

NORTON DISNEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19th July 2017, in the village hall.

Those attending were:

Parish Councillors

Vanessa Hall

Clive Moles

Terry Johnson

Pat Gibson

And 12 members of the public, 7 from Stapleford Parish who were invited to hear the presentation by Stuart Ray on behalf of Breedon Group.

The Parish Council Clerk

M Salmon

District Councillors

Sue Howe

Pat Woodman MBE

Apologies for absence

Mark Fearnley

Marianne Overton, County Councillor.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the annual & parish meetings held on 17th May 2017 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

Breedon Presentation

Prior to an application for an extension to the quarry being submitted to Lincolnshire County Council, Stuart Ray outlined their proposals, which predominately affects the residents of Stapleford. However, some restoration near to the plant and Norton Lodge will be brought forward and their original proposals altered so that there will now be 'less water and more vegetation'. A tree screen for the plant/buildings is also proposed.

District Councillors Report

Sue Howe reported that work had started on the Council's new Waste Services Depot @ Metheringham. The District's Building Control team has been selected to take part in national awards this autumn. Numerous activities taking place during the summer & autumn were also mentioned.

Pat Woodman informed the meeting that 99.1% of Business rates and Council tax had been collected, that the Whisby Festival was due week commencing 7th August and the 'Lost Village Festival' due at the end of August was also mentioned.

Cemetery Update

Cllr Moles updated the meeting – Ben Wilson from Hill Holt Wood gave advice on the possibility of tree roots interfering with nearby graves in the future and suggested an oak tree should be felled to alleviate this potential problem. It was also pointed out that local residents were in favour of grass cuttings within the cemetery boundary being collected, rather than left in situ. Since when, Mr Bartlett, who carries out the mowing of the cemetery, has been contacted and requested to collect these in future.

Parish 'Disney' Books

Having obtained one book entitled 'A Story of Disneys, Some Myths Exploded' from Church Councillor Alan Haines, who had expressed an interest in holding it on behalf of the village for safe-keeping and for use in his current role, it was unanimously agreed that his request be granted.

Cllr Moles thought he knew the whereabouts of the other copy, but is subject to verification.

Future of Village phonebox

Residents views on its future were expounded, ranging from being turned into a library, to a 'centre' for historical information. Help in its restoration was also forthcoming.

Both Cemex and Breedon companies had/have been approached for requests to either fund or give donations to its restoration. Breedon have recently offered £500 towards the cost of repairs. Cemex have not, as yet, responded.

Financial Report

As at 30th June funds in the Community account stood at £3016.90, having made payments during the month of £183.92 for insurance premiums, £14 for Village Hall hire and £121.20 payment to the Clerk covering May & June.

Business Premium account stood at £4222.52 and the Norton Disney Playing Field account at £3537.12.

It was agreed that a £200 annual donation be made to Norton Disney Church funds and that the Clerk look at improving the return on funds in the Business Premium account.

Councillors comments, aob, e-correspondence

10 e-mails were received in the period, 8 of general information, 1 relating to a planning application relating to The Old Workshop and 1 relating to The Local Plan, a hard copy of which the Clerk collected just prior to the meeting.

It was requested that a letter be sent to Anglian Water asking for their views concerning extending the mains sewer on Newark road.

A resident, Mrs Fletcher, of Roselea, Newark Road brought to the meetings' attention concerns about the possible storage of asbestos type materials in buildings situated at the Turkey Farm adjoining Roselea. A meeting was scheduled on July 21st between the owner of the buildings and an Environmental Officer from NKDC.

Separately to this issue, it emerged that Mrs Fletcher had experienced poor relations with her landlord and had asked for help to try to resolve these from various sources including NKDC.

The Tree Preservation Order issue was again raised, the Clerk having met with superficial scant regard to its importance in the parish, when raised with a Tree Officer in the District Council. Cllrs Vanessa Hall and Clive Moles volunteered to undertake further research on this matter.

Next Meeting

The date of the next parish meeting was arranged for Wednesday 20th September 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed @ 9.45pm

Signed _____

Dated _____