



Holkham Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held at the Estate Office Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 1800

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

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| 1) Apologies | Paul Bloomfield |
| 2) Declarations of Interest | None |
| 3) Minutes of the Meeting held 14 November 2017 | Agreed and signed |

4) Reports

a) Norfolk County Council

MS has now been appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Norfolk Coastal Partnership. This is appropriate as the Wells division covers a large part of the AONB. The public budget consultation has now ended and the decisions over next year's council tax will take place at meetings in February. There is a lot of pressure from the Local Government Association on the government's current poor funding of local councils. Locally there are concerns about libraries and library buses. One of the suggestions is that in future, buses may deliver batches of books to local community centres and similar establishments, where volunteers might be asked to carry out the administration. It is important that road traffic accidents are reported to police. These reports form the basis of statistics of the "accident black spots" which may in future attract funding for improvements. In the last week it was announced that two of the ten worst spots in the county were in the Fakenham area – one being the Cherry Tree Junction. However, it is unlikely that funds will be provided for improvements there until building starts on the expansion of the town. MS continues to be a member of the digital innovation and efficiency committee, which has a brief to improve broadband and mobile 'phone coverage in the county.

b) North Norfolk District Council

Invitations sent but nothing heard.

c) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Invitation sent but nothing heard.

d) Parish Clerk

KL had nothing to report, other than that he would be attending a training course on the new General Data Protection Regulations during the month.

5) To discuss any Planning Matters to hand

Nothing to hand.

6) To discuss parking problems on the A149 through the village

Following problems with parking in the village, KL had written to Wells Town Council, but it was unlikely that they would want to add the Holkham problems to their general review. MS had spoken to highways, and they had suggested that the cheapest solution to the problem might be to extend the existing clearway (Holkham Church to Victoria) eastwards. There was no reason why existing laybys at the shop, (intended for shoppers) and near to 46 Main Road (intended for residents) could not be continued to be used as they are now. However, to reinforce this, JB would ask the Estate to provide "Residents Only" signs. It was agreed that the extended clearway should be between the Victoria and Hill Farm. KL would write to MS and she would speak again to highways. Since the Parish Council had very little in the way of funds, it might be necessary at a later stage for the Estate to be involved in this matter.

7) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

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

The following payments were agreed:

Keith Leesmith	Clerk's 4 th quarter salary and contribution to expenses	£466.33
HMRC	PAYE on the above	£111.60

8) Minor Matters

A road closure was expected in the area of the Victoria to Hill Farm in order to extend services down Lady Ann Drive. However, no definite date for this was currently available. KL should be informed, and will pass the message on when he has it.

With regard to rubbish that sometimes accumulates outside the Adnams Shop, DJ would speak to them.

The road drainage has been repaired near the residents' layby (mentioned above) and having spoken to the workmen, DJ believes that there is little more that they can do. However, it was agreed that regular maintenance is needed at this location, due to the land on the south side of the road being considerably higher, and hence water draining off it in wet weather.

9) To confirm date of next meeting

Tuesday 13 March 2018 – 1800 at The Estate Office.

The meeting closed at 1857