



Holkham Parish Council

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Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting Held in the Estate Office Tuesday 13th May 2014 at 1907

Those Present: Jane Berwick, Harvey Gunhouse, Derek Jarvis & Emma Sargent
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Peter Terrington (NNDC)

- 1) Election of Chairman
Resolved – Derek Jarvis. Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed.
- 2) To agree the dates of meetings for the coming year:
Agreed as follows 08.07.14 / 09.09.14 / 11.11.14
13.01.15 / 10.03.15 / 19.05.15 – one week later than usual

Normal Meeting

- 3) Apologies for Absence
Paul Bloomfield, Marie Strong (NCC)* & Safer Neighbourhood Team*
*due to the Clerk's loss of broadband the apologies were sent before the meeting but received after. Reports sent are appended to the end of these minutes
- 4) Declarations of Interest
None
- 5) Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2014
Approved and signed
- 6) Reports
 - b) North Norfolk District Council:
The planning application for the learning centre on Lady Ann Drive has been withdrawn by the applicants. In Wells the Co-op supermarket opens on Friday 16th May, and the operators say that they are still trying to find an operator for the filling station. Meanwhile, Wells Town Council is trying to get the unused space to temporarily revert to a bus/coach and lorry park. Grants are available to anyone who sustained damage in the December flood surge. The Cromer office of NNDC has been reorganised and looks better. It also has a new telephone system. The Big Society Fund is still available, but this may not be for long as Norfolk County Council, which currently rebates to the Districts 40% of the "second homes money" (the difference between 50% and 95% of their share of the Council Tax) is thinking of scrapping this arrangement to help pay for the failed incinerator costs. There is a new business rate relief scheme, which should benefit small businesses. The LDO for alternative energy development at Egmore has been approved by Cabinet and will go to the next main Council Meeting. Throughout the District 102 properties have now been

brought back into use by the Enforcement Board since it commenced work. This summer the RNLI will be supplying lifeguards at Wells.

c) Parish Clerk

A letter of thanks had been received from *Homes for Wells* for the donation of £100 made to them. NNDC were inviting Parishes to make nominations under two categories for its "Big Society Awards". These were 1) Community Project of the Year and 2) Outstanding contribution by a business to the local community. Councillors did not wish to make any nominations.

7) To discuss any Planning Matters to hand

Formal notice that the proposed Learning Centre on Lady Ann Drive has been withdrawn had been received. It is considered likely that a revised plan will be submitted in due course.

8) To agree the accounts for 2013/2014

Resolved to accept the accounts, as circulated beforehand

9) To agree audit arrangements for the 2013/2014 accounts

The questions on the audit form were each answered positively. It was agreed that the accounts could go forward for audit.

10) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

There had been no activity in the bank account since the beginning of the year except for the receipt of the first half of the precept.

The following was agreed for payment:

Zurich Municipal Insurance – annual policy	£254.41
Mike Gates – internal audit	£25.00
Keith Leesmith – Clerks 1 st Quarter Salary & Expenses contribution	£444.10
Inland Revenue – PAYE on above	£107.10

11) Minor Matters

The bus shelter was in need of cleaning. DJ would undertake this on the day after the meeting.

12) Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 08th July at 1900

The meeting closed at 1957

NB reports from Marie Strong and the Police, sent before the meeting but received after, follow:

Dear Keith

Please extend my apologies to Holkham Parish Council – I need to reach Langham before the start of its PC. The following may be of interest to Councillors – although you may wish to circulate rather than read out!

Regards Marie

New era for Norfolk County Council as it moves to a new style Committee System: I am focussing primarily this month on this major change to the working of our County Council. As a Member of the steering group I can say that the time and work leading up to this change has been intensive yet rewarding. The important aspect of this change is that each Councillor representing one of our

divisions can now have a say rather than a few Cabinet Members and the basic details are as follows:

On Monday 28 April at full Council we agreed to a new system which radically overhauls the way Norfolk County Council works on behalf of Norfolk people. The vote was 41 to 34 with one abstention to accept proposals put forward by members of the Committee Governance Steering Group and move to a new system based on committee decision making from the end of May. A Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, and Chairs and Vice Chairs of the main service committees, will now be chosen when the council has its Annual General Meeting on 27 May.

Membership of the committees will be constituted on politically proportionate lines (known as Widdicombed), with a review of how the new arrangements are working in November. This is a move away from major decisions being made by a Cabinet of a few members to a new system based on committee decision making with greater member involvement. The five most main committees each with 17 Members will be as follows:

- Adult Social Care
- Children's Services
- Environment, Development and Transport (with an Economic Development sub-committee)
- Communities - incorporating services such as Public Health, libraries, museums, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service, Adult Education and community safety.
- Policy and Resources - which will have a co-ordination role around the budget development process and the County Council's business plan. It will monitor the overall council budget and overall council performance.

The five committees will have checks and balances in place so that decisions which commit the Authority to spending more than £100m will have to be taken by a full meeting of the Council. Similarly, if the relevant Committee or the Leader of the Council and the Managing Director feel the matter is of great significance, the issue will also be brought before a meeting of all councillors.

Roads: And a brief and very practical piece of information which I believe will benefit all our parishes and with less understandable questions as to why a newly surfaced road is being dug up again – and again! NCC will have greater power to control when and where road works take place on county roads and to insist upon measures that will help reduce the impact on traffic. Different utility service providers have cables, pipes and equipment buried in the highway, and can dig up the roads without the permission of Norfolk County Council - provided they give notice to the council. Although the County Council has a duty to co-ordinate road works and can set conditions to reduce the impact on road users, it relies upon the co-operation of utility companies. The new scheme will come into effect across the 6,000 mile county road network from 6th May 2014.

All good wishes from:

Marie Strong

Hi,

Please accept my apologies as I am unable to attend this month's PC meeting, report as below.

7 calls to Police

1x theft

Regards

Jason Pegden PC1257