

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S
CHURCH ON TUESDAY 12th JULY 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

District Councillor T Carter

Clerk: Bryan Leigh

Three parishioners.

Prior to the meeting the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Vice-Chairman was signed and witnessed.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from County Councillor M Kiddle Morris.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no DPIs.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Chapman seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2016 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 on devolution. He stated that all Councils in Suffolk had decided to consult but four Councils in Norfolk, Great Yarmouth, Breckland, Norwich and North Norfolk, had decided to oppose the devolution. These will not be involved in the consultation. The consultation will still be sent to all households. The Government is insisting on an Elected Mayor which has opposition and there is also opposition to another tier of Government. Breckland Council is in a good financial state and there is a worry that its assets may be lost as it is self financing. The consultation is available on-line or by post. All households will receive information concerning devolution.

There were several racial problems reported at the time of the referendum and this has been investigated in Norfolk and there was only one incident. He read out the Press release from Breckland Council. There is a meeting at Breckland Council with the new Police and Crime Commissioner and all Councillors have already received the details on the meeting on 21 July. The Clerk reported that the County Councillor had informed him that there would be a further cut of the verges. It was requested if a map could be obtained of the verges that are cut.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Heritage Event 2016 25-26 June.

Councillor Chapman reported that this had been a very successful event. A preview evening had been held followed by the weekend at which despite the weather there were many visitors £800 had been raised for the church and the tent that had been purchased had been perfect and a carpet for the tent had been donated. There is to be another get-together in the church on 8 August. Funding had been applied for from Norfolk Community Foundation. The request had been for £3000 but only £500 had been received. This had meant that it had been

necessary to trim down the event to the funding that had been received. The church had agreed to donate to the event and with the external funding and the funds in the Heritage Society the event would just break even with the £350 grant from the Parish Council but this would leave the Heritage Society with no funds.

A lengthy discussion ensued as to whether the Parish Council would wish to hold a tent for the use of the village. Councillor Drew was not certain that the village needs a tent but the Chairman had no objection in principle. It was agreed that the tent should be in the hands of the Heritage Society.

Councillor Hill proposed and Councillor Drew seconded the resolution that £500 be donated to the Heritage Society to assist with the costs of the event. All were in favour. Councillor Chapman is to investigate funding from Dudgeon Community Fund which according to the website has £43,000 for communities.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Chapman and the Heritage Society for organising the event and this was supported by all.

5.3 Website.

The Clerk will be working on this in August.

5.4 Faster Broadband.

There was nothing to report. A parishioner raised a problem with BT Open Reach as he had not had any broadband for 6 weeks and wondered if there had been any other complaints. No one knew of any problems and he was advised to contact the CEO of BT.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications.

There were no applications to consider.

6.2 Decisions.

The following decision was noted.

6.2.1 3PL/2016/0330/VAR-Industrial Units Whissonsett Road-removal of condition 4 (personal to applicant) on pp 3/89/1046. Permission.

7. Highways.

7.1 Report.

The Clerk reported that the potholes on Oxwick Road and Gravel Pit Lane are programmed for repair. The finger post at FP1 is also programmed for replacement.

It was agreed to raise the matter of the flooding outside Sycamore Cottage again and to contact the County Councillor regarding the culvert near to the entrance to Apple Blossom Farm.

7.2 Addition of the footpath from Thumb Lane to FP4 to the Definitive Map.

A response from Norfolk County Council to the application had been circulated to all members. This stated that the addition of the footpath to the definitive map has to be between the existing FP4 and another highway. Thumb Lane is not a public road so it cannot be considered the destination for any established public rights. Norfolk County Council had therefore suggested that a new application be submitted which included Thumb Lane. Norfolk County Council had also suggested that Dodman's Lane be added to the application.

The meeting was adjourned.

A parishioner objected very strongly to the possibility of establishing Thumb Lane as a footpath This would disadvantage all those who live on the lane and they do not wish for Thumb Lane to be a footpath as in time access by vehicle will be denied. He was informed that it is not the wish of the Parish Council to make this a footpath but a Public Right of Way. The parishioner stated that the Parish Council is letting down the residents of Thumb Lane.

It was raised that the addition of a Public Right of Way is for the benefit of all residents of the Parish. Councillor Drew was not in favour of re-submitting the application without further clarification. The parishioner stated that there would be a reduction in the value of his house if Thumb Lane became a footpath. The Parish Council did not agree with this assessment.

The meeting was re-convened.

A lengthy discussion followed.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Norfolk County Council on the future status of Thumb Lane if an application was made and what are the implications of public rights over time.

8. Correspondence.

There following correspondence will be circulated.

8.1 Clerks and Councils Direct July 2016.

9. Finance.

9.1 Budget.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that the budget sheets which had been circulated 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 24 03 16	2403.40
Plus interest	<u>.30</u>
Balance at 24 06 16	2403.70

Community Account

Balance at 31 06 16	1917.50
Less cheques authorised 10 05 16-	<u>434.18</u>
	1483.32
Plus Precept-875.00	
Rate Support Grant-24.50	
VAT Refund-45.18	<u>944.68</u>
Balance at 30 06 16	2428.00

Amount available for Section 137 : 130 x £7.42 =£964.60

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

378	Horningtoft Heritage Society	Donation	500.00
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9.3 Purchase of a Litter/ Dog Bin.

Breckland Council had confirmed that dog waste could be placed in litter bins with the appropriate signage.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that a litter bin be purchased for the church crossroads. All were in favour.

The Clerk will contact Norfolk County Council and Breckland Council about the siting and appropriate signage. The Clerk had contacted the Dog Warden who confirmed that he had not received any other complaints in the last year. He will arrange some patrols and see whether he can assist. He would like all residents to report offenders and incidents of fouling to him.

10. Matters for the next meeting.

10.1 Clerk's Salary.

10.2 Complement of Councillors on the Parish Council

11. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 7.30p.m. in St. Edmund's Church.

The meeting closed at 2115