



**A meeting of the Parish Council held in
the Village Hall, Northiam at
7pm on Thurs 14th DECEMBER 2017**

MINUTES

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cty Cllr Davies (AD); Dist Cllr Mooney (MM);

Regrettably Peter Hayman (PH) had been involved in a collision with a vehicle and was hospitalised, therefore PS apologised on his behalf. The NPC are very concerned for him and will do anything he requires to help speed his recovery once he is out of hospital

2) ATTENDEES:

Dist Cllr Jenkins (IJ); Cllrs, Sargent (PS), Farmer (PF), Harding (JH), Johnson (DJ), Maltby (RM), Pratt (DP), Sitford (GS), Streatfeild (JS), Wontner-Smith (AWS).
Plus 4 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:

The Chairman delivered the following: On Monday I was contacted by Mr Shafi Khan from the Dept. Of Communities, who advised me that as the Blue Cross have delayed the sale of their site until Spring 2018 at the earliest, our application for the loan needs to be withdrawn as we are obliged to hold a second consultation process and then re-apply at the end of the financial year, if the scheme has sufficient support.

This means that the monies from the precept increase this year will be "kept on hold" and that the precept for next year will not include a contribution for this project.

This was submitted as a formal proposal by PS, seconded by DJ and a unanimous vote ensued.

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

- a) Mrs Bowers enquired if there had been any advance on the library proposals, she was informed that ongoing investigations are being carried out by NPC.
- b) Mr Richards enquired if there was a local bye-law prohibiting "door step salesmen" and that there is still an occasional parking problem on an adjacent building site. We will continue to monitor the situation.

6) MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 9th NOVEMBER 2017

Were approved, signed and adopted.

7) REPORTS by PARISH, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

8) AD was absent but had supplied a written report that the Clerk read out, a copy is attached to the Minute Book.

PS reported on a meeting held with ESCC over the library consultation and, if all else fails; it is proposed that NPC will take over the management. He also advised that our planning consultant, Julian Luckett, is in negotiations with RDC regarding footpath access to the war memorial.

JS advised that the application to list The Oast at Blue Cross is ongoing.

DJ reported the partial success of the new litter bin at the bus stop; also he advised that quotes are being sought for works to the swings at the Recreation ground.

PF advised she had reported a "sink hole" in Main St., and was impressed with the speed that ESCC had carried out temporary repairs, to be fully repaired at a later date. She also reported that the road surface in Ghyllside needs ESCC attention - Clerk to report

Action Clerk

DP enquired if there has been any action/reply re the water leak at the allotments from the water company, clerk advised in the negative, Clerk to progress

Action Clerk

IJ advised that it was possible some funding for the swings may be available through RDC and that RDC had won a horticultural award for one of their gardens in Bexhill.

PLANNING:

a) RR/2017/2584/P - Friars Cote, Crockers Lane - replacement existing conservatory. There were no objections

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

10) OTHER PLANNING MATTERS :

a) RR/2017/1536/P - Paxley, Main Street - Appeal Ref:- APP/U1430/D/17/3186475 PF advised that we need to advise the Planning Inspectorate that our views remain unchanged as proposed to this application

Action Clerk

11) VILLAGE MATTERS:

- a) Subsidised 313 Bus service; there has been a change of contractor however the other parishes have declined to continue funding of the subsidy, so NPC have made the same decision
- b) Speed limit - Ewhurst Lane, PS advised the cost of £400 for a speed analysis followed by £500 for a feasibility study and it was resolved that NPC would not finance it at this stage.
- c) Dog & Litter bins - audit still to be carried out
- d) Safety at Village events - PS proposed obtaining portable signs to act as traffic calming whenever an event is being held in the village, this was unanimously supported.

12) CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY CIRCULATED:

13) FINANCE:

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

14) FINANCE, OTHER MATTERS:

- a) New bank accounts - approval is sought for the opening of an account each with Nationwide Building Society and the Unity Bank for the depositing of our escrow accounts- it was proposed by PS and seconded by PF and unanimously supported
- b) PS proposed that, following the recommendation of the Finance sub-committee, we apply for a precept of £50,000, being seconded by PF it was unanimously supported.

15) CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE:

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

PBSargent

Signed.....Date.....11.01.18.....

Cllr. Peter Sargent, Chairman, Northiam Parish Council

PAYMENT LIST 14th DECEMBER 2017

PLEASE SIGN EACH CHEQUE, AND INITIAL EVERY STUB & INVOICE

Payee	Amount	Cheque No
DZD (Xmas lights)	£168-60	580 - Done
ESALC/NALC (subs)	£634-89	581 - Done
Tool Station (Xmas decs.)	£94-58	582 - Done
Petty Cash	£200-00	583 - Done
N V H T (Room hire X 2)	£54-00	584
G C I (Broadband x 2)	£40-82	585
C S I (IT work)	£96-00	586
S L C C (Clerk's Mem'ship)	£147-00	587
A L C C (Do)	£30-00	588
J O'Conner (grass cut)	£891-46	589
D Johnson (litter pick)	£200-00	590
Clerk (salary)	£1045-35	591

Other payments made and credits received

DIRECT DEBITS

RECEIPTS