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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 10th JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

District Councillor T Carter

Clerk: Bryan Leigh

One parishioner.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillor A Hill who had had an operation that day and these were accepted. Apologies for absence had also been received from County Councillor M Kiddle Morris.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no DPs.

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

4. Revised Standing Orders.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Chapman seconded the resolution that the revised standing orders which reflect the time allotted to members of the public be adopted. All were in favour.

5. Public participation.

5.1 County and District Councillor Reports.

The Clerk reported on behalf of the County Councillor as follows. Norfolk County Council is consulting on the approach to setting the Council's precept for 2017-18. The forward budget planning for council tax assumed a rise of 3.8% in 2017-18, 2% to meet the rising demand for social care and a further inflationary amount of 1.8%, this would prevent necessary further savings of £12.7m. On December 15th the Government announced that the provisional settlement for Norfolk would include a one off £4.2m grant for adult social care. The Government also announced that it would allow councils to raise council tax by up to 3% to help fund adult social care in addition to the 1.99% which can be levied without a referendum. Members will consider the full range of council tax increases available to them in their meetings in January and February. Full Council will consider the matter at the council tax setting meeting on 20th February. If your parish councils wish to comment you can do this on line at <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/consultation/your-views-on-council-tax/consultation/> or you can send your comments to me.

The District Councillor informed the members that Breckland has set a draft budget and there is a balanced budget for 2016/17. Savings of £2.8 million have been made through changes and there will be no dependency on reserves or reliance on the Rate Support Grant which will be phased out by 2020. The precept from Breckland will rise by 2%. More money is being given to market towns to improve the way that these are perceived by visitors and to encourage residents to use them for shopping. Breckland Council is an entrepreneurial council and has

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invested in property which is available to rent to maintain small businesses and to bring in income which has kept the council tax low. There is a consultation on homelessness and the Dementia Friendly programme is set to expand with the One Day Out scheme looking to go into rural villages. The scheme has attracted national interest and funding and Breckland Council has approved a £20k funding bid to widen the scheme. There are grants available for Play and Sport Equipment.

5.2 Public Participation.

There were no matters raised by the public.

6. Matters to Report.

6.1 Website.

The Clerk reported that this is now in operation after a few teething problems and the new site will be noted in the Upper Wensum Diary.

6.2 Defibrillator.

A possible site for this is at the church but permission would have to be obtained from the PCC and to have electricity available for the cabinet. A representative is to be requested to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to explain the operation. Councillor Drew felt that a more suitable site would be on the wall of the holiday lets that are owned by Councillor Baker. These have an outside light so the cabinet would be easier to be seen. Councillor Baker agreed that the defibrillator could be sited there.

6.3 Dudgeon Community fund.

This is now live again and applications close on 27 April 2017. The Heritage Society and PCC are possibly to apply for funds for a shed to store items. Councillor Drew felt that the bus shelter is in need of underpinning and repairs to this would benefit the whole community. It was agreed to contact Alwyn Eke & Sons Ltd. to give the Parish Council a price which can be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Highways.

7.1 Report.

The Clerk reported that the SAM2 sign had been erected on Hurdle Road but it did not show that there was excessive speeding. It was agreed to site on Whissonsett Road facing west. The gully outside Meadowside on Fakenham Road had not been cleared and the others are also now blocked. The dog bin had been erected and Breckland Council informed so that it can be emptied.

7.2 Addition of Dodmans Lane to the Definitive Map.

The Clerk will place an advert in the Upper Wensum requesting parishioners who have walked the lane in the last twenty years to fill in a form.

8. Planning.

8.1 Applications.

There were no applications to consider.

8.2 Decisions.

The following decision was noted.

8.2.1 3PL/2016/1237/VAR-Town and Country Conservatories Whissonsett Road-removal of condition 10 of pp 3PL/2009/1180/F to allow the sale of other goods. Permission.

9. Correspondence.

There following correspondence will be circulated.

9.1 Clerks and Councils Direct January 2017

10. Finance.

10.1 Budget.

The Clerk reported that he had received notification that the application for funding from the

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Transparency Fund had been successful and £180.83 had been agreed.

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

10.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Drew 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 09 16	2404.00
Plus interest	<u>.30</u>
Balance at 24 12 16	2404.30

Community Account

Balance at 31 06 16	2428.00
Less cheques authorised 12 07 16-500.00	
cheques authorised 13 09 16-432.07	<u>932.07</u>
	1495.93
Plus Precept-875.00	
Rate Support Grant-24.50	<u>899.50</u>
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	Beetley Parish Council	25% of Membership of SLCC- 34.75 Fido Dog Bin-93.67	128.42
384	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Renewal	35.00

10.3 Precept 2017/18.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Baker seconded the resolution that the precept be set at £1750 the same as last year. All were in favour.

10.4 Donation to Norfolk Age UK.

It was agreed unanimously not to donate.

11. Matters for the next meeting.

11.1 New Notice Boards at the Chapel and Church Crossroads.

11. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 7.30p.m. in St. Edmund's Church.

The meeting closed at 2046.