

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Edith Bankes Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 13th July, 2015.

PRESENT: Councillors Marion Bateman (Chairman), Geoff Pierce (Vice-Chairman), Haydn Bateman, Linda Deane, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey, Chris Ruddle, Jos Wynn-Williams, Tony Sharps and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES – Received from Councillors John Carlin, Joanne Millar, John Roberts and Alan Watkin.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made.

2. POLICE MATTERS

Members heard a report of a break-in at Greenbank Lane, Sychdyn.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting of the 8th June 2015 were confirmed as a true record.

Matters Arising

7.(a) The Chairman advised that Flintshire County Council would consider matchfunding any contributions from both Sychdyn Corporation Fields Committee and Northop Community Council jointly, to upgrade the Sychdyn play area. Also that over £10,000 was available from Section 106 funds to upgrade the Northop play area.

4. STREET LIGHTING

The light at Yacht Terrace, Northop was still problematic; off all night but lit during the day. The Clerk to pursue.

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) **ADW/053811** – PROPOSAL: Outline application for the erection of a dwelling at land side of The Spinney, The Green, Northop, CH7 6BD.

The Council had no objection to the proposals.

(ii) **KCS/053858** – PROPOSAL: Erection of two storey extension to side dwelling and erection of a single storey rear extension at 4 Pant Glas, Sychdyn, CH7 6SY.

The Council had no objection to the proposals.

(iii) **BMK/053778** – PROPOSAL: Demolition of single storey side extension of two storey side and rear extension, formation of new vehicular access and driveway at Plantation View, Vownog, Soughton,

The Council had no objection to the proposals.

(iv) **KCS/053906** – PROPOSAL: Erection of single storey rear extension at 43 Blackbrook Road, Sychdyn, CH7 6LT.

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) **ADW/053646**– Delegated Officer Approval 12/6/15. Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension, single storey side extension, detached repement garage with office over and relocation of conservatory at Astbury House, The Green, Northop, CH7 6BB.

(ii) **JZF/053670** – Committee Approval 1/7/15. Proposal: Alterations and extension to Pen Y Bryn Bungalow, 17 Pen Y Bryn, Soughton, CH7 6EE.

(ii) **RMH/052334** – Members were advised that the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the proposed construction of a new crematorium, associated car parking, new access, landscaping and gardens of remembrance by J.E. Davies & Son at land south of Tyddyn Starkey, Starkey Lane, Northop, CH7 6DG, had been withdrawn.

6. **ACCOUNTS**

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

- (a) Gwen Smith – Clerk's salary for July 2015 = £310.30 (net)
(Cheque No. 1871) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (b) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £77.60
in respect of Clerk's salary July 2015
(Cheque No. 1872) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (c) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 1st, 15th and 29th June, totalling £165.00.
- (d) Jim's Mowing – Hedge cutting on 7th July, totalling £50.00.
(Composite cheque No. 1873) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (e) Flintshire County Council – 3 composite invoices totalling £882.36:
 - Electricity consumption April-June 2015 = £485.31
 - Inspection and maintenance of street lighting April-June 2015 = £397.05
(Cheque No. 1874) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)
- (f) Paul Ashley Building Contractor – repair to car park wall and bus shelter roof totalling £850.00
(Cheque No. 1875) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)

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 25th June:

(i) **Local Access Forum** – The Improvement Plan for Safe Cycling and Walking sought to improve links with Town and Community Councils. Limited budget would restrict action on unkept road verges. The Local Access Forum would be reviewing it's website presence.

(ii) **Local Development Plan (LDP)** – Candidate Sites within the Register would be assessed on an individual basis during the remainder of 2015.

(iii) **Community Asset Transfers' Programme** – There would be a re-launch of the Programme. Following 255 expressions of interest, of which 65 were formal, 5 had been completed. Flintshire County Council had £500,000 of funding available, each year, to facilitate transfers during the current and the next financial years. Matchfunding for play areas would be available in 2016/17.

(iv) **Streetscene** – Concerns had been raised about the lack of Health & Safety training for casual staff. The County Council explained that seven day working for refuse collection was the most cost effective way of securing value for money from the expensive vehicles in use.

(v) **Speed Limits** – Forum members were advised that a review of speed limits was currently underway.

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

It was agreed that Cllr. Deane would order 2 wreaths on behalf of the Council.

(c) The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (Cllr. J. Carlin)

Consideration of membership of this and other organisations was deferred until the September meeting.

8. SUMMARY OF EXENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2016 (AS AT 30th JUNE 2015)**

The report of the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer was received.

9. IMPROVEMENTS TO CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS – MATCH FUNDING SCHEME

Members were advised that Flintshire County Council had reviewed provision at Ffordd Owen play area, Northop and that a new climbing frame had been recommended. Members approved a grant of £1,000 to the Sychdyn Coronation Fields Committee towards the purchase of new play equipment.

10. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP)

To Clerk to proceed with the Council's response to the LDP Candidate Sites Register.

11. THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was confirmed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk would meet at the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall at 7.00pm on 17 August to deal with any urgent matters.

The next full Council meeting would be on Monday 14th September at 7.00pm at the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall.

At the close of the meeting the Chairman congratulated Cllr. T. Sharps on completing 44 years of service as a County Councillor. During that time he served on Holywell Rural Council, Delyn Borough Council, Clwyd County Council and laterly Flintshire County Council. Cllr. Sharps had also served on Northop Community Council for over 50 years.

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

COUNCIL MEETING	DATE: 13th JULY 2015
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
None.	None.	