019	R D C	PRECEPT	25,000-00

**DIRECT DEBITS**

CASTLE WATER	CEMETERY	40-16
CASTLE WATER	ALLOTMENTS	-152-91