

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 2013 AT 8.05 P.M.

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

District Councillor T Carter

One parishioner.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Drew who was gritting and this was accepted. Apologies had also been received from County Councillor M Kiddle Morris.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Hawke proposed and Councillor Baker seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 January 2013 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 Clerk stated that the County Councillor wished to report on the new leader for Norfolk County Council, Bill Borrett, who has been elected and that the Minerals and Waste examination in public will take place in March and April.

District Councillor Carter reported about the Big Switch and Save campaign that is aimed to reduce the energy bills of residents. Any resident who wishes to register must do so by 8 April. The Chairman's concert which is a charity event is entitled Breckland Rock and roll and is at Shipdham WI hall on 23 March. He stated there are several solar farms that have been granted permission.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Refurbishment of the Village Sign.

Mr J Drew informed the meeting that a suitable piece of wood has been found to use as the cross brace. At present Maurice Reeder is carving this.

5.2 Trees near the Village Sign.

A letter had been received from a parishioner regarding the cutting back of the trees near to the village sign. This was read out. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had requested that the tree that was overhanging and causing damage to the village sign be cut back. The remainder of the trees had been cut back on the request of the owners. The Chairman reported that Councillor Drew is very happy with way that this has been pruned. It was agreed to write to the parishioner explaining the Parish Council's position and to Mr Cleverley to thank him for doing the pruning.

6. Highways.

6.1 Report.

Oxwick Road had been inspected once more by Norfolk County Council and the Highway technician had stated that he did not consider the depressions to be a hazard. He is intending to have the sections improved with tar and chip patching in the spring to seal any crazed areas and patch out the depressions. The location will continue to be monitored by the inspector and has added the section to the future surface dressing programme. The Chairman and the Clerk had met the Highways Engineer on site at Harpers Lane and it was agreed that the culvert under the road will be repaired and an investigation made into the ditches from the B1146 to those on School Road Brisley All the gullies from Harpers Lane to School Road had been cleaned out and Councillor Hawkes stated that this had improved the drainage. The Highways and Community Rangers will be in the parish the week commencing 15 April.

The road junction sign at Hurdle Cottage has rotted and the post needs replacing and the pot holes on Brisley Road and on Oxwick Road near to Thumb Lane will be reported.

7. Correspondence.

The following correspondence will be circulated.

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| 7.1 | Norfolk Link December 2013 |
| 7.2 | Norfolk Gritting Routes |
| 7.3 | Police and Crime Commissioner |
| 7.4 | Clerks and Councils Direct January 2013 |

8. Finance.

8.1 Budget.

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

8.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Chapman 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 25 09 12	2399.18
Plus interest	<u>.30</u>
Balance at 24 12 12	2399.48

Community Account

Balance at 21 09 12	2304.01
Less cheques authorised 13 11 12	<u>114.00</u>
Balance at 03 01 13	2190.01

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

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

311	Beetley Parish Council	Photocopying-8.36 and Stationery-1.50	9.86
312	Horningtoft Heritage Society	Donation to cover cost of website	60.00

313	B J Leigh	Contract October 2012- March 2013-289.87 less PAYE-58.00	231.87
314	HMRC	PAYE	58.00
315	B J Leigh	Telephone- April2012- March2013-48.00 Use of Home as office- April 2012- March2013-100.00 Postage- March 2012- February 2013-2.88 Mileage- April2012-February 2013-24 miles @.45 per mile- 10.80	161.68
316	Horningtoft PCC	Lighting and Heating August 2011-July 2012	50.00

8.3 Grass Cutting and Hedge Cutting.

It was agreed to accept the quotation from CGM for the cutting of the churchyard in the sum of £180 but not to accept the quotation for the hedge cutting for £78.

9. Planning

9.1 Applications.

9.1.1 3PL/2013/0097/F-Oldsted Yard Brisley road-minor material amendment to 3PL/2011/0678/F in respect to site car port and one bay to have secure doors.

It was agreed to raise no objection to the application.

9.2 Breckland Council Local Plan.

Breckland Council have just commenced the production of a Local Plan which will incorporate the Local Development Framework with the National Planning Policy Framework. Sites for development within the new plan have been requested from all those who submitted sites previously and this will then be consulted upon.

10. Matters for the next meeting.

10.1 Homewatch.

10.2 Date of annual parish meeting.

11. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 14 May 2013 in St. Edmund's Church at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 2047.