



Holkham Parish Council

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2016/10

Minutes of meeting held at the Estate Office Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 1900

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

- 1) **Apologies** Paul Bloomfield, Police
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** None
- 3) **Minutes of the Meeting held 12 July 2016** Agreed and signed

4) **Reports**

a) Norfolk County Council

There had been an intermittent problem on the Cockthorpe mobile phone mast for EE and BT users. This has now been recognised, and should be fixed soon. A new Head of Adult Social Services will be appointed soon; the previous incumbent, who should have retired soon, having died during a meeting. A new Head of Communications will be starting work next week. MS visited the recent Food and Drink Festival at Holkham and was very impressed. The annual hazardous waste amnesty would take place on 17/18 September. The nearest site available is at Hempton. NCC continues with its campaign to assist in cases of adult abuse. People who are aware or suspicious of this are asked to report it. New smartphone apps will allow access to library services from Android and iPhones. The government's offer of devolution still seems to be confusing in many aspects. 11,000 people from Norfolk and Suffolk commented in the recent consultation.

A fuller report was received the day after the meeting and is available on the website.

c) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Were unable to attend, but the new PCSO, Shane Artingstall, had sent a report which KL read. There had been ten calls to police from the Parish in the last two months, and one recorded crime – an assault. Police are however concerned at a number of cold callers in the general area and offer various advice to people who encounter such. The full text of the report can be found on the website.

d) Parish Clerk

The annual audit has been completed without problems. With effect from this month a new national telephone number of 105 will be available for electricity supply problems. Using this number people will be able to report power cuts, and enquire/report other problems with the power supply. NCC is carrying out a search for suitable sites for silica sand extraction. There are no such sites in the immediate area.

5) Planning Matters

No planning matters to hand.

6) To discuss the registration of Public Rights of Way (update)

It is believed that NCC rights of way people are in contact with the Estate concerning the lack of rights of way, as opposed to permissive paths (which may be withdrawn at any time). KL is still hoping that David Hissey and Peter Terrington may be able to assist in this matter.

7) To discuss Holkham Triathlon 2017 – update

Following the last meeting KL had written to MS suggesting that the timing and route of the 2016 competition were inadvisable, due to possible clashes with coast-bound traffic. Because of the indifferent weather on the day, it wasn't in fact a problem. However, it had since been announced that it was intending to double the number of competitors next year from 1000 to 2000 and to hold it on the same day – the first Sunday in July. [By comparison the Wells Harbour Triathlon is held in September, uses minor roads, and has a maximum of 300 competitors]. MS had passed the letter to the Assistant Director of Highways and Transport with her own comments, and a reply had been received from this person but had not been considered satisfactory. Initially it was said that all traffic had an equal right to use the road, but it was later admitted that motor vehicles had been stopped to allow the racing bicycles priority. The current position of NCC highways appears to be that they are not concerned that any clashes of interest might occur. KL suggested that he write to Wells Town Council, as they had even more possibility of being affected by the race. This was agreed.

8) To discuss North Norfolk Forum of Parish & Town Councils – update

The forum committee had met with Norman Lamb MP and he had agreed to write on their behalf in respect of the attempt to get some of the “second homes money” remitted directly to the Parish in which it was generated. He had written letters to the Chief Executives of NCC, NNDC and to the government minister responsible.

9) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

A copy of the current bank statement and spreadsheet had been circulated and was approved.

The following cheques were agreed for payment:

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| Keith Leesmith | Clerk's salary and contribution to expenses – 2 nd qtr. | 463.88 |
| HMRC | PAYE on the above | 111.60 |

10) Minor Matters

The main road in the village was flooding on occasions from Lady Ann's Drive eastwards to approximately the end of the wall. It was thought that the road drains are full of silt. KL will ask the highway rangers to look at the problem.

11) To confirm date of next meeting

Tuesday 8 November 2016 – 1900 at The Estate Office.

The meeting closed at 1953