

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 13th JANUARY 2015 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

District Councillor T Carter

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Drew who was gritting and these were accepted. Apologies had also been received from the County Councillor who was at a Committee Meeting at Norfolk County Council.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Councillor Baker declared a DPI under Appendix A in Agenda Item 6.3 as he may put forward parcels of land into the Local Plan.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Baker seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 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 District Councillor reported that there is a Town and Parish Council Forum on Thursday 15 January and the Local Plan consultation is well under way. Breckland Council have managed to balance its budget for the next two years and still maintain services and it is hoped to improve on these in the next two years. The Local Asset Backed Vehicle contract has been agreed by Breckland Council with a private sector organisation. This will mean that the Thetford Riverside regeneration with a new hotel, cinema and retail and leisure space will commence. New houses are also to be constructed in Mileham as part of this contract as Breckland owns a parcel of land near to existing dwellings. Breckland has partly funded together with Norfolk County Council and The Drug and Alcohol Addiction Team a project that will support people overcoming difficulties with addiction at a vulnerable stage in their transition from dependency. Dance Classes will again be held at Litcham School Dance Studio commencing in January. The Pride in Breckland Awards are taking nominations for this year. He confirmed that he would be standing again for the ward at the elections in May.

District Councillor T Carter left the meeting.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 CPRE Light Pollution Survey.

It was agreed to respond to the survey which is 10 years on from the last survey. The Parish Council is concerned about the effect of lighting on Norfolk and does not intend to install street lighting in the village and would be stating that it is concerned about the obtrusive lights in certain parts of the parish.

5.2 Breckland Town and Parish Forum 15 January 2015.

No one would be attending this.

5.3 Capita Town and Parish Forum.

No one would be attending.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications.

There were no applications to consider.

6.2 Decisions.

6.2.1 3PL/2014/1118/F-The Old Barn Oxwick Road-demolition of bungalow and replace with new dwelling. Temporary static caravan to be removed at completion of work. Permission.

6.3 Local Plan.

Councillor Baker withdrew from the meeting.

This agenda item was taken after Item 11.

It was agreed to respond to the consultation by stating that the decision by the Parish Council was the same as that at the last two consultations that there should be no large scale development within the parish but that an individual dwelling might be acceptable. The Parish Council is keen to ensure that the character of the village is not altered by the current areas of scattered dwellings being joined up. One of the matters considered was whether a settlement boundary should be put in place for the parish but it was decided that this would not be suitable as it could lead to more development than would be suitable for the village.

7. Highways.

7.1 Report

Councillor Chapman stated that the grit bin had been filled but it was still letting in water. The Clerk will look back at who supplied the bin. The gratings on B1146 are full of leaves and this will be reported to Norfolk County Council.

8. Correspondence.

The following correspondence will be circulated.

- 8.1 Norfolk Link December 2014**
- 8.2 Norfolk Police PCSO funding.**
- 8.3 Clerks and Councils Direct January 2015.**

9. Finance.

9.1 Budget.

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

9.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Chapman 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 09 14	2401.60
Plus interest	<u>.30</u>
Balance at 24 12 14	2401.90

Community Account.

Balance at 04 10 14	2840.29
Less cheques authorised 11 11 14	<u>54.57</u>
Balance at 02 01 15	2785.72

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

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

348	CGM	Grass cutting October	21.60
349	Beetley Parish Council	16.66% of Society of Local Council Clerks Membership	27.83

9.3 Precept 2015/16.

The Clerk explained that the External Auditor had queried the size of the reserves at the last audit and he felt that these should be reduced even though some is ring fenced for election costs.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that the precept be set at £1750. All were in favour.

9.4 Clerk's salary.

An agreement had been reached by the national Joint Council for Local Government Services. It was agreed to raise the Clerk's Salary to SCP 19 at £9.551 per hour with effect from 1 April 2015.

10. Matters for the next meeting.

10.1 Annual Parish Meeting.

It was agreed to commence at 1900 and invite the PCSO to the meeting.

11. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 10 March 2015 in St. Edmund's Church to follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 2047.