



Holkham Parish Council

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2017/12

Minutes of meeting held at the Estate Office Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 1800

Present Jane Berwick, Paul Bloomfield, Elisa Bray, Harvey Gunhouse, John Hall, Derek Jarvis (Chairman), & Emma Sargent.
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Marie (& Mike) Strong (NCC)

- 1) **Apologies** Vincent FitzPatrick (NNDC) & Police
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** None
- 3) **Minutes of the Meeting held 12 September 2017** Agreed and signed

4) **Reports**

a) Norfolk County Council

The budget consultation for next year is now on the NCC website. People are urged to let their views be known as less government money again means cuts are inevitable – you can help to choose which services stay. The digital innovation committee (which includes MS) has commissioned a survey of mobile ‘phone coverage in Norfolk. It is hoped that this will encourage operators to make better provision. MS recently met the Chief Constable and was able to talk about the proposed “2020 plan”. Yet again these proposals are driven by government cuts as well as increasing costs. Although the PCSOs have very limited powers, they have been particularly useful locally in the field of schools liaison. MS has also met the new head of police in Fakenham, Holt and Wells – Inspector Ed Brown. [A fuller report appears on the website]

b) North Norfolk District Council

V.FP. had sent a report which KL read and which is appended to these minutes. The report mentions the *Big Society Fund*, a *Scam Alert* regarding people calling at doors offering insulation checks, the decision to fund a disabled toilet in Wells Maltings and a proposal to turn the Wells Staithe Street car park into one for blue badge holders only. There was also a mention of the Fakenham *Community Fridge and Fakenham Highfield Car Park*. [The full report is on the website]

c) Safer Neighbourhood Team

The police were unable to attend but sent a report, which KL read. There had been four calls to police from the Parish since 1 October, and no crimes reported.

d) Parish Clerk

It is confirmed that the Holkham War Memorial now has grade 2 listing. The North Norfolk Forum of Town and Parish Councils is submitting a motion to the NALC conference asking for more national work on the reallocation of “second homes money” so that more of the money can be used in the area from which it is generated. NNDC has announced that there has been an increase in the flytipping of garden waste. People are asked to either use recycling centres or pay for brown bin collections. With regard to the “drain blockage” problem on the main road, a repair crew spent a day working on this but after the next heavy rain the problem appeared to be as bad as ever. It was agreed that HG and DJ would try to take photographs immediately after the next heavy rain, which we could submit to Highways. This may help them to find a solution.

5) To discuss any planning matters to hand.

There were no new applications to discuss. KL appealed for more responses to emails passed to Councillors regarding planning applications.

6) To approve the budget for 2018/2019 and fix the precept

KL had prepared a budget for next year, which required a precept of £3000 – the same as the current year. This was agreed to and the necessary form for payment signed.

7) 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:

Keith Leesmith	3 rd quarter salary and contribution to expenses	466.13
HMRC	PAYE on above	111.80

8) Minor Matters

HG and DJ are happy to continue emptying the rubbish bin in the bus shelter although JB would get them some larger bin-bags, which would assist. The telephone in the adjacent public call box has been missing for some time, presumably stolen. KL would ask British Telecom to repair the box. KL had spoken to Greg Hewitt at Wells Town Council to ask if we could have yellow lines on the main road through the village added to their proposed traffic order. He thought it possible but said that they were still in the early stages of discussions on the subject (MS said there would be a meeting in two weeks). KL had followed up with a letter in the hope that the matter would not be forgotten.

9) To confirm date of next meeting

Tuesday 9 January 2018 – 1800 at The Estate Office.

The meeting closed at 1850