



# Holkham Parish Council

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## Minutes of meeting held at the Estate Office Tuesday 11 July 2017 at 1900

**Present** Jane Berwick, Harvey Gunhouse, & John Hall  
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Marie (& Mike) Strong (NCC), Vincent FitzPatrick (NNDC).

In the absence of the Chairman, John Hall was elected as Chairman for the meeting.

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| 1) <b>Apologies</b>                              | Paul Bloomfield, Elisa Bray, Emma Sargent |
| 2) <b>Declarations of Interest</b>               | None                                      |
| 3) <b>Minutes of the Meeting held 9 May 2017</b> | Agreed and signed                         |

#### 4) **Reports**

##### **a) Norfolk County Council**

A new campaign will be mounted against domestic abuse. NCC has to find an extra £1m of savings; this is in addition to the £24m already announced. There are concerns even amongst Conservative Councillors that this level of attrition cannot be sustained year after year. In particular the budget for adult social services is not enough, despite adding the maximum allowable under the Council Tax for this purpose. The local *Hazardous Waste days* at Hempton this year will be Saturday 30 September and Sunday 1 October. Libraries, including mobile libraries, will be offering a health and welfare reading scheme. The fire service is recommending that consumers always register new electrical appliances with the manufacturer. That way they can be contacted if there are any problems with the particular product.

##### **b) North Norfolk District Council**

V.FP. had previously circulated a copy of his report to Councillors. This is attached to these minutes and can be found on the website. He read the report, which contained items on the following:

The North Norfolk Big Society Fund (applications invited)

Rate Relief "Specialists" (beware of)

New Pre-Application Advice Service (planning applications)

Greenbuild – Call for Exhibitors (annual weekend at Felbrigg)

Litter (help for litter-picks undertaken by volunteer groups)

Plus several items "in brief" including planning victories against on-land wind turbines at Bodham and Selbrigg and a proposed major development at Sculthorpe. Also NNDC has gained an award for their innovative "empty homes policy" and has achieved the best Council tax collection performance for a decade. "Big Belly" litter bins (solar-powered compactors) installed at Wells and Cromer near fish and chip shops. Proposed "landscaping" to replace beaches at Bacton and Walcott.

**d) Parish Clerk**

The Outlaw Triathlon took place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. This had more competitors than last year (1300+) and is planned again for 1<sup>st</sup> July next year. The main concern is their use of the "Dry Road" as a cycle racetrack at a time when it is potentially heavily used by normal traffic. Despite County Highways saying that all traffic has an equal right to use the road, triathlon marshals are stopping other traffic to allow the cyclists to have priority. MS will again take this up with officers from Highways.

NNDC planners asked each Parish Council on 4 July to provide details of areas that they would like to be specified as "Local Green Space Designations" by 11 August. After a discussion, Councillors have suggested that the Bowling Green and the area to the northeast of the North Gate (previous gazing land) be so specified. KL to advise planners.

**5) To discuss any planning matters to hand.**

There were no new applications to discuss.

Permission had been given for the proposed alterations/additions at the Walled Garden.

**6) To consider a letter from North Norfolk Town and Parish Forum**

This group is trying to get a remission of "second homes money" directly back to the Parishes where it is created. The suggestion is that the Parish should have a better idea of how the money could be used to alleviate the problem of second homes. The Forum has asked that individual Parishes make suggestions to them of how the money might be spent. We believe that there is only one second home in Holkham. However, it was suggested that such money could be used to fund community (medical) car schemes.

**7) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement**

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

There were no outstanding accounts for payment.

**8) Minor Matters**

The change from starting meetings at 1800 instead of 1900 appeared not to cause any problems, and it was agreed that the experiment would be continued for the time being. The road drain on the Wells Road (adjacent to the "old allotments" site) appeared to be blocked again. KL would speak to Highways.

**9) To confirm date of next meeting**

Tuesday 12 September 2017 – 1800 at The Estate Office.

**The meeting closed at 1902**