

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Hawke who was working and these were accepted. Apologies had also been received from District Councillor T Carter.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Drew seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2014 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 reported that the first period of the new Committee System had just finished and he could see no change to the old Cabinet System as the Chairmen of the committees are acting as Cabinet Members. There are five committees and there is no method to call in a decision and if the Committee makes a decision it can only be changed by the committee not the full Council. This does not appear to be as accountable as the old Cabinet System.

As a District Councillor he reported that the Tittleshall telephone exchange should have been fibre capable by the end of June but this has not been finished yet. He will find out when it is likely to be finished and operational. Breckland Council has committed additional money to improving faster broadband in rural areas by committing £950,000 to this. This will be used to get faster broadband into areas that are not going to be covered by BT. It will not be known where this money will be spent until the areas that are not being covered by BT will be made public which will be in early 2015. A decision will then be made by Breckland Council where the finance will be spent. Wispire has not yet reached Horningtoft.

**5. Matters to Report.**

**5.1 Risk Assessment.**

Councillor Drew reported that there are no problems at the church crossroads.

Councillor Chapman reported that the notice board at Thumb Lane is fine but it needs a clean which she will undertake. The Chairman reported that at the bus shelter there are overhanging trees and the ash tree needs to be cut out to prevent damage to the bus shelter. The Chairman will contact the landowner regarding this.

**5.2 World War 1 Event.**

Councillor Chapman reported that this will take place on 19 and 20 July in the church. It has been advertised well and there has been a lot of information and photographs donated. There has been a lot of research on military history. Parking has been made available on Councillor Baker's land for which she was very grateful. The church ladies are providing refreshments from 1000 to 1700 on both days and there is to be a raffle and tombola for church funds. £500 has been promised from Breckland Council as a grant. All those who are mentioned on the plaque in the church have been researched.

**6. Planning.**

**6.1 Applications.**

**6.1.1 3PL/2014/0483/F-Oakdene Hurdle Lane-removal of agricultural restriction on pp D330 removal of condition no.2).**

This application had been circulated and no objection had been raised.

**6.1.2 3PL/2014/0449/F-Grange Farm Barn Church Road-proposed garage to side of property.**

This application had been circulated and no objection had been raised.

**6.2 Decisions.**

**6.2.1 3PL/2014/0392/F-Fourways Oxwick Road-demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new three bedroom bungalow with garage. Permission.**

**6.2.2 3PL/2014/0449/F-Grange Farm Barn Church Road-proposed garage to side of property. Permission.**

**6.2.3 3PL/2014/0483/F-Oakdene Hurdle Lane-removal of agricultural restriction on pp D330 removal of condition no.2). Refusal**

**6.3 Local Plan.**

The Clerk reported that Breckland Council is consulting on a new Local Plan which will supersede the local Development Framework in the autumn. When this is issued the parish Council will consider any response that is necessary.

**6.4 Open Space Audit.**

Breckland Council as part of the Local plan is consulting on open spaces in the district.

It was agreed to add the Claypits to the semi natural green space and to comment that there is not enough green space in the parish.

**7. Highways.**

**7.1 Report**

The Clerk had contacted the farmer regarding the speeding tractors and whilst this had slowed initially there have been two complaints recently. The Clerk will contact the farmer again. It was reported that the lid of the grit bin is leaking and this will be checked to ascertain what is the fault. Oxwick Road has been surface dressed and no further comments will be made about the junction with Thumb Lane.

**8. Correspondence.**

The following correspondence will be circulated.

**8.1 Clerks and Councils Direct July 2014**

**9. Finance.**

**9.1 Budget.**

The budget sheets had been circulated and Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Hill seconded the resolution that these be approved. All were in favour.

**12.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.**

Councillor Chapman reported that the new display boards were more expensive than had been originally thought. It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase the boards and pay the delivery charge but that the Heritage Society will purchase the bags.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Hill 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 26 03 14	2400.98
Plus interest	<u>.30</u>
Balance at 25 06 14	2401.28

**Community Account.**

Balance at 04 04 14	2125.97
Plus Breckland Precept-1000.00	
Breckland Rate Support grant-33.55	
HM Customs & Excise-Vat Refund-33.53	<u>1067.08</u>
	3193.05
Less cheques authorised 11 03 14-29.20	
cheques authorised 13 05 14-401.72	<u>430.92</u>
Balance at 03 07 14	2762.13

Amount available for Section 137 : 128x £7.20 =£921.60

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

338	Heritage society	Cost of Website name and hosting for two years.	90.60
340	St Edmund's P.C.C.	Donation	100.00
341	CGM	Grass cutting April, May	43.20

**9.3 Repeal of s150 of the Local Government Act 1972.**

The requirement for Parish Councils to have two signatories on cheques has been repealed. It is not compulsory to change to one signature but rigorous financial regulations should be in place.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Hill seconded the resolution that the Parish Council retains the two signatories for cheques. All were in favour.

**10. Matters for the next meeting.****10.1 Purchase of a Dog Bin.****14. Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Tuesday 9 September 2014 in St. Edmund's Church at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 2023.