

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2014 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

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from District Councillor T Carter who was at another meeting..

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 8 July 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 there is a Hazardous Substances Amnesty at the Waste Recycling Centre at Hempton on 13/14 September and at Dereham on 17/28 September. The Tittleshall exchange should be enabled for faster broadband by the end of September and all areas that are to be installed with it will be completed by the end of December. 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. The first consultation on the Local Plan will be sent out in October. There is a lot of matters to consider for rural areas and at the same time sites for submission for development are to be requested. The County Councillor suggested that the Parish Council considers if it wishes for any development and if so at which locations. The Local Plan will run from now until 2036 so it is important to consider carefully to ensure a sensible decision is arrived at. The Local Plan will be looked at on a County wide basis not just by Districts.

Councillor Chapman stated that the time for faster broadband keeps being delayed and wondered if the new date will be met. The County Councillor stated that only 83% of the county will be covered by the scheme as opposed to the 95% initially promised but he had no reason to suppose that the current dates will be amended again. The additional money from Breckland Council will be used to consider the 17% not being covered by the BT contract.

The Big Switch and Save campaign to reduce energy bills is running again this year and it is necessary to register by October for this.

Councillor Chapman queried if the agricultural restriction on dwellings can be lifted. The County Councillor stated that it is possible and he will ask the District Councillor to look at the dwelling on Hurdle Lane which had been refused permission.

From October more items will be able to be recycled in the kerbside, black wheelie bin, collection service. This will include more plastic items such as yoghurt pots and milk cartons and glass. It is likely that the Rate Support Grant will be paid again next financial year but this will not be known until at least the end of October.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 World War 1 Event.

Councillor Chapman reported that a very successful event had been held on 19/20 July. She thanked the Parish Council for the purchase of the new display boards which are in use. The Church had received £1150 from the provision of refreshments. The project finishes at the end of December. The budget for the event was £1000 and so far £900 has been spent. The event also featured on Radio Norfolk's Treasure Quest as the church was a site for a clue. The Chairman thanked Councillor Chapman and Heather Gooch for organising the event.

5.2 Horningtoft PCC.

A letter had been received from the PCC thanking the Parish Council for their donation to the restoration fund which was much appreciated.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications.

6.1.1 3PL/2014/0889/F-Heater House School Road-convert garage into bedroom & en-suite, roof lights, replace window with patio doors/side light windows.

No objection was raised to the application.

6.2 Decisions.

There were no decisions to report.

6.3 Open Space Audit.

The response to include the Claypits and the Parish Council's comments had been forwarded and an acknowledgment received.

7. Highways.

7.1 Report

The three water leaks in the village on Fakenham Road, Oxwick Road and Brisley Road were all reported to the County Councillor as these were taking too long to repair. A complaint had been received from a parishioner that the SLOW markings on Oxwick Road had been marked the wrong way round and this had been reported to Norfolk County Council. A reply had been received that these were placed near to the bend signage and are therefore correct. The tractors are still travelling through the village at a speed that is excessive for the conditions and this will be conveyed to the farmer.

8. Correspondence.

The following correspondence will be circulated.

8.1

Boundary Commission Recommendations

8.2

Kickstart

9. Finance.

9.1 Budget.

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

9.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Hawke 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	.30
Balance at 25 06 14	<u>2401.28</u>

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:

339	B J Leigh	Salary April 2014-September 2014 292.79 less PAYE 28.60	264.19
342	HMRC	PAYE	28.60
343	Horningtoft P.C.C.	Rent	100.00
344	CGM	Grass cutting July-21.60 Grass cutting August-43.20	64.80
345	Beetley Parish Council	Display Panels	264.00

9.3 To consider the purchase of a dog bin.

It was agreed unanimously not to purchase a dog bin.

9.4 To consider a donation to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

It was agreed unanimously not to donate to this.

9.5 To consider a donation to The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House.

It was agreed unanimously not to donate to this.

9.6 To note the completion of the External Audit.

The Clerk reported that this had been completed with one comment that a bank reconciliation had not been supplied initially. The Clerk stated that he was sure this had been sent and had suggested to the External Auditor that it had been lost at their end. The External Auditor had also raised the matter of the reserves which are too high. The Clerk had informed the External Auditor that some of the reserves are to be used to donate to the PCC and the Heritage Society but he said that the Parish Council should consider reducing the precept in a future year or spending some of the reserves.

10. Matters for the next meeting.

No matters were raised for the next meeting.

14. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 11 November 2014 in St. Edmund's Church at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 2026.