

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 11th June, 2018.

PRESENT: Councillors Chris Ruddle (Chairman), Linda Deane (Vice-Chairman), Paul Ashley, Alison Brebner, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey, Linda Scott and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. John Carlin, Jo Millar, Rachel Hayward, Marion Bateman and Alan Watkin.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made.

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Jones was unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr. Brebner reported that GoSafe were no longer responding to her e-mails on the issue of speeding vehicles on the B5126. Members resolved that a letter of complaint regarding the continued delays in action by GoSafe, be sent to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales. Cllr. Brebner and the Clerk to liaise on the matter.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting of the 14th May 2018 were confirmed as a true record subject to the change in the years noted for those present at the meeting.

Matters Arising

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- Immediately after the May meeting, the Highways Agency had advised of their scheduled work to clear litter from J33 and J33A of the A55.
- It was reported that the grass verges by Parkgate Farm, Northop were still overgrown.
- Concerns were raised at the appearance of a hole in the road, some 8" in diameter near to the junction of Raikes Lane and Blackbrook.
- The Clerk to arrange a meeting with Mr. Harris of Flintshire County Council (FCC) so that the Chairman and Cllr. Ashley could raise concerns regarding the day-to-day running of the Ffordd Eldon Development Site, including hours of work and the routes taken by construction traffic.

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Cllr. Mackey would draft a letter of concern regarding the approval to prune an oak tree at Foxfield Close, Northop (Ref. 058025), for the Clerk to forward to FCC.

4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

(a) Concerns were raised about the overgrown grass verges and reduced visibility at the following junctions:

- Alltami Road and Vownog
- Alltami Road and A5119
- Penybryn and A5119
- The slip road in Northop between the A5119 and B5126
- Traffic light crossroads at Northop.

The Clerk to report to FCC.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

(i) **AJD/058425** – Proposal: Proposed first floor extension, loft conversion, extension (Front & Rear) and internal modifications and erection of garage, at Garth, Black Brook, Soughton, CH7 6LT.

The Council had no objection to the proposal.

(ii) **CXK/058399** – Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and erection of new garage in a new location to match original, at The Coach House, Hall Lane, Sychdyn, CH7 6AD.

The Council had no objection to the proposal.

(iii) **ADW/058211** – Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and rear flat room room, proposed rear Orangery at Rose Lea, London Road, Sychdyn, CH7 6EL.

The Council had no objection to the proposal.

(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) **058132** - Delegated Officer Approval 24/4/18. Proposed detached double garage at The Mill House, Tŷ'n y Caeau Farm, Northop Road, Northop, CH7 6BE.

(ii) **057428** – Delegated Officer Approval 4/5/18. Application for approval of details reserved by condition Nos. 3 (Materials), 10 (Construction Traffic Management Plan), 12 (Landscaping), 14 (Tree/Hedgerow Protection), 15 (Land Contamination), 16 (Drainage), 17 (Levels), 18 (Wat's Dyke Exclusion Zone) & 20 (Play Equipment/Open Space) attached to planning permission 054548. Land at Ffordd Eldon, Soughton, Mold.

(iii) **057429** – Delegated Officer Approval 4/5/18. Application for the approval of details reserved by condition nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 21 & 22 attached to planning permission ref. 054548. Land at Ffordd Eldon, Soughton, Mold.

(c) The Clerk to contact Mr. Harris of FCC.

6. ACCOUNTS

- (a) The payment of the following accounts was approved:
- (i) Gwen Smith – £630.14 comprising of:
 - Clerk's salary for June 2018 plus $\frac{1}{4}$ of Annual Allowance (1.3.18 - 31.5.18) = £398.65 (net)
 - Quarterly internet rental (1.3.18 - 31.5.18) £48.00
 - Quarterly contribution to telephone calls (1.3.18 - 31.5.18) £25.00
 - Reimbursement of photocopying, printing materials, postage and stationary costs (1.3.18 - 31.5.18) £158.49
 - (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £99.60 in respect of Clerk's salary for June 2018 plus $\frac{1}{4}$ of Annual Allowance (1.3.18 - 31.5.18)
 - (iii) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 9th and 23rd May totalling £110.00

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

Chairman's Badge – Ribbon (Cllr. L. Deane)

The Chairman reported that the black mourning ribbon to hold the Chairman's Bade was not to be found with the Chain of Office. Past Chairmen to be contacted to locate the ribbon.

8. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

The Chairman confirmed that she would receive the Chairman's Allowance on a reimbursement basis, up to a maximum of £200.

9. OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Cllr. Carlin confirmed that he would represent the Council on the Police Consultation Group.

10. RENEWAL OF THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCE POLICY

Council resolved, on the balance of probability, not to extend the Council's insurance policy to include the streetlighting stock.

11. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR JULY COUNCIL MEETING

Arrangements were agreed for the July Council meeting to complete the following tasks.

- (a) the presentation of the Citizens' Award and,
- (b) interviews for the candidates for the Northop ward vacancy.

12. NORTHOP TELEPHONE KIOSK

Cllr. Scott reported that a date for the fundraising concert was awaited.

13. SURVEY BY MENTER IAITH FFLINT A WRECSAM ON THE USE OF THE WELSH LANGUAGE IN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The short survey on the use of the Welsh Language and translation services by Town and Community Councils was completed.

14. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

Council approved the Draft Privacy Notice (with slight amendment) and Document Retention Policy Statement (2018/19). The Clerk to action further

15. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION: PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVICE NOTE 1 – TEMPORARY DIS-APPLICATION OF PARAGRAPH 6.2**

Cllr. Bateman had forwarded a statement to the Clerk stating that the opportunity to temporarily dis-apply paragraph 6.2 was the culmination of hard work by Planning Officers in Flintshire and across Wales. The Planning Strategy Group were pleased that the Welsh Government are offering this dis-application which will remove the reference to attaching “considerable” weight to the lack of a five-year housing land supply as a material consideration in determining planning applications for housing.

The Clerk to complete the response before the consultation closing date of 21st June, 2018.

16. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION: DRAFT PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

The Council had no comment to make on the content of the draft policy but hoped that it would assist FCC in a resolution of the continued deterioration of the Grade II listed Old School at Northop.

17. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION: REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR – “POP-IN” EVENTS

- (a) Response from residents at earlier events/partner working had been disappointing.
- (b) The Clerk to be present at Sychdyn Village Carnival on the afternoon of 16th June to seek to gather more responses and engage with residents. An information flyer to be produced by the Clerk.
- (c) The Clerk to produce laminated signs for the community notice boards advising residents of their representatives on the Community Council.

18. THE AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk will meet on Monday 13th August at 7:00pm to deal with any urgent matters.

19. FOR INFORMATION

- (a) The Council received a letter of thanks from the Trustees of the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall for the grant of £1,500. The grant will contribute to the upgrade of the hall and its environs including upgrading the heating system.

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

COUNCIL MEETING	DATE: 11th JUNE 2018
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
None.		