



Holkham Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held at the Estate Office Tuesday 14 July 2015 at 1900

Present Jane Berwick, Harvey Gunhouse, John Hall, Derek Jarvis (Chairman) Emma Sargent and Jo Stapleton.
Keith Leesmith (Clerk)

- 1) **Apologies** Paul Bloomfield, Marie Strong (NCC)
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** None
- 3) **Minutes of the Meeting held 17 March 2015** Agreed and signed with one minor amendment

4) **Reports**

a) Norfolk County Council

Marie Strong was unable to attend but sent the following report that KL read:

Better Broadband for Norfolk:

Work is progressing on getting fibre to the cabinet at the entrance to Holkham and I will keep you informed.

Concerns with existing non-fibre broadband provision:

Since concerns regarding existing broadband continues I will repeat the following advice. Existing non-fibre broadband is unrelated to Better Broadband for Norfolk, which seeks to ensure fibre broadband obtains maximum coverage. However since concerns and understandable confusion continues it is worth repeating that you should raise any problems with your ISP (internet service provider). If your problem is not resolved or a satisfactory explanation provided you can: investigate changing your ISP; make a formal complaint to your ISP; if the situation is still not resolved raise a complaint with the regulator Ofcom. By accessing Ofcom's website you will also find links to comparison websites so you can see which ISPs offer non-fibre services and at what cost.

Household Hazardous Waste Amnesty:

NCC hosts another year of Household Hazardous Waste Amnesty events throughout September. The Household Hazardous Waste Amnesties will be taking place between 9am and 6pm Saturday 5-Sunday 6 September 2015 9 am to 6 pm Hempton Recycling Centre, Fakenham.

Coasthopper:

With regard to the following email and I am pleased we are in a position to seek bids for the winter timetable. It will be extremely useful if in future the winter timetable, as well as the summer, can be run on a commercial basis without subsidy. Fortunately NCC owns the name 'coasthopper'.

Dear Parish and Town Councils

Norfolk County Council has continued to work with Stagecoach Norfolk, (formally Norfolk Green) to support the sustainability of the Coasthopper service. The core summer service which operates between Maundy Thursday and October half term is now operated on a commercial basis.

Stagecoach Norfolk have confirmed that they can offer a two hourly frequency during the winter months for the level of subsidy that the council can afford to offer. Considering the level of competition in the area, obtaining the best value for the public purse and longer-term sustainability we will be testing the market by inviting bids to operate a winter timetable. Our objective is to see if we can achieve a better frequency through competition. Formal invites for bids will be sent to approved operators in Norfolk within the next two weeks with a view to awarding a contract to commence service in November 2015.

d) Parish Clerk

KL had sent a copy of the NCC letter regarding highways funding to Councillors with their agendas. This offered to pay for 50% of certain improvements if the Parish pays the rest. With an annual precept of £2500 it is unlikely that we would ever be able to benefit from this scheme. A payment of £168.30 had been received from NNDC in respect of the last glass-bank payment, before the scheme was closed.

5) To discuss any Planning issues to hand.

a) Construction of below-ground plant room or Hall Fountain.

The Council had no objection to this scheme.

b) KL asked if there was any point in discussing plans submitted by the Estate, when the majority of Councillors had to declare an interest. Councillors felt that they would still like to see the plans, in their role as representatives of the Parishioners.

6) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

A copy of the current bank statement and spreadsheet had been circulated and was approved. There were no accounts for settlement.

7) Minor Matters

ES said that there was recently an incident at New Holkham, where a two-year-old ran into the road while her mother was unloading their car. A car travelling from the Hall was able to stop on this occasion. However, most days between 1600 and 1700 a large number of vehicles exit the south gate and many of them are travelling too fast past New Holkham. Many of the cars are driven by Estate employees and some also by employees of the new business(s) at Longlands. KL would write to David Horton-Fawkes asking him to make these people aware that there are children at New Holkham and requesting them to keep their speed down until they are past.

Councillors expressed disappointment that neither of the new District Councillors had yet attended a meeting. KL had invited them and would mention it to them if he saw them at other meetings. However, there is no obligation for District Councillors to attend our meetings – in recent years we have been lucky that they were prepared to do so.

8) To confirm date of next meeting

Tuesday 8 September 2015 – 1900 at The Estate Office.

The meeting closed at 1940