



Holkham Parish Council

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2014/13

Minutes of meeting held at the Estate Office Tuesday 11 November 2014 at 1900

Present

Jane Berwick, Paul Bloomfield, Harvey Gunhouse, Derek Jarvis (Chairman), and Emma Sargent
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Marie (& Mike) Strong (NCC), Peter Terrington (NNDC)

1) Apologies

Jonathan Savory (NNDC), Police

2) Declarations of Interest

None

3) Minutes of the Meeting held 9 September 2014 Agreed and signed

4) Reports

a) Norfolk County Council

Vodafone have agreed to provide "Sure Signal" boxes in four local Parishes so that people are able to use their (Vodafone) mobile phones there. *Better Broadband* is now available to 100,000 homes in Norfolk. Most of Holkham should be able to receive it by the end of the year. The whole programme is still ahead of schedule. As in previous years NCC are carrying out a public consultation to enable people to vote for which services etc. they would rather not lose as part of the budget process. Despite the fact that the County Council are expecting to cut back on some of their basic services, they are now assisting the NHS to promote healthy lifestyles. Wells Hospital has introduced yet more services/activities particularly in the field of dementia.

b) North Norfolk District Council

The *Big Society Fund* is still operating; the next dates for applications being 17 November and 16 February. Changes are being made to car parks. It will now be possible to stop, in specially marked spaces, for half-an-hour without payment. There is also a reversal of the policy of evening charging. The Egmere business zone is now operational and NNDC are trying to obtain funding to enable them to create some of the infrastructure. *Wetherspoons* are in negotiation with the Council to purchase the North Walsham Town Council office. Kier are responsible for street cleaning throughout the district. This includes the clearance of fallen leaves. PT has spoken to the manager of the Wells Co-op store to suggest that planning requirements to sell local produce should be met. There is no news at present regarding the proposed fuel station or the lost lorry/coach park. PT is concerned that properties which were affected by last year's surge flooding could be flooded again, and there is confusion as to which statutory authority is responsible for flood protection.

c) Safer Neighbourhood Team

The team were unable to attend but PCSO Sarah Kirby had sent a report. Since the last meeting there had been two recorded crimes – a theft, and a theft from a motor vehicle. In adjacent areas, there is still concern over thefts of outboard motors and burglaries from buildings other than dwellings.

d) Parish Clerk

NNDC are reintroducing Parish Forums, to which all Councillors and Clerks are invited. The next two are at Fakenham on 17 November and Bodham on 24 November. KL would be attending the Bodham meeting. Notice has been received that the bottle banks will be removed soon. NCC is advising people that are entitled to Flu Vaccinations to obtain one from their GP practice. A copy of the "Egmore Local Development Order" has been received and will be circulated in the members' information file.

5) Planning Items:

There were no new planning applications for consideration. Permission had been granted for the proposed major works in the area of the Hall, and also the minor amendments at Longlands.

6) To discuss future polling station arrangements

NNDC is carrying out a periodic review of polling stations. Holkham's polling station had been the Reading Room and when this was no longer available, at the Police Commissioner election, the Ancient House was used. This is also no longer available. Members believed that the Estate was prepared to allow the Victoria Hotel to be used, and thought that this would be the most suitable venue if the election department of NNDC agreed.

7) To approve the budget and decide the precept for the year 2015/2016

KL had prepared a budget for the following financial year, showing no increase in the precept. It was agreed that this be approved and the precept of £2500 be demanded – as in the past few years.

8) Financial Report and accounts for settlement

A bank reconciliation and copy of the accounts spreadsheet was circulated with agendas.

The following were agreed for payment:

Keith Leesmith	Third quarter salary and contribution to expenses	444.20
HMRC	PAYE income tax on above	107.00

9) Minor Matters

The car park at New Holkham had now been resurfaced and the bays remarked. Local residents were pleased with the result.

10) To confirm date of next meeting

Tuesday 13 January 2015 at 1900 at the Estate Office

The meeting closed at 1952