

NORTON DISNEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16th 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 21st 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 'envelope' method ie the area covered by the greatest number of dwellings, rather than the number granted in the whole parish.

To explain this more, Nick Feltham, the Principal Planning Officer is coming to the next meeting on 18th July.

There followed a general discussion on the pro's and con's of a possible local plan for the Parish.

Bomber County Gateway Trust Update

Cllr Moles briefed the meeting. Planning permission for the proposal was unanimously granted by NKDC in April. A 'Ground Cutting' ceremony was held on Brills Farm on 15th May and attended by veterans of the RAF who flew in World War Two. Johnnie Johnson performed the task of 'cutting the first sod of earth' where the plinth will be sited. All in All it was a memorable day and a good start for the project.

Naturally, funding is of paramount importance and after very positive media coverage, as at 16th May funds stood at £55k. At least £100k will be needed. The Parish Council has agreed to give a donation of £500.

Other initiatives are underway which could help greatly to achieve the Trust's ultimate goal.

This has the potential of helping the Tourist Industry locally

Update on Lincoln Protein's planning application

The period for comments/objections has subsequently lapsed with so many sent that the Lincolnshire CC website apparently crashed.

It would appear that the application has already been called in by the County. No date for the hearing is currently known.

Financial Matters

The annual accounts to 31st March 2018 were presented to the meeting. Cllr Terry Johnson proposed they be adopted, seconded by Cllr Clive Moles and signed by the Chair, Vanessa Hall. These have subsequently been put on the website for public scrutiny for the period 2nd July to 10th August.

The national external auditor has changed this year from Grant Thornton to PKF Littlejohn LLP based in London. Smaller Councils with a turnover of less than £25k, can complete and submit an exemption certificate from external audit. This has been done.

Any Other Business

New legislation covering Data Protection became law on 25th May. This covers data held by all local councils. However, because of our Parish's size and thus very limited use of, and exposure to data, it was felt after consideration, that no further action was currently needed but that the issue be kept under review

Councillors comments & information

An update on the question of a Parish bus service was given by our Chair, who told the meeting that PC Coaches conduct a local service and thus they are the company to whom we will have to approach if it is felt worthwhile. Obviously, it would need to be financially viable and the proposed service has to go to Lincs CC for their ultimate decision.

Next Meeting

The date of the next parish meeting was arranged for Wednesday 18th July 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed @ 9.00pm

Signed _____

Dated _____