

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S  
CHURCH ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**Present:** Councillor A Hill (Chair)  
Councillor I Baker  
Councillor P Chapman  
Councillor G Drew  
  
County Councillor M Kiddle Morris  
  
Clerk: Bryan Leigh  
  
Three parishioners.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies had been received from Councillor T Hawke who was on holiday and these were accepted. Apologies for absence had also been received from District Councillor T Carter.

**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 13 September 2016 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. Public participation.**

**4.1 County and District Councillor Reports.**

The County Councillor reported that there is a £22 million overspend on the Council's budget this year of which £11 million is Adult Social Services and £8 million on Childrens Social Services. It is likely that Council tax will increase by 3.8% which would be 2% for Adult Social services and 1.8% general increase allowed by the Government. The Rate Support Grant is being reduced to zero by 2020 but the new Chancellor has changed the policy to reduce the budget to a zero figure by 2020 so the Rate Support Grant may change in the autumn statement which may mean that the Council Tax will not increase as much.

He had attended a Council meeting on devolution the previous day which had turned into a shambles. The Leader had been given a new mandate to discuss devolution with other authorities. There was considerable feeling against an elected mayor and if this is a requirement of devolution than Norfolk County Council may well vote against it at the meeting on 21 November. He stated that he is in two minds which way to vote as any new money would be lost. Norwich, Great Yarmouth, North Norfolk and Breckland Councils had already voted against the deal. All of Suffolk had voted for devolution. It may be possible for Councils to come back into the deal at a later date. Cambridge and Peterborough have their own deal. At the previous meeting a parishioner had raised the matter of the Highways Inspector being driven round and it was stated that this is for Health and Safety reasons so that they can concentrate on the state of the road without having to concentrate on the driving.

**4.2 Public Participation.**

A parishioner raised a query on the minutes that there has not been flooding at the entrance to Apple Blossom Farm but that there was a risk of flooding. The Parish Council did not agree that the minutes should be changed as these stated that the culvert was to be investigated. The County Councillor stated that a risk of flooding would not be investigated by Norfolk County Council as it would only investigate if there is an incident of flooding. The parishioner requested that he have a copy of Standing Orders which he was given. The parishioner also felt that the change to public participation to only allow 3 minutes had not been discussed at a meeting and that there had been a meeting prior to the Council meeting to discuss the change. The members disagreed with this and it was felt that this was standard practice and should be

implemented to ensure that the meetings can proceed without interruption.

## 5. Matters to Report.

### 5.1 Website.

The Clerk is still working on this.

### 5.2 Increase in Number of Councillors.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Breckland Council who had replied that there has to be a reason for requesting an increase in the number of Councillors. The criteria for an increase had been circulated to all Councillors. The desire just to have more Councillors does not constitute a reason for a review to be implemented but there needs to have been a change to the parish or the services offered within the parish that can not be administered by the current number. There has been no change to the parish so it was agreed not to pursue this.

### 5.3 Dates of Meetings for 2017.

These were agreed as follows:-

#### Parish Council Meetings

January 10<sup>th</sup>

May 9<sup>th</sup>

September 12<sup>th</sup>

March 14<sup>th</sup>

July 11<sup>th</sup>

November 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Annual Parish Council Meeting

May 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Annual Parish Meeting

March 14<sup>th</sup>

## 6. Highways.

### 6.1 Report.

The Clerk reported that he had reported a gully outside Meadowside on Fakenham Road that had been missed when these had been cleared and Norfolk County Council had sent two status reports the last of which stated that the problem could not be found. Councillor Drew will go and have a look at this. The dog bin had been received and Councillor Drew will erect this when all permissions have been received. The remedial work outside Sycamore Cottage had not been undertaken and the County Councillor will investigate this with the Highways Engineer. It was agreed to request a meeting with the Highways Engineer on site as historically the water had always drained into the pond and then into the ditch via a culvert. The road is always wet and a safety issue especially when it freezes. Large potholes have been filled poorly and the bend sign on Oxwick Road has not been repaired and still turns of its own accord.

### 6.2 Addition of Dodmans Lane to the Definitive Map.

The Clerk reported that he had received all the necessary documentation for this and the necessary forms will be completed.

## 7. Planning.

### 7.1 Applications.

#### **7.1.1 3PL/2016/1237/VAR-Town and Country Conservatories Whissonett Road-removal of condition 10 of pp 3PL/2009/1180/F to allow the sale of other goods.**

No objection was raised to the application although there had been concerns about the speed of traffic. The SAM2 sign is to be erected on the route to obtain the data.

### 7.2 Decisions.

The following decisions were noted.

#### **7.2.1 3PL/2016/0968/HOU-Sunset View Fakenham Road-demolition of existing front porch and erection of larger front porch. Permission.**

#### **7.2.2 3PL/2016/0430/VAR-Industrial Units Whissonett Road-variation of condition 6 on 3PL/2000/0036/F re restriction on use. Permission.**

No decision had been received on Tanglewood Oxwick Road.

## 8. Correspondence.

There following correspondence will be circulated.

### 8.1

**Dudgeon Offshore**

**9. Finance.****9.1 Budget.**

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Drew 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 Chapman proposed and Councillor Hill 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 06 16	2403.70
Plus interest	.30
Balance at 24 09 16	2404.00

**Community Account**

Balance at 31 06 16	2428.00
Less cheques authorised 12 07 16-500.00	
cheques authorised 13 09 16-432.07	932.07
	1495.93

Plus Precept-875.00	
Rate Support Grant-24.50	899.50
Balance at 30 09 16	2395.43

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

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

383	PCC of St Edmunds Church	Hire of Church	100.00
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**9.3 Precept 2017/18.**

A draft precept had been circulated and this was discussed. It appears at this stage that the precept could be set at the same level as 2015/16. A decision will be made in January

**9.4 Dudgeon Community fund.**

Councillor Drew queried whether the Dudgeon had been approached for funding. Councillor Chapman explained that this was being considered and a discussion ensued about the provision of toilet facilities at the church. It was stated that some parishioners may not go to functions at the church as there are no facilities there. It was explained that this is a matter for the church not the Parish Council as the PCC needs to apply to the diocese for this. A defibrillator could also be purchased for the parish and this will be considered. The Clerk explained that there is match funding available from Breckland Council for this.

**10. Matters for the next meeting.****10.1 Defibrillator.****11. Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Tuesday 10 January 2016 at 7.30p.m. in St. Edmund's Church.

The meeting closed at 2036.