

## **Norton Canes Parish Council**

### **Minutes of Project Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**Present: Councillors:**        **N.Booth**                    **T.Hurl**  
   **A.Bernard**  
   **J.Bridgen**

**Minutes:** There were no minutes of the last meeting as it was not quorate.

#### **Election of Chair:**

Councillor N.Booth was elected Chair of the Project Committee for 2010/11:

Proposed:        T.Hurl  
Seconded:        J.Bridgen

Councillor T.Hurl was elected Vice Chair of the Project Committee for 2010/11:

Proposed:        N.Booth  
Seconded:        J.Bridgen

#### **Bus Shelters**

N.Booth reported that Contracts will be ready on the 17<sup>th</sup> June for signature for 2 bus shelters being Norton Green Lane and Brownhills Road (adjacent to the corner Red Lion Lane). N.Booth reported that he had been advised that the Parish Council already own the shelter on Brownhills Road. It was agreed that the Woodturners in the village be asked to quote for a bus shelter to be built in Norton Green Lane. This could be achieved financially as there was an underspend on Clerk's salary. J.Bridgen suggested that Ranton be approached to see if they wished to contribute and get local people involved as this would enhance the reduction of vandalism in the village if local people took ownership.

Some discussion ensued on whether it was worthwhile the Parish taking over the bus shelter oppose the Co-op but this was only used on a Sunday due to a limited service being available. It was agreed that this was an eyesore and something needed to be done and that it would be better to be taken down and replaced with a bench.

A letter has been sent to Cannock Chase Council regarding the overgrown shrubbery at the bus shelter in Norton Canes. It was felt that this was something the Parish could undertake.

**Action:**            **Ask the Lengthsman to look at this on behalf of Parish Council.**

#### **Cemetery Land**

N.Booth has received an email from Ray Smith stating that a provisional site meeting had been arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> June at 11 a.m. If anyone wished to attend this could they let Chairman or Clerk know.

A.Bernard informed the Committee that Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council were considering putting together a Committee to push the issue of the cemetery land through and felt that it would be advantage if Norton Parish Council was also represented on that Committee to take this forward as a joint venture. More investigation is still to be undertaken with Highways. A.Bernard referred to the possibility of money being available in the Cemeteries Management between the two Parishes.

J.Bridgen and T.Hurl expressed an interest in being part of this Committee.

### **Koncas**

N.Booth informed the meeting that he is communicating with Legal about Contract.

A.Bernard feels that we should still be looking at 2012 and that this should be carried through to next Council meeting. There is £48K which is ringfenced for the Project until the end of the Lease in September 2011. From this point on Koncas would pay the last 12 months. It was confirmed that the full allocation of £18K for rent was used each year. If the Project was to cease in 2011 under the terms and conditions of the Lease there may be nowhere for Unit 13 and Koncas to go to and also there could be an expenditure to put the building into its original state.

**Action: Invite June Davis to a meeting to discuss the future plans for Koncas.**

Some discussion ensued with regard to the sustainability of this Project as this contribution was a third of the Parish budget. There is no provision in the budget for any rent increase. The status of the 106 money was referred to. A.Bernard felt that the 106 will be redeployed elsewhere within the District. It was felt that there was still a window of opportunity and that it would be worthwhile sending another letter and therefore it was suggested that a meeting take place with the Management Committee for the Community Centre to take this forward.

**Action: N.Booth to contact the Management Committee of the Community Centre for a discussion about 106 money.**

### **Any Other Business:**

It was agreed that a thank you letter be sent to Jamie Bridgen for his work in the village.

**Action: N.Booth to do this.**

**Date of Next Meeting: TBA for August**

**Signed:**

**Dated:**