

## **NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Edith Bankes Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Geoff Pierce (Chairman), Chris Ruddle (Vice-Chairman), Haydn Bateman, Marion Bateman, John Carlin, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey, Joanne Millar, Jos Wynn-Williams and the Clerk. Mr. Michael Moriarty attended until the close of agenda item 5.

**APOLOGIES** – Received from Councillors Linda Deane, John Roberts and Alan Watkin.

### **MR. MICHAEL MORIARTY OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL WALES GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE WORK OF THE ORGANISATION.**

Mr Moriarty gave a detailed presentation on the establishment, structure, aims and management of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW). Mr. Moriarty also provided advice on the services provided by CPRW with particular reference to the formulation of current Local Development Plans and responses to controversial planning applications which may seek to exploit the current perceived shortage of residential development land in Wales.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Moriarty for his advice and support.

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

No Declarations of Interest were made.

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

Members received an e-mail report from PCSO Amy Hughes concerning a sighting of two males trying car doors to see if any were unlocked. One male was arrested. Residents were reminded to keep their cars and garages locked when not attended.

Members were also advised that the new PSCO for the area will be Dan Stanton.

#### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were confirmed as a true record subject to the amendment of the date of the meeting and the sentence at the foot of page 1:

“Cllr. M. Bateman advised that Mold Town Council was aiming to raise £25,000 for the Mayor’s charity for the provision of defibrillators in the area.”

#### **Matters Arising**

**Defibrillators** – Mold Town Council confirmed that additional defibrillators could be purchased via the Town Council for £1,000. The Town Council were not aware of costings/availability for exterior cabinets to house defibrillators.

**Gully Cleaning (Item 13.)** It was confirmed that the gullies between the driveway of Lower Soughton Hall and Sychdyn had been cleared by Flintshire County Council.

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

No lighting faults were reported.

#### **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- (i) **ECH/055555** – PROPOSAL: Erection of 17 dwellings and associated infrastructure and access at Land South East of Northop Brook, The Green, Northop, CH7 6BE.

The Council resolved unanimously to object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

- Impact on residential amenity in terms of over dominance in an area of open land.
- Impact on the character and appearance of an area in terms of the location, design, appearance and intensity of the development. The proposed development is outside the village envelope and within sight of a number of Grade II listed buildings.
- Impact on highway safety in that access to the development via Capel y Nant would increase traffic use of two difficult junctions with poor visibility at either end of Capel y Nant.
- Impact on community facilities in so far as the village has already been overburdened with new development under the UDP.
- Planning policies and proposals and Government planning advice on Environmental issues, Flood Prevention, Habitat Protection and Speculative Development.

The Clerk to draft an appropriate response to Flintshire County Council and consult with Mr. Moriarty of CPRW before despatch.

- (ii) **MS/055531** – PROPOSAL: Scoping request to allow the disposal of Stable Non-Reactive Hazardous Waste (asbestos) in the approved inert wedge of Parry's at Parrings Quarry, Pinfold Lane, Alltami.

The Council had no comment to make on the proposals.

- (iii) **DJM/055508** – PROPOSAL: Erection of a two storey dwelling at Lilac Cottage, Ffordd Eldon, Sychdyn, Mold.

The Council had no objection in principle to the proposals but raise concerns regarding access to the site directly from an awkward T-junction.

(iv) **ADW/055541** – PROPOSAL: Partial demolition and conversion of redundant chapel to dwelling Bryn Seion Chapel, Bryn Seion Lane, Sychdyn.

The Council had no objection to the proposals.

(iv) **KCS/055612** – PROPOSAL: Re-modelling and extensions, erection of garage and temporary siting of caravan at Top Yr Allt Cottage Blackbrook Road, Sychdyn

The Council had no objection to the proposals.

(b) The Council accepted correspondence from Flintshire County Council's Head of Planning regarding planning applications on which the Council had previously submitted observations.

(i) **JZP/055352**– Delegated Officer Approval 14/6/16. Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension at Orchard House, Flint Road, Northop, CH7 6BR.

## **6. ACCOUNTS**

The Council resolved to approve the payment of the following accounts:-

- (a) Gwen Smith – Clerk's salary for July 2016 = £310.30 (net)
- (b) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £77.60 in respect of Clerk's salary July 2016
- (c) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 6th and 21<sup>th</sup> June, also cutting of roadside hedge, totalling £160.00.
- (d) Flintshire County Council – 2 composite invoices totalling £508.54:
  - Electricity consumption April-May 2016 = £323.54
  - Inspection and maintenance of street lighting April-June 2016 = £185.00

## **7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS**

(a) **County Forum** (Cllr. P. Lawton-Hughes/Cllr. C. Ruddle)

Cll. Lawton-Hughes provided feedback from the County Forum meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> June as summarised in the report received by Council.

(b) **Poppy Wreaths** (Cllr. L. Deane)

It was agreed that 2 wreaths should be purchased on behalf of the Council.

(c) **South Flintshire Police Consultation Meeting** (Cllr. J. Carlin)

Cllr. Carlin provided feedback from the Consultation Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> July which included:

- Statistics relating to an upward spike in reported crime in the Flintshire Area
- An increase in anti-social behaviour of some 7.5% in the Caergwrle and Hope areas
- The re-instatement of the OWL service, however this was now subject to a tendering process
- Confirmation of the local policing aims of engagement, education and enforcement.

**8. SUMMARY OF EXENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2017 (AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016)**

The report of the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer was received noting that budgeting for the financial year was on target.

**9. COMMUNITY DEFIBRIILLATORS**

The Clerk to contact Mrs. J. Blackwell regarding the Cricket Club's contribution to a community defibrillator. The matter to be raised again at the September meeting.

**10. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (FCC) CONSULTATION: REVISED SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE NOTE NO. 23 – DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION**

The Council was supporting of the proposed revision to Flintshire County Council's Planning Guidance Note No.23.

**11. SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS' 2016 CONFERENCE FOR WALES\*\***

Attendance by the Clerk at the Conference in Llandudno on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September was approved.

**12. THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk would meet at 7.00pm on Thursday 11th August to deal with any urgent matters. Venue to be confirmed. The next full Council meeting would be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm at the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall.

**13. FOR INFORMATION**

**(a) Adoption of the revised model Code of Conduct** – The Clerk had received confirmation from FCC that a Notice has been posted in the Press confirming the adoption of the Code of Conduct by Northop Community Council and other Town & Community Councils.

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

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE: 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MIN. NO. REFERS</b>
None.	None.	