

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 11th November, 2019.

PRESENT: Councillors Pauline Lawton-Hughes (Chairman), Linda Scott (Vice-Chairman), Jarred Livesey, Rob Mackey, Alison Brebner, Chris Ruddle, John Carlin, and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Received from Councillors Alan Watkin, Linda Deane, Paul Ashley, Marion Bateman, Rachel Hayward and Jo Millar

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest from Members were received

2. POLICE MATTERS

There were no updates by the PCSO nor issues raised by members at the meeting.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting of the 14th October, 2019 were confirmed as a true record subject to an amendment:

Page 4 – Item 10 - Amendment to time for clarification: “An Awareness Session will take place at 4.45pm on 26th October at the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall”

Matters arising

None.

4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

A number of issues were raised:

- The 30-mile limit sign approaching Northop from the direction of the roundabout is on a tilt and needs to be straightened.
- Northop to Sychdyn road, 45% of the gully's are blocked, creating a huge puddle across the road, which is a safety issue.
- Northop, High St, the gully is blocked on the left side before the Post Office.
- Northop, High St, Rubbish collection day, rubbish is going on the floor and being left.

The above to be reported to FCC to request remediation.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) The following planning application was considered and observations agreed to be submitted to Flintshire County Council's (FCC) Head of Planning:

(i) **060577** – PROPOSAL: Erection of new extensions to rear and side of existing property at Greenbank Cottage, Greenbank Lane, Sychdyn, Mold, CH7 6ES. The Council had no objection to the proposed development.

(b) Council received and noted information from Flintshire County Council's Head of Planning on planning applications on which the Council has previously submitted observations.

(i) **060338** – Delegated Officer Approval 10/10/2019. Proposed side and rear extension, loft conversion and detached garage at Penrhyn, Blackbrook Road, Sychdyn, Mold, CH7 6LT.
(No objection by Northop C.C.)

(ii) **060459** – Delegated Officer Approval 11/10/2019. Application for approval of details reserved by condition no 3 (Materials) attached to planning permission ref. 060096 at Coachmans Cottage, Hall Lane, Sychdyn, Mold, CH7 6AD.
(No objection by Northop C.C.)

6. ACCOUNTS

(a) Payment of the following accounts were approved:

- (i) Clerk's salary, November 2019 = £312.85 (net)
(cheque no. 2167) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (ii) HMRC – Income Tax £110.20 Clerk's salary November 2019
(cheque no. 2168) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iii) Clwyd Pension Fund Employers & Employees' Pension contribution for Clerk, 5 months backdated July to November 2019, ER's £580.59, EE's £160.45. Total £741.04.
(cheque no. 2175) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iv) Jim's Mowing Grass Cutting on 16th and 30th October, £120.00
(cheque no. 2180) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (v) TDM Drainage Ltd, Remedial work & Maintenance to Northop Car Park gully, 2 Invoices £108 x 2 totalling £216.00
(cheque no.2174) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (vi) Compacc Complete Accountancy Service UK Ltd. Payroll services Oct 2019 to March 2020, £54.00
(cheque no.2173) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (vii) Information Commissioner, Data Protection Fee, £40.00
(cheque no.2172) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (viii) Flintshire County Council, Invoice, Street lighting Energy, August to September 2019, £312.70 (cheque no 2176) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)
- (ix) Flintshire County Council, Invoice, Street lighting, upgrading work-8 bracketed street lights, Blackbrook, Sychdyn 2019, £850 x 8 and Traffic Management £350, Total £7150.00
(cheque no 2178) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)
- (x) Flintshire County Council, Invoice, contribution towards summer playscheme 2019. 3 x weeks Northop & Sychdyn £2747.90
(cheque no 2177) (Local Government Act 2000, s.2)

(b) Having received copies of current audited accounts the following grant payments were made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:

- (i) Northop Silver Band (£500) (cheque no.2170) – Agreed 14/10/19
- (ii) Sychdyn Memorial Hall (£1,500) (cheque no.2171) – Agreed 14/10/19
- (iii) Northop Churchyard Fund (£1,000) (cheque no.2179) – Agreed 14/10/19

and under Section 142 (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972:

- (v) Flintshire Citizen's Advice Bureau (£100) (cheque no. 2169) – Agreed 14/10/19

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

- (a) Northop Car Park - Gully
Council considered the assessment of the gully and authorised the necessary remedial work to be done.
- (b) Northop Car Park – Tree Management
Cllr Mackey provided an update.
 - Council considered and agreed in principle the removal of the major pine tree, dependent on what consents are needed and costs of removal.
 - Council considered and agreed in principle on grounds of health and safety the cutting back of shrubs and branches around the car park dependent on advice and approval.

The Clerk to contact FCC for guidance and information: on planning consents and approved list of contractors.

8. TRAFFIC MATTERS

Speeding Vehicles on the B5126

Cllr Brebner recapped upon the issue of speeding vehicles on the B5126 between the Coleg Cambria Site and Northop Village, an ongoing issue. FCC highways have been previously contacted to ask what can be done to alleviate speeding. Cllr Brebner has offered to meet with Highways Officer to progress this issue, which is of great community concern. The Clerk to again contact FCC Highways and seek proposals of how this can be remedied.

9. UPDATE ON THE A55/A494/A548 DEESIDE CORRIDOR PROJECT

None to report.

10. WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

Council agreed and approved the changes to the way the Website is maintained and approved the annual costs.

11. FOR INFORMATION

Cllr John Carlin requested “Bus Services” be added as an agenda item at the next Council meeting which is 9th December.

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL’S
CODE OF CONDUCT**

COUNCIL MEETING	DATE: 11th NOVEMBER 2019
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
	None	

Chairman’s Signature..... **Date**.....