

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 14th JULY 2015 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

One parishioner.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillors Drew and these were accepted. Apologies had also been received from the District Councillor who was unwell.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no DPIS.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman. The Clerk stated that he would be sending draft minutes to all Councillors for approval before placing on the website to comply with the Code of Transparency.

4. County and District Councillor Reports.

The County Councillor reported that there would be two bye elections on 16 July, one in Gorleston and one in Mile Cross which might change the balance of the County Council. There will also be a further bye election caused by the death of a Councillor elected for the first time in May. The Highways Parish Partnership will be continuing for 2016/17 with the County Council contributing 75% and the Parish Council 25%. Councillor Chapman raised the matter of sheltered/affordable housing for the elderly as there are none in the local area for elderly residents. There are some in Litcham and Swanton Morley but more need to be built. The County Councillor stated that this is a problem as Social Landlords do not appear to be keen to build sheltered housing in villages. It was suggested that proper housing for elderly residents should be considered in the future.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Risk Assessment.

Councillor Chapman reported that she had visited the Claypits and although these are overgrown the bridge is still sound. The notice board at the chapel had had the door removed to be repaired and cleaned and it will then be re-instated.

Councillor Drew had checked the church crossroads and had found no issues although the visibility was poor and there are a number of loose stones at the junction. The verge has since been strimmed and the Highway Community Rangers had been requested to sweep the junction.

The Chairman had checked the bus shelter and this is in reasonable repair. There are a number of overhanging branches which need trimming and the Chairman will speak to the landowner to have these cut back in the winter.

It was agreed to write to the parishioner who cuts the area around the seat at the junction of Church Road and Brisley Road thanking him.

5.2 Grass Cutting.

The grass cutting contractor had been cutting the incorrect part of the churchyard but the Chairman had spoken to them on their last visit and the correct part had been cut. It is hoped that that this continues.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications.

6.1.1 3PL/2015/0743/F-Oldsted Yard Brisley Road-ground floor single storey extension.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that no objection be raised to the application. All were in favour.

6.2 Decisions.

There were no decisions to report.

7. Highways.

7.1 Report

The Clerk reported that the Highway Community Rangers should be in the village that week and they had been requested to clear Oxwick Road of mud and clear the gulleys and sweep the junctions at the Church crossroads and at the bus shelter. There had been a road closure on Whissonsett Rod to repair a burst water main.

The County Councillor left the meeting.

8. Correspondence.

The following correspondence will be circulated.

8.1 Clerks and Councils Direct July 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 Hawke proposed and Councillor Chapman 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 03 15	2402.18
Plus interest	<u>.32</u>
Balance at 25 03 15	2402.50

Community Account

Balance at 02 04 15	2233.39
Less cheques authorised 12 05 15	<u>412.98</u>
	1820.41
Plus Breckland Precept-875.00	
Breckland Rate Support Grant-33.55	<u>908.55</u>
Balance at 03 07 15	2728.96

Amount available for Section 137 : 136x £7.36 =£1000.96

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

358	CGM	Grass Cutting April-May-June	108.00
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9.3 Parish Council Notice Board.

The Clerk reported that he has difficulty in placing all the statutory notices on the notice board at the church crossroads. He felt that a dedicated notice board for Parish Council notices would be advantageous at the church crossroads. It was agreed not to erect another notice board but to make the existing one lockable and only to be used for Parish Council notices. The notice board at the Chapel could be used for all other notices. This was agreed and the Chairman will obtain a hasp and staple for the board. Councillor Chapman will prepare notices to be placed in the two notice boards informing everyone of the change.

9.4 Donations 2015/16.

The PCC had received a quotation to fell the two trees outside the church of £480 and it had requested a donation from the Parish Council.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that the Parish Council donates 50% of the cost which would be £240. All were in favour.

2016 is the 90th birthday of the Queen and an event might be held in the village to commemorate this.

10. Matters for the next meeting.

10.1 Parish Partnership

10.2 Parish Records to Norfolk Records office.

11. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 8 September 2015 in St. Edmund's Church at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 2010.