

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2014 AT 7.42 P.M.

Present: Councillor A Hill (Chair)
Councillor T Hawke
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 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 Hawke seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 January 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 there was nothing to add to his report from the Annual Parish Meeting

As a District Councillor he reported that Breckland Council would be increasing the number of items that can be recycled in the black wheelie bin. These items will include glass and more plastic such as yoghurt pots. It is not known when this will commence but it will be in the next financial year. Breckland Council has not raised its Council Tax this year

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Footpath 7.

Notification that the Order to divert this footpath had been confirmed had been received. A copy of the Confirmed order and confirmation notice had been received.

5.2 LABV Meeting at Watton.

The Clerk had attended this meeting and he explained the workings of this. Breckland Council would enter into partnership with a private sector organisation who would provide finance and Breckland would provide assets such as land or buildings. The scheme would mean that some assets would be improved and new projects would be commenced earlier than would have been possible without the private sector. The details from the meeting are to be circulated.

The scheme would commence in the Autumn with the first schemes being undertaken in the first five years. There is a parcel of land that is owned by Breckland Council in Horningtoft on Oxwick Road which has been placed in the assets for consideration but this is not in the first five years sites.

6. Highways.

6.1 Report.

The Clerk reported that Norfolk County Council had replied regarding School Road Brisley and had stated that its winter service policy is based on the treatment on a strategic network of routes based on route hierarchy and traffic flow. School Road would only be gritted in a long spell of cold weather and then only if resources allow.

The SAM2 sign had been on site for three weeks and the data has been downloaded. More analysis and training on this data is needed for the Clerk but it appears that there is a speeding problem coming into the village from Fakenham Road.

The Highways and Community rangers will be in the parish during week commencing 14 April. A request had been received from a parishioner on behalf of the residents of Thumb Lane to have the junction of Thumb Lane and Oxwick Road repaired. It was uncertain if this is highway's responsibility but Norfolk County Council will be contacted regarding this. A complaint had also been received about the amount of mud on the roads and farmers are reminded that it is their responsibility to clear the roads of mud . Unfortunately the size of vehicles means that many different vehicles now damage the verges on rural roads which causes mud to be deposited on the highway. Norfolk County Council will also be contacted regarding the overhanging tree branches from Grange Farm House following a request from a resident in Whissonsett who travels regularly along this road. At present it is necessary for some vehicles to drive in the centre of the road to avoid them. The Highways Department will be contacted to ensure that the additional passing places along the road to Whissonsett are not repaired and if possible blocked off.

7. Correspondence.

The following correspondence will be circulated.

7.1	Clerks and Councils Direct March 2014
7.2	Norfolk Link February
7.3	Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Update
7.4	LABV meeting Details

8 Finance.

8.1 Budget.

This had been circulated and was agreed. The Clerk stated that there would be an under spend on the budget and following the report from the PCC at the Annual Parish Meeting it was felt that a donation could be made to it as the church is the only facility in the village for meetings. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

8.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Drew 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 13	2400.38
Plus interest	<u>.30</u>
Balance at 24 12 13	2400.68

Community Account

Balance at 03 10 13	2803.55
Less cheques authorised 12 11 13	<u>71.60</u>
Balance at 03 01 14	2731.95
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 14 01 14	<u>169.25</u>
Balance at 04 01 14	2562.70

Amount available for Section 137 : 136 x£6.98 =£949.28
Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

331	Beetley Parish Council	Stationery-1.63 Photocopying-8.24	9.87
332	B J Leigh	Salary 01 10 13-31 03 14 292.79 Back Pay-01 04 13-30 09 13- 2.93 Less PAYE-29.20	266.52
333	B J Leigh	Use of Home as office- 100.00 Telephone-48.00 Postage-4.69 Mileage-7.65	160.34
334	HMRC	PAYE	29.20

8.3 Rate Support Grant.

Breckland Council have now decided to pay this which will mean an extra £67 will be paid with the precept.

There was insufficient time between when the decision for this amount to be paid was made and the date for setting the precept for any amendment to be made to the precept requested.

9. Planning.

9.1 Applications.

There were no applications to consider.

9.2 Decisions.

There were no decisions to report

9.3 Development close to the source of the River Wensum.

The Clerk has contacted the Environment Agency again.

10. Matters for the next meeting.

There were no matters for the next meeting.

11. Date of next meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 2035