

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 12th September, 2016.

PRESENT: Councillors Geoff Pierce (Chairman), Chris Ruddle (Vice-Chairman), Haydn Bateman, John Carlin, Linda Deane, Joanne Millar, John Roberts, Alan Watkin, and the Clerk. PCSO Dan Stanton was present until the conclusion of Agenda Item 2.

APOLOGIES – Councillors Marion Bateman, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey and Jos Wynne-Williams.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was made:

- Cllr. Geoff Pierce – President of Northop Cricket Club [Agenda Item 5 (a) (iii) – Planning Applications]

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Dan Stanton explained the recent re-structure of PCSO roles and his responsibility for the Northop village area. Sychdyn village area would be covered by a PCSO based in the Mold area. PCSO Stanton to advise the Clerk of Sychdyn PCSO contact details in due course.

PCSO Stanton was advised by members of yet another incident of a car being driven the wrong way through the one-way system at the top of the High Street, Northop. The PCSO undertook to monitor this area. The Clerk to request that Flintshire County Council re-locate the 'no-left turn' sign along the B5126 to be closer to the High Street exit of the one-way system.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the 11th July 2016 was accepted as a correct record.

Matters Arising

ITEM 3 – Confirmation received that training in the use of defibrillators would be available as part of the purchase package via Mold Town Council.

ITEM 7 (b) – Cllr. L. Deane would bring two poppy wreaths to the October meeting, in readiness for attendance at the Remembrance Services.

ITEM 9. – Community Defibrillators to be brought forward to the October meeting for consideration.

4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

Northop

Lamp shade of lantern hanging from light opposite Fairbourne, The Green, Northop. The Clerk to report for urgent repair.

Sychdyn

None reported.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

(i) **RMH/055775 – PROPOSAL:** Erection of a Crematorium with associated car parking, new access, landscaping and Garden of Rest at Land east of A5119 and south of Tyddyn Starkey, Starkey Lane, Northop, CH7 6DG.

The Council resolved to object to the above proposals on the following grounds:

- It is contrary to the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan Policy GEN4.
- The crematorium would impact on the character and appearance of the area resulting in the loss of, and unacceptable harm, to the openness of the green barrier.
- It would increase the volume of traffic, impacting on residential amenity and road safety.
- The outcome of the planning appeal (17.8.2016) by Memoria Ltd., supported the development of a crematorium on an alternative site at Northop Hall and this decision is a relevant planning consideration.

(ii) **RMH/055912 – PROPOSAL:** Listed Building application for the conversion of School wing into 2 dwellings and refurbishment of existing school house. Demolition of curtilage storage buildings and boundary, at The School House, The Green, Northop, CH7 6BD.

The Council resolved to support the above development of The School House to ensure that it is finally brought back into use.

Having declared an interest, the Chairman, Cllr. Geoff Pierce, left the meeting room and the Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Chris Ruddle officiated for the following item.

(iii) **RMH/055807 – PROPOSAL:** Demolition and relocation of existing cricket pavilion with associated parking and erection of 91no. dwellings, associated infrastructure and landscaping at Northop Cricket Club, Flint Road, Northop.

The Council received a short presentation by the owners of the above land and after due consideration, resolved unanimously to objection to the proposed development on the following grounds:

- It is contrary to the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan Policy GEN4.
- The development would impact on the character and appearance of the village resulting in the loss of, and unacceptable harm, to the openness of the green barrier and to the character of the village.

- The development would constitute an unacceptable increase in the number of dwellings in the village, totally out of proportion with its present size and adjacent to a Conservation Area.
- The development would place a substantial strain on local infrastructure and services.
- It would increase the volume of traffic, impacting on residential amenity and road safety and would put an additional strain on the adjacent A55 junction.

After the conclusion of item 5.(a)(iii), the Chairman returned to Chair the meeting.

(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) **BMK/055914** – Delegated Officer Approval 6/9/16. Application for non-material amendment to planning permission ref: 051730 at Lislea House, Church Road, Northop, CH7 6BS.

6. ACCOUNTS

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

- (i) Gwen Smith – £462.98 comprising of:
- Clerk's salary for September 2016 plus ¼ of Annual Allowance of £90.00 (1.6.16 - 31.8.16) = £382.30 (net)
 - Quarterly internet rental (1.6.16 - 31.8.16) £48.00
 - Quarterly contribution to telephone calls (1.6.16 - 31.8.16) £25.00
 - Partial reimbursement of photocopying, printing materials, postage and stationary costs (1.6.16 - 31.8.16) £7.68
- (Cheque No. 1939) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £95.60 in respect of Clerk's salary for September 2016 plus ¼ of Annual Allowance (1.6.16 - 31.8.16)
(Cheque No. 1940) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iii) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 3rd and 17th August totalling £110.00.
(Cheque No. 1941) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (iv) Edith Bankes Memorial Hall – Hire of hall for 11 meetings 2015/16 = £137.50
(Cheque No. 1942) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (v) Delfryn Designs (Mr. P. G. Parsons) – Website domain name registration and hosting (28/10/16 - 27/10/17), £105.00
(Cheque No. 1943) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (vi) Flintshire County Council = £298.02
- Electricity consumption July 2016 = £161.77
 - Inspection and maintenance July 2016 = £136.25
- (Cheque No. 1944) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)

(b) The Council resolved to approve the payments made in August 2016 of the following accounts:

- (i) Gwen Smith – Clerk's salary for August 2016 = £310.30 (net)
(Cheque No. 1935) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)

- (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £77.60 in respect of Clerk’s salary August 2016 (Cheque No. 1936) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iii) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 4th and 18th July totalling £110.00. (Cheque No. 1937) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (iv) Flintshire County Council = £241.77
 - Electricity consumption June 2016 = £161.77
 - Inspection and maintenance June 2016 = £80.00 (Cheque No. 1938) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) Noticeboard on Northop Car Park (Cllr. G. Pierce)

The Chairman and Council wish to see the walking map reinstated. The current use of the remaining stand as an unofficial notice board is unacceptable. The Clerk to contact Neil Hickie to arrange for a replacement map panel to be installed.

(b) Dog Fouling (Cllr. L. Deane)

Cllr. Dean reported that there was a significant problem with dog fouling on Church Road and in the church yard (despite there being a dog bin at the old entrance to the Cricket Club). The Clerk to request patrols by Flintshire County Council’s Dog Wardens. The Church would also take action.

8. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016

Members received the External Auditor e-mailed Certification of the Council's Annual Return 2014/15.

9. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bring forward to next meeting to consider further investigation of the option for involvement in Flintshire County Council’s Age Friendly Community Development Scheme.

10. PLAY AREA GRANT SCHEME 2016/17

The Clerk to seek assurance from Flintshire County Council that the playareas in both Northop and Sychdyn would continue to be managed by Flintshire County Council.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNTY FORUM – 27th OCTOBER

Cllr. C. Ruddle to attend the County Forum. The Clerk to advise Cllr. P. Lawton-Hughes. No agenda items were proposed.

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

COUNCIL MEETING	DATE: 12th SEPTEMBER 2016
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
Cllr. Geoff Pierce	Agenda Item 5 (a) (iii) – Planning Applications	5(a)(iii)