

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2012 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor A Hill (Chair)
Councillor T Hawke
Councillor I Baker
Councillor P Chapman
Councillor G Drew

District Councillor T Carter

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from the County Councillor who was at another meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Baker seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 November having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. County and District Councillor Reports.

The County Councillor had requested that the Clerk report on the Better Broadband Campaign. Norfolk County Council had made a bid for £15 million of match funding from Central Government to improve broadband in rural areas. He had stressed the importance of as many people as possible register on the website so that the more that register the more likelihood of improvements from BT would be made. This would be placed on the website for the village requesting all to register. There is no commitment for an individual to sign up to any agreement. Norfolk County Council is hoping to be able to freeze the Council Tax until 2013/2014. This would be achieved by savings within the Council without affecting services.

The District Councillor reported that dance classes are to commence at Litcham High School again and the cost of the 10 week course is £40. Breckland Council is creating a Jubilee Memories festival and are requesting stories or pictures be loaned or given to exhibition which will tour the district. The Heritage Society will see if there are any old memories to forward. The Jubilee Woods project is aiming to plant 6 million trees through the Woodland Trust. He also reminded the Parish Council of the grant for an event to mark the Diamond Jubilee and Councillor Chapman would ensure the application is completed to obtain the £100

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Breckland Code of Conduct training.

No further training will be carried out by Breckland Council until the changes under the Localism Act have been finalised.

5.2 Planning Application Consultations.

A letter had been received from Capita Symonds stating that it wished to forward all planning applications electronically. Breckland Council had requested that this letter be withdrawn to ensure all the necessary electronic support is in place.

5.3 Letter of Complaint from G Lake.

A letter had been received from G Lake who had been awarded the grass cutting contract for the two years up to the cutting season of 2011. He stated in his letter that the minutes of March 2011 recorded that he had no public liability insurance. He had requested that this incorrect information be noted. It was agreed unanimously that a letter be forwarded to G Lake informing

him that in the minutes of March 2011 his name had not been mentioned and the January minutes clearly stated the names of the two local companies that were to be contacted for a quotation for grass cutting. Neither of these companies contacted had insurance. G Lake had not been requested to tender for the grass cutting contract for 2011.

6. Planning.

6.1 Enforcement North Pole Farm.

The District Councillor informed the members that before direct action could be taken housing services, children's services and social services had to be consulted. Authorisation then had to be obtained from Norfolk County Council to employ bailiffs and then these had to be trained. It is now expected that any action will take place at the end of February. He was disappointed that nothing had been done and commented that nplaw had not progressed the matter since March 2011 until November 2011 and that is why Breckland Council is taking direct action. He will continue to monitor the situation and is pressing for action to be taken.

7. Highways.

7.1 Report

There is still subsidence near to Owl barn on Oxwick Road and the hedge does not appear to have been moved to the line agreed with Norfolk County Council. The unofficial lay-bys along Whissonsett Road have not been repaired. Norfolk County Council will be contacted again.

7.2 Mud on Road.

A letter had been received from a parishioner complaining about the amount of mud on Oxwick Road. The landowner had been on the road with a tractor and bucket and cleared most of the mud. Other Councillors felt that there was not an excessive amount on the road. However it was agreed that the road should be sided out as large vehicles like sugar beet lorries or refuse carts do bring mud onto the road as the verge has encroached over the highway.

7.3 Access to Fields.

Councillor Chapman reported that she had been contacted by a parishioner regarding two new accesses off the highway. She had contacted Norfolk County council and been informed that neither planning nor highway permission is needed. She had informed the parishioner accordingly. Norfolk County Council had forwarded her a map of the highway land at the Church crossroads and she will forward this to the Clerk to keep on file.

8. Correspondence.

The following correspondence will be circulated.

8.1	Norfolk Gritting Routes
8.2	CPRE Planning Explained
8.3	Norfolk Police Budget
8.4	Norfolk Link Extra
8.5	Clerks and Councils Direct January 2012
8.6	Breckland Town and Parish Forum Newsletter
8.7	The Playing Field Autumn 2011

9. Finance.

9.1 Budget.

This had been circulated and was agreed.

9.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

Balances :-

Business Saver Account.

Balance at 30 06 2011	2397.98
Plus interest	<u>.30</u>
Balance at 30 09 11	2398.28

Community Account

Balance at 30 09 11	2266.20
Less cheques authorised 13 09 11-50.00	
cheques authorised 08 11 11-191.50	<u>241.50</u>
Balance at 31 12 11	2024.70

Amount available for Section 137 : 129 x£6.44 =£830.76

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

291	CGM	Grass cutting October	18.00
292	Beetley Parish Council	16.66% of SLCC membership	23.33
293	Dereham CAB	Donation	20.00
294	Information Commissioner	Data Protection	35.00

9.3 Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

It was agreed not to donate.

10. Matters for the next meeting.**10.1 Grass Cutting.**

The Clerk is to obtain a quotation from CGM for the current cutting season and to include for cutting the bank.

13. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 13 March in St. Edmund's Church to follow the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 1900

The meeting closed at 2011