

Minutes of the Northam Burrows Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018 in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Windmill Lane, Northam at 10.00 am

Present: Cllrs Mrs Whittaker, Rev Arnold, Davis, Hames, Laws and Tisdale
In attendance: Mrs M J Mills – Town Clerk

- 1807/200 Election of Chairman**
It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Laws as Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Mrs Whittaker (all in favour)
- 1807/201 Election of Vice-Chairman**
It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Hames as Vice-Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr Davis, Seconded: Cllr Mrs Whittaker (all in favour)
- 1807/202 Chairman's Announcements**
Cllr Laws thanked Members for electing him as Chairman and said he will be taking an active interest in the Burrows.
- 1807/203 Apologies**
Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllrs Eastman and Hancock
- 1807/204 Declarations of interest:**
Members were reminded that all interests should be declared prior to the item being discussed.
- 1807/205 To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B**
It was **resolved** to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B.
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Hames (all in favour)
- 1807/206 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held 22nd January 2018**
It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held 22nd January 2018 as a correct record.
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Hames (majority in favour, 4 abstentions, not present at the meeting)
- 1807/207 Public Participation**
Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. The period of time which is designated for public participation in accordance with standing orders shall not exceed 15 minutes. No members of the public were present
- 1807/208 Action Points**
Cllr Laws advised Members that with regard to erosion and possible pollution, all agencies are now working together, and any issues should be addressed through Torridge. Pollution had been a big concern and is a national problem. A Torridge officer has been invited to speak at national conference about these issues. A detailed survey on the tip is taking place and if immediate action is required it will go ahead. There is also a long - term plan under way with various agencies including Torridge, Devon County Council, the Environment Agency and Natural England. Issues with the bridge as one enters the Burrows are being addressed with rock armour. Future Burrows agendas will always include erosion and pollution. The Town Clerk was asked to write to Torridge asking for any updates as they become available and to invite Adrian Redwood to come and speak at a Burrows meeting at the appropriate time.

Bassets Bridge and the Burn – Cllr Laws spoke about the problems and that the pipe that was installed was not deep enough which means that the area is not flushed out by the tide. The Town Clerk was asked to contact the Ranger for an update on the 12 months survey and bring information back to the next meeting. The Ranger will be invited to future meetings and the next forum date is 10th September.

It was **agreed** to note the action points.

Action Points – Town Clerk to write to Torrridge, contact the Ranger, bring information to the next meeting and add agenda item

1807/209 To consider an update on registering the Charity

- **VAT** – This will be on the next agenda.

It was **resolved** that subject to Torrridge seeing the charity scheme, Members recommend to Full Council to proceed with the formal registration of the Charity after amending the corporate trustee to read Northam Town Council.

Proposed: Cllr Laws, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (majority in favour, 1 abstention)

Action Points – Town Clerk to send Charity Scheme to TDC and add item to Full Council after amendment is completed.

1807/210 To consider Public Spaces Protection Orders

- **Exclusion areas to be considered for the next round of TDC consultations**
- **Dogs on lead**

It was **resolved** to recommend to Full Council that dogs on leads only, at Northam Burrows should be recommended to Torrridge. Members asked that a map be produced showing areas that dogs are allowed off leads at the present time.

Proposed: Cllr Laws, Seconded: Cllr Mrs Whittaker (all in favour)

Action Points – Town Clerk to prepare map and add item Full Council agenda

1807/211 Manor Pass reconciliation

It was **agreed** to note the reconciliation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.00 am.

Signed..... Date.....

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