

# NORTON DISNEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018, in the village hall, followed by the Parish meeting.

**Those attending were:**

## **Parish Councillors**

Vanessa Hall

Clive Moles

Terry Johnson

Pat Gibson

And 10 members of the public

## **The Parish Council Clerk**

M Salmon

## **District Councillors**

Sue Howe

Pat Woodman MBE

## **County Councillor**

Marianne Overton MBE

## **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Mark Fearnley

Police

## **Election of Chair**

Proposed by Cllr T Johnson and seconded by Cllr Pat Gibson, Vanessa Hall was elected as Chair. It was agreed this year to appoint a Vice Chairman. Cllr T Johnson proposed Cllr C Moles, and this nomination was seconded by Cllr Pat Gibson. Cllr C Moles was duly appointed and the Acceptance of office forms were duly signed.

## **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

## **Matters arising**

To calculate the number of new dwellings which have been granted planning permission in the Parish in any given period, NKDC Planning Officers use the village

### **Empty local properties presented by Tinashe, NK Empty Homes Team.**

This, often forgotten, issue was aired by Tinashe who explained what powers the District Council has to gain possession of empty properties, but used as a last resort. An empty dwelling management order can be obtained and used to make improvements to the property in question with subsequent rental income gained, helping to repay capital expenditure.

4 local properties are currently empty and thus fall into NKDCs' remit, and after some discussion and clarification on their occupancy ( or otherwise) Tinashe said he would keep the Parish informed of developments.

### **Future of Phone Box**

This finally past into the Parish ownership on May 9<sup>th</sup>, in which case it needs to be insured ( which it has ) and its future deciding. It was suggested that all the residents who had responded to last autumn's letter concerning the above be invited to a separate meeting to discuss and decide the matter.

### **Cemetery update**

Cllrs Clive Moles & Mark Fearnley gave this and suggested that Hill Holt Wood be contacted & ask them to visit the site to advise on encroaching tree roots & fencing.

### **Financial Matters**

The annual accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, which had meticulously been prepared by Charlie Rudkin, for which grateful thanks on behalf of the Parish are to be conveyed to him, were presented to the meeting. Cllr Terry Johnson proposed they be adopted, seconded by Cllr Clive Moles and signed by the Chair, Vanessa Hall.

It was decided to pay LALC £55 towards annual training for the Clerk / Councillors rather than paying for individual days @ a cost of £25 each.

### **Electronic & Any other Correspondence**

8 e-mails of general information were read out none, including a notification from NKDC that, as from 1<sup>st</sup> June all planning applications will be dealt with electronically.

### **Councillors comments & information**

Cllr Moles raised the subject of the whereabouts of 2 Identical local Historic books.

Alan Haines, who had earlier given the annual parish church report, was forthcoming to having one and its collection was agreed. The other book is still at large.

Cllr Johnson raised 3 issues – Compensation for those residents on Swinderby road who had been affected by Cemex moving minerals from their original plant site to their new site on 'Swinderby airfield'. It was agreed a supporting letter on behalf of the Parish be sent with the claim to Cemex.

A potential problem regarding the operation of the 2 SIDs by Jim Rooke had arisen.

After this had been outlined and discussed it was agreed the issue be referred to the upcoming Cluster meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> to help resolve the matter.

Lastly, the question of which trees in the parish were or should be covered by Tree Preservation Orders was raised and it was agreed an approach be made to an appropriate officer @ NKDC to see if a site visit could be arranged for this to be undertaken.

**Next Meeting**

The date of the next parish meeting was arranged for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed @ 9.30pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_