

NORTON DISNEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19th September 2018 in the Village Hall.

Those attending were:

Parish Councillors

Vanessa Hall

Pat Gibson

Clive Moles

And 10 members of the public.

The Parish Clerk

M Salmon

Apologies for absence

County Cllr Marianne Overton MBE

Cllrs Mark Fearnley and Terry Johnson

The Police

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the parish meeting held on 18th July 2018 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising / Police Report

No Police report was available.

County & District Councillors' Reports

Marianne Overton MBE sent her monthly newsletters for the meeting.

Sue Howe – please see her report attached.

Pat Woodman MBE reported that Whisby Nature Park now has entertainment facilities on the ground floor. There are proposals for a Crematorium site near to Aubourn village. Mention was made of the Well-being service in the District which can be used for assistance during stressful times such as bereavement and will cover a period of up to 12 weeks.

The Councils' planning committee meeting on 4th September passed votes of rejection on both rendering plant applications in the District and these have been sent to the County Council, which have not, as yet, set a date for planning consideration.

Presentation by Nick Feltham

He opened by stating that the Local plan was used as the planning departments' 'bible'.

The main issue for consideration was the apparent discrepancy between the number of 'new build'/ planning applications granted near term by NKDC, which have deemed that 2 applications have been granted against a possible 10, allowing for a 10% growth rate, whereas the Parish

Council believed 9 have been approved.

The difference lies in how the village curtilage is interpreted. NKDC is of the opinion that the MAIN concentration of dwellings should be used as opposed to the Parish boundary. These different interpretations have resulted in the discrepancy.

In discussion it emerged that NKDC may have over-estimated the total number of dwellings within the village curtilage they are using to arrive at a total of allowable applications. Whereas their figure is 111, on a subsequent count undertaken by Cllr Vanessa Hall a total count of 85 was made. We await NKDCs' confirmation of their approval to this figure so that both Councils can in future be sure they are 'singing off the same hymn sheet'

Phone Box

David and Maureen Kendall were warmly thanked for all their work in restoring the phone box to its current pristine condition. It is now 83 years old but looks almost as good as new and the net cost to the Parish, after Breedons' £500 contribution, is £273.18. A plaque thanking the Kendalls, the Breedon Group and X2 Connect for all their work, help and support has been inserted onto the back of the box.

A vote was taken as to whether images of various aspects of the village and surrounding countryside should be displayed in pictorial form inside the phone box, but on a vote by the Parish Councillors in attendance, it was decided to leave it in its present state. It is now used as a village library.

As requested by Breedon, a small ceremony to officially open the phone box was subsequently held on Saturday 20th October.

Bomber County Gateway Trust update

Cllr Clive Moles updated the meeting on progress. £75k has, at the date of the meeting, been raised, which included a £10k contribution from NKDC for which wholesome thanks were given to District Cllrs Sue Howe and Pat Woodman. However another £92k approx. is needed to fully fund the project.

Breedon, to their credit, has offered 24 lorry loads of concrete, and other companies have been approached for either financial/practical help. Insurance is proving to be a thorny and time consuming issue.

Update on Lincoln Protein Ltd.

As reported under District Council matters.

Planning Applications/Decisions

No applications during the period.

Application at Grove Farm, for a glamping site, was granted in the period, whereas the outline application at The Old Workshop was refused.

Financial Report

As at 29th August 2018 funds in the Community account stood at £2295.38, having made payments of £675.60 since the last meeting.

Business Premium account stood at £4227.48 and the Norton Disney Playing Field account at £3560.72.

Councillors comments / AOB

A service of remembrance is to be held in Stapleford on Sunday 11th November at 18.15 hrs followed by the ringing of Norton Disney Church bells.

Fast Broadband can now be accessed close to the Newark Road sign.

Dog fouling in the village was raised as an issue and appropriate new signs were requested.

It was requested that the Clerk speak to Richard Casburn concerning a mound of hedge trimmings cut from the Parish cemetery hedge and ask for it to be removed. Since when this has been done.

Footpath signs were also requested to be erected on the restored land at Tonges Farm. This is the responsibility of Lincolnshire County Council through the Minerals Authority which is overseeing restoration of the site.

Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish meeting was arranged for Wednesday 21st November 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed @ 9 pm

Signed _____

Dated _____