

## **NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Chris Ruddle (Chairman), Linda Deane (Vice-Chairman), , Alison Brebner, John Carlin, Rachel Hayward, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey, Geoff Pierce, Linda Scott, and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** Received from Councillors Marion Bateman, Jo Millar and Alan Watkins

#### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declaration of Interest were made:

#### **2. POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Stephanie Jones had sent apologies for not being able to attend the meeting but e-mailed an update to the Clerk to share with members. The update noted two incidents in Northop – a drug offence and a report of a suspicious circumstance involving a young male knocking on a door asking for water. Following concerns relating to parking on Northop High Street, outside the Edith Bankes Hall on double-yellow lines and across the entrance to Pilgrims Close, PCSO Jones had included these areas in her local patrol plan and would continue to monitor the location.

Cllr Brebner expanded on PCSO's update regarding speed surveys along the B5126 by the College Campus, noting that 11 households had completed Community Concern feedback forms regarding excessive speeds along the stretch of road in question. GoSafe asked PCSO Jones to undertake a further week-long speed survey in order to ascertain a more accurate average speed. Unfortunately at the time, the local speed guns were being recalibrated. PCSO Jones undertook to keep Cllr. Brebner informed of developments.

Members were advised that Inspector Bowcott's secondment to another role within the North Wales Police Force had been extended for a further period of four months. Therefore, w.e.f. 5.6.2017, Inspector Darren Whibberley had taken over the District Inspector post in Flintshire South and Sergeant Geraint Richards had reverted to Support Sergeant. The Clerk to forward the informing e-mail to all Members.

#### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were confirmed as a true record.

#### **4. STREETSCENE ISSUES**

No faults were reported. It was noted that the bracketed lights along Church Road, Northop had been upgraded but that the column light remained in place. Members had previously approved the replacement of both the bracketed lights and if necessary, the lighting column. The Clerk to clarify the situation with Flintshire Streetscene Services.

## 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) No planning application, for consideration and observations, had been received from Flintshire County Council's (FCC) Head of Planning.

(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) **057026** - Delegated Officer Refusal 19/6/17. Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission ref. 055541 at Bryn Seion Chapel, Bryn Seion Lane, Sychdyn.

(ii) **057075** – Delegated Officer Approval 19/6/17. Application for non-material amendment to planning permission ref. 055903 at 15 Manor Park, Sychdyn, Mold, CH7 6EQ.

(c) Council received and noted information from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the dismissal of the appeal ref. **APP/A6835/1/17/3171383** – Land east of Northop Brook, Capel y Nant, Northop, CH7 6AW. The appeal was made by Mr. & Mrs. McCaddon following refusal by Flintshire County Council of the application for the erection of 17 dwellings and associated infrastructure and access.

## 6. ACCOUNTS

The following payment of the following accounts were approved:

- (i) Gwen Smith – Clerk's salary for July 2017 £326.65 (net)  
(Cheque No. 1995) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £81.60  
in respect of Clerk's salary July 2017  
(Cheque No. 1996) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iii) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 6th and 21<sup>th</sup> June, also cutting of  
roadside hedge, totalling £160.00  
(Cheque No. 1997) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (iv) Thomas Fattorini Ltd – supply of Chairman's staple £56.47  
(Cheque No. 1999) (Local Government Act 1972 – Section 111)
- (v) Sychdyn Friendship Club – Grant of £250.00  
(Cheque No. 2000) (Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972)
- (vi) Flintshire County Council – Payment of May 2017 invoice totalling  
£266.04 comprising:
  - Street Lighting = £186.04
  - Inspection and Maintenance = £80.00(Cheque No. 2001) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)

## 7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) **Illegal parking on Northop High Street** (Cllr. L. Scott)  
Cllr. Scott reported that there had been a number of illegal parking incidents in Northop including an incident when a vehicle was parked on the High Street but blocking the entrance to Pilgrims' Close. PCSO Jones had now included this area in her patrol plan. Residents to be encouraged to report any repeat of this incident to the Police.

## **8. SUMMARY OF EXENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2018 (AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017)**

Members received the Clerk's quarterly financial monitoring report noting no unexpected variance from the annual budget finalised at the April Council meeting. Members were advised that as at 30.6.17, the balance of the Current Account was £20,653.73 and that of Business Reserve Account was £16,562.40. This reserve is in line with audit recommendations.

## **9. CONSULTATION BY NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY – DEVELOPING THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE FOR THE FUTURE**

Members agreed a response to the Consultation as follows:

### **Question 1**

Members considered that a combination of educational campaigns would bring about a further reduction in the number of accidental dwelling fires and provide support to future generations of people to stay safe if they are ever confronted by an accidental dwelling fire:

- stressing the importance of fire safety plans for families and how to identify and deal with risks
- making fire prevention and fire safety plans part of the educational curriculum so that primary school and high school children are regularly reminded of their importance.
- providing support for personal safety plans and so identifying lifestyle risks
- stressing that no two dwellings/lifestyles are the same and therefor the need to consider fire safety in unique circumstances
- making good use of the economic benefits of the use of Facebook and Twitter to further promote fire safety in a way that resonates with young peoples.

### **Question 2**

Council members considered that new Authority should increase the financial contributions from the county council in order to fund the fire and rescue service (option (a)).

### **Question 3**

Council members considered that there may be potential for fire and rescue service to take on new roles in the community associated with fire prevention / education but that the cores service should not be compromised in doing so.

The Clerk to forward the Council's response by the closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

## **10. REMEMBRANCE POPPIES**

(a) Council resolved to accept Flintshire County Council's offer to supply, free of charge, ceramic poppies to be affixed to lampposts to line the route of any Remembrance Day parade. The High Street, Northop was identified as a suitable site.

(b) It was agreed that two wreaths should be purchased on behalf of the Council and that an additional donation of £10 should be made to the Poppy Appeal (total cost of £50).

## **11. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- (a) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk agreed to meet at 7:00pm on 2.8.17 to deal with any urgent matters during the summer recess.
- (b) The Clerk to canvass Cllrs. Bateman, Dean and Lawton-Hughes for suitable dates to arrange a meeting of the Standing Orders Task and Finish Group.
- (c) It was noted that the next full Council meeting will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 7.00pm at the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall.

## **12. FOR INFORMATION**

- (a) Former Community Councillor John Roberts had e-mailed an update on the upgrading work to the PRoW footpath at Springy Lane and advised that it was anticipated that the work will be undertaken this summer. Mr. Roberts would report back further on progress to arrange a visit by the Chairman. Northop Community Council will be contributing £500 towards the improvement scheme.
- (b) Members were advised of the Active Travel Consultation currently being undertaken by Flintshire County Council and to note that the matter would be considered as an agenda item in September.
- (c) **Community Defibrillator**  
Council was advised that the Trustees of Capel Bryn Seion were in the process of gifting three defibrillators to be sited around Sychdyn village - at the school, the village hall and at the bowling green. Members welcomed the news.

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

<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>	<b>DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MIN. NO. REFERS</b>
None		