

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

One parishioner.

1. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Hawke proposed and Councillor Drew seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 July having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. County and District Councillor Reports.

County Councillor Kiddle Morris reported that there is little to report from County. He hoped that the new regime for Public Rights of Way is working out with the Highway and Community Rangers. Any problems are to be reported to the Highways Department. A £15 million contract is to be signed shortly with a provider to provide faster Broadband with another £15 million being funded from Central Government. It is expected that by 2015 there will be better broadband to all rural areas and about 805 should have faster broadband. Breckland Council is consulting with all residents on the need to make savings of £3.5 million over the next four years. It is asking residents what services they wish Breckland to continue providing.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Breckland Consultation Meeting.

The Clerk will be attending.

5.2 Housing Market Assessment.

Breckland Council is consulting with 20% of households across Breckland to assess how many affordable homes are needed. It will also establish how the housing market across Breckland is working now and how it can better meet local needs in the future. The results will feed into the updated Core Strategy which provides the long term spatial vision for Breckland. It proposes the number of homes that should be built and jobs provided over the next 15 years. The information will identify the types of new homes that are needed- both the size and type of properties and whether they are affordable or market homes.

5.3 Appointment of Auditor.

Mazars LLP has been appointed the External Auditor for the five years from 2012/13. It is expected that the Parish Council, under the new scale of charges will have no audit fee to pay.

5.4 Refurbishment of the Village Sign.

The Chairman had spoken to Maurice Reeder who had stated that the only part of the existing

sign that is repairable is the post to which it is fitted. Therefore a new sign is needed and it was agreed to obtain prices for a metal sign. It was suggested that a competition be run for the design of the sign although the original design copy is still available.

6. Highways.

6.1 Report.

Oxwick Road has still not been repaired and the County councillor will pursue the matter.

The Highways and Community Rangers had been requested to clear round the village sign on the B1146 and the gratings on Church Road and Brisley Road but this had not been carried out and the County Councillor will look into this matter as well. There was a complaint that grips are being dug in several places that are not necessary.

Breckland Council is to be requested that the sign at Gravel Pit Lane is replaced.

7. Correspondence.

The following correspondence will be circulated.

- 7.1 Norfolk Link August 2012
- 7.2 Norfolk County Council Year Book 2012/13
- 7.3 Norfolk Playing Fields Association
- 7.4 Clerks and Councils Direct September 2012

It was agreed that no NCC Year book is needed for Horningtoft Parish Council.

8. Finance.

8.1 Budget.

Councillor Baker proposed and Councillor Drew seconded the resolution that the budget which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

8.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Baker proposed and Councillor Drew 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 31 03 12	2398.58
Plus interest	<u>.31</u>
Balance at 25 06 12	2398.89

Community Account

Balance at 31 03 12	1535.18
Less cheques authorised 13 03 12-57.80	
cheques authorised 08 05 12-745.50	<u>803.30</u>
	731.88
Plus Breckland Precept-950.00	
HMRC Vat refund-34.00	<u>984.00</u>
Balance at 03 07 12	1715.88
Less cheques authorised 10 07 12	<u>18.00</u>
Balance at 10 07 12	1697.88

Amount available for Section 137 : 134 x£6.80 =£911.20

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

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304	CGM	Grass cutting June and July	54.00
305	B J Leigh	Salary 01 04 12-30 09 12 289.87 less PAYE 57.80	232.07
306	HMRC	PAYE	57.80

9. Planning

9.1 Applications.

9.1.1 3PL/2012/081/F-Tuttle Farm Back Lane-installation of two micro scale wind turbines (14.97m to hub, 5.5m blades).

No objection was raised to this application.

9.2 Breckland Council Improved Local Consultation on Planning Applications.

Breckland council is to discontinue the posting of site notices for home improvement and advertising consent applications. The Parish Council and near neighbours will continue to be consulted.

9.3 Dudgeon Offshore Wind Ltd. Appeal.

It was agreed to make no comment to the Planning Inspectorate on the appeal.

10. Matters for the next meeting.

10.1 Precept

10.2 Village sign.

11. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 13 November 2012 in St. Edmund's Church at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 2032.