



Holkham Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held at the Estate Office Tuesday 9 September 2014 at 1900

Present Jane Berwick, Harvey Gunhouse, Derek Jarvis (Chairman), and Emma Sargent
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Marie (& Mike) Strong (NCC)

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| 1) Apologies | Paul Bloomfield, Peter Terrington (NNDC), Police |
| 2) Declarations of Interest | None |
| 3) Minutes of the Meeting held 8 July 2014 | Agreed and signed |

4) **Reports**

c) Safer Neighbourhood Team

DJ explained that he and PC Jason Pegden had been dealing with three apparently homeless people that had been camping on Estate land; one at North Point, one at The Dell, and one near the Wells East End allotment site. Although not a police matter, Jason had been helpful and the problem currently seems to have ceased. KL had received an e-mail from the police which he read: since the last meeting there had been three thefts from cars, one assault, one minor road traffic collision and a highway disruption when a broken-down car partially blocked the road. Police are asking people to be vigilant in respect of potential thefts of heating oil.

a) Norfolk County Council

There is a shortage of retained fire fighters in Wells which is of concern. This is mainly due to shortage of the right candidates living and working in the town, but may also point to a reluctance of employers to allow them time off. The *Better Broadband* campaign is on track, and has been assisted by a donation of £1m from NNDC to assist coverage in more-isolated parts of North Norfolk. Vodafone are operating a ballot for 100 rural locations to obtain "sure signal" boxes to improve mobile phone reception. Because of the large size of the Parish, it was thought to be unsuitable for Holkham. With regard to Marsh Zoning, MS is still trying to get Blakeney permanently excluded. However, it looks as if no decisions will be made either way until after the next general election.

b) North Norfolk District Council

Peter Terrington had sent a report which was circulated to Councillors with e-mail and read at the meeting. It is appended to these minutes.

d) Parish Clerk

Under a new national system each individual voter would now receive an electoral register form each year, instead of each household. These have been distributed already by NNDC for the current year, so anyone who has not yet received one should contact the electoral office at Cromer. It appears that when the glass banks were moved in the village, they were wrongly assigned to the Estate rather than the Parish Council. This has meant that the income from them for the past couple of years has gone to the *East Anglian Children's Hospice*. It was agreed that we could not do much about this administrative error, but that we were glad that the money had gone to a good cause. The audit for the past year has been returned with no problems.

5) Planning Items:

There were no new planning applications for consideration. Permission had been granted for the proposed works at Park House, and also at Longlands.

6) To discuss the *Kickstart* moped loan scheme

Norfolk County Council is promoting this scheme, which has now been extended to the whole of the County. Under it, people looking for work, and people wanting to travel to college courses from rural locations can borrow a moped to enable them to do so. KL has application forms for anybody local that may be interested.

7) Financial Report and accounts for settlement

There had been no payments or receipts since the May meeting.

The following were agreed for payment:

Keith Leesmith	Second quarter salary and contribution to expenses	444.10
HMRC	PAYE income tax on above	107.10

8) Minor Matters

The car park at New Holkham is shortly to be resurfaced and the bays remarked. JB thinks that she may know somebody who would be prepared to become a Councillor. She will speak to them.

9) To confirm date of next meeting

Tuesday 11 November 2014 at 1900 at the Estate Office

The meeting closed at 1957