

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 10TH JULY 2012 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

District Councillor T Carter

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Chapman who was working and this was accepted. The County Councillor had sent his apologies as he 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 Hawke seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 May having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. County and District Councillor Reports.

District Councillor Carter reported that the application for the wind turbines at Brick Kiln Farm Whissonsett was due to be granted permission but the MOD had objected and therefore it was refused. The Diversion Order for FP7 had been served. The paragliders who were flying from Oxwick had been informed that a change of use was necessary and a planning application was needed. An Open Meeting had been held at Colkirk after which a formal 28 day notice from Breckland council had been served and this was followed by enforcement and since then the flights had ceased. The District Councillor had arranged for flytipping on Gravel Pit Lane to be removed. It is possible that the Parish Council will have to pay for the costs of elections in the future and this will need to be budgeted for when the precept is set. When the review of the non-statutory items that Breckland Council currently provide it may be that the litter bins and dog bins on private land will not be emptied free of charge by Breckland Council.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Breckland Town and Parish Council Forum.

The District Councillor reported that it was necessary for all Councillors to understand the new regulations as all are in a vulnerable position. A discussion followed on the new Code of Conduct and the necessity to declare all interests.

5.2 Diamond jubilee Event.

Councillor Chapman had forwarded a report which was read out as follows:-

A great team of helpers made the celebration a success, the following report was placed in the July edition of the Upper Wensum diary and a similar report was in the Dereham Times. We had an excellent turn out for our celebration lunch and a marvellous selection of food to rival any banquet. The wind was chilling at times but the activities kept us warm. It was good to meet up with friends and families and also get to know new residents. Simon Wheeler balanced on a chair to take a group photograph to record the occasion. Horningtoft Parish Council presented celebration mugs to every child and property in the village. A toast to the Queen was given by Master of Ceremonies Robert Drew, who led us all in singing God Save the Queen. Youngest

resident Charlie Barnett helped cut the wonderful celebration cake, made by Anne Cleverley. Senior Jubilee Hat prize went to Peggy Hebden for her hand knitted hat and junior hat prize was won by Kirsty Wykes. The Queen's Quiz was won by the Reeder family team with help from Olive Tuck. The Tug-of-War was won by the south of the Church team. Traditional games were vigorously contested and the winners were: Wellie Wanging: Under 6s - Sophie Parnel Cooke, 6-10 - Holly Wykes, 10- 16 - Tilly Le Marquand, Ladies - Tracey Hawke, Mens - David Parnel Cooke

Egg and Spoon: Under 6s - Jack Allen, 6-10 - Tristan Howell, 10-16 - Lauren Makin, Ladies - Emma Reeder, Mens - David Parnel Cooke
A grant from Breckland District Council helped enabled us to purchase decorations, bunting, music, prizes and hire a port-a-loo. Some photographs have been put on the village website www.horningtoft.org.uk. The other photographs will be printed out and included in The Heritage Society Records, past village events are on display in the Church, so please take a look. The Street Party Grant Evaluation Form has been completed and returned to Breckland District Council along with copies of receipts and press releases about the street party.

5.3 Electronic Responses to Planning Applications.

A letter had been received from Breckland Council stating that from 11 June all response from Parish Councils are to be submitted electronically. The Clerk reported that he had been forwarding these electronically for about two years so that there would be no change to the current procedures. At the same time a trial group is having all applications forwarded electronically and a further decision will be made about the method of forwarding applications to Parish Councils at the end of the trial period.

5.4 Planning Application.

Councillor Baker informed the meeting that he will be erecting a lean to building and he was advised to check with Breckland Council if planning permission is needed.

6. Risk assessment.

Councillor Drew reported that the bridge at the Claypits needs no work on it. The brambles behind the seat at the bus shelter have been trimmed. Councillor Drew suggested that a request be placed in the Upper Wensum diary for a volunteer to undertake the cutting of the areas at the bus shelter corner and near to the notice board. This was agreed. The bus shelter is fine and the post box has been strimmed and painted by the Post Office.

Councillor Hill reported that the grit bin is full of salt and the seat at the Church crossroads is satisfactory and secure. The Village Sign is suffering and it needs replacing or refurbishing. He will contact Maurice Reeder to inspect it and give the Parish Council a quotation for its repair. The notice board at the Chapel needs painting.

There were no other matters that need attention.

7. Highways.

7.1 Report.

Oxwick Road has still not been repaired and Norfolk County Council will be contacted again. The poor method of chip and tarring on Whissonsett road will be reported to the County Councillor as the contractor had not cleared the grass in the middle of the road or the horse droppings prior to doing the work.

A complaint had been received regarding potholes at the end of Thumb Lane and the Chairman and Clerk had looked at the site and felt that these are not on the highway.

The Highways and Community Rangers are to be requested to clear round the village sign on the B1146 and the gratings on Church Road and Brisley Road.

Councillor drew reported that permission had been granted to BTS to clear vegetation from around power lines on Whissonsett Road.

8. Correspondence.

The following correspondence will be circulated.

8.1

Clerks and Councils Direct July 2012

9. Finance.

9.1 Budget.

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

9.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Hawke proposed and Councillor Baker 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 unrepresented cheques authorised 13 03 12-57.80	
unrepresented cheques authorised 08 05 12-745.50	<u>803.30</u>
Balance at 08 05 12	731.88

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

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

303	CGM	Grass cutting May	18.00
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10. Footpaths.

The diversion Order for FP7 was noted as this had already been discussed in the report from the District Councillor.

11. Code of Conduct.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that the NALC Code of Conduct be adopted. All were in favour. The Code is to be reviewed in January 2013.

12. Matters for the next meeting.

There were no matters raised for the next meeting.

14. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 11 September 2012 in St. Edmund's Church at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 2041