

NORTON CANES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19th July 2011 at 7 p.m. at Norton Canes Library

Present: Cllrs:A.Gilbert
P.Gilbert
J.Bridgen
J.Beddows
M.Hopley
Mrs.L.Florence
R.Bishop
A.Bernard
S.Harding
J.Preece

162/2011 Apologies: Cllrs. Z.Stretton, J.Davies and J.Bernard

163/2011 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

164/2011 Contribution to St.James Church

A request had been received for financial support towards the redecoration/refurbishment of St.James Church. A funding application was being submitted in conjunction with the Community Partnership for this project but match funding was required. The Parish Council have already committed £700 towards this match funding under S137 but the criteria for the funding has since changed and a sum of £5,500 is now required to support this. The actual funding application for the project is for a total sum of £30,000.

Discussion ensued with regard to this request. The meeting felt that the Church is for the benefit of the Community and in the past have not received any large donations from the Parish. Cllr.A.Bernard wished to have some clarification before this amount was agreed to ensure that the Parish was not liable to entering into any partnership by agreeing this contribution.

Cllr.A.Gilbert had spoken to Father Hibbins about the state of the churchyard itself which was overgrown and unkempt which was not conducive for people visiting their deceased families.

Cllr.A.Gilbert informed the meeting that information had been sought about the S106 money that may become available to the Church from the sale of the Church Hall. The Parish have clarified the position with regard to this money and it is currently with the Secretary of State for a decision to be made with regard to a S455 notice. However, when this

money does come to the Church it cannot be used for anything other than for educational purposes with the majority of the \$106 fund going to the Lichfield Diocese to be used for Church schools. Some concern had been expressed that any money that the Parish Council agreed to should be solely for the benefit of the Church and should not go into the Lichfield Diocese. It was suggested that any payment could be made directly from the Parish to the Contractor appointed for the redecoration.

It was agreed that in recognition of the continued support and loyalty of St.James Church in terms of Civic Services that the sum of £5,500 should be given to the Church with the proviso that it is paid directly to the Contractor. It was also agreed that should the funding application be unsuccessful that the sum of £5,500 should still be paid to the Church in support of any work that needs to be undertaken.

It was resolved:

All those Councillors present voted in favour of the financial support in the sum of £5,500 to St.James Church.

165/2011 Planning Applications

The Planning Committee had recently met to discuss two applications that had been received.

1. **198 Hednesford Road, Norton Canes - Ref 401984 308551**

Application had been received for change of use for above premises. Feedback from the Planning Committee was given which objected to the application based on the parking difficulties on the site with heavy goods vehicles, crane and forklift offloading and the reversing of vehicles on to a busy main road. Concern about a fire hazard due to the close proximity of dwellings.

It was resolved: That objections to this application be sent to the District Council.

2. **Sainsbury's Orbital – Ref CH/08/0551**

This application was a non material amendment to planning permission for alteration of part of the roof from hipped to a gabled end with hanging tiles. Addition of door and reduction of parking spaces from 533 to 517.

It was resolved:

No objection to this application.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Signed: **Dated:**