# **Norton Subcourse Parish Council**

# **Clerk: Christine Smith**

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## **MINUTES**

#### **of a Meeting**

#### **of Norton Subcourse Parish Council**

#### **held at Norton Methodist Chapel**

#### **on Wednesday 20 January 2016**

**at 7:45pm**

**Present** – Cllrs Andrew Wright (Chair), Jim Rampling, Geoff Collen, Linda Edwards, Len Harper and Mike Hedley. .

Also present was Christine Smith (clerk), County Councillor Margaret Somerville (from 8:04pm) and District Councillor William Kemp (from 8:16pm)

1. **Welcome** – the Chairman welcomed those present
2. **Apologies** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Nigel White.
3. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Andrew Wright declared a pecuniary interest in planning item A
4. **Previous Minutes** – the minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 18 November 2015 were circulated, APPROVED and signed.
5. **Planning Decisions** – none
6. **Planning Applications** – *The application below required a response before the formal meeting – the clerk was delegated authority to respond with the council’s view after consultation*
   * + 1. 2015/2727 – Mr Martin Wright, Willow Barn, Low Road, Norton Subcourse – proposed detached garage and domestic workshop/store - APPROVE
7. **Planning Correspondence** – none
8. **Super-fast Broadband** – no update on approach from Symmetris. Parishioner Brian Chandler had reported to the council that he had installed an aerial and equipment which has given him a much improved Broadband signal and had invited a representative of the council to view it; Cllr Len Harper would take up the offer and would report back to the council.
9. **Finance** – the following items were considered:
10. Payment of the clerk’s expenses of £30 (Broadband provision for December 2015 and January 2016 at £15.00 per month) was AGREED
11. The parish council’s accounts for the current financial year were reviewed, APPROVED and signed
12. The council’s budget for 2016/17 was considered and the precept requirement for 2016/17 was set at £2,200 which, with the government grant of £144, would give a total sum of £2,344. This would be the first increase in the parish council element of the council tax for over five years and would result in parishioners paying an additional amount on average of less than 6p per week per household
13. Changes to the Procurement of Audit for smaller councils was considered and it was AGREED to keep with the NALC scheme
14. Payment of an invoice from C.G. Cook for £105.60 for the production of the parish newsletter was AGREED

**The adjournment for public participation was not required**

1. **Chairman’s Report** –.Cllr Andrew Wright reported on works taking place on river bank. He added that the Internal Drainage Board would be cleaning out the Beck from the Street upstream in the next few weeks
2. **Parish Councillors’ Reports** – Cllr Geoff Collen reported that potholes had been filled in Loddon Road near the football field, but others were yet to be done. Cllr Mike Hedley stated that he had been to Ferry Road to inspect the ongoing repairs to the river wall. Cllr Linda Edwards reported that the craft shop was doing well and added that there was a pothole in The Street outside the shop. She added that the Poor Marsh Christmas payments had been made
3. **District and County Councillors Reports** – no reports
4. **Correspondence** – correspondence, as previously circulated, was NOTED.
5. **Next Meeting** – the next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday 16 March and the planned dates for other meetings in 2016 were 25 May,20 July, 21 September and 16 November
6. **Close** – the meeting closed at 8:40pm

Signed…………………………………

Date……………………………………