



Holkham Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held at the Estate Office Tuesday 16 July 2019 at 1800

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

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| 1) Apologies | None – all present |
| 2) Declarations of Interest | None |
| 3) Minutes of the Meeting held 14 May 2019 | Agreed and signed |

4) Reports

a) Norfolk County Council

MS recently officially opened the Re-use Shop at the Wells Household Waste and Recycling Site. At the same time, she was able to present a cheque for £9470 to the Air Ambulance in respect of the profit made at other sites in the last year. The Household Waste Amnesty will take place on three days this year – 6,7, & 8 September – nearest site at Hempton. The Wells Traffic Management Plan is still under consultation and discussion. The coloured poles in field entrances on the Dry Road are replacement warnings for the gas pipe which runs from Wells to Fakenham. There have been several complaints about the two cycle races which took place on local roads on subsequent weekends. These included the fact that the *Coasthopper* felt unable to operate a full service, the fact that parking bays were “coned-off” for a full day, and the fact that speed limits do not seem to apply to either the cyclists or the vehicles accompanying them. There have been instances recently of criminals opening bank accounts in the name of innocent people who receive a letter from the bank and later a bank card. People who this happens to should report the fact to the issuing bank. *No Cold* Calling stickers are available from NCC Trading Standards. Wells Library has a meeting room for hire. It has been decided to go ahead with the “C” route of the Norwich Western Link. This will cost in the region of 153m.

A fuller report is appended to these minutes and is available on the website.

b) North Norfolk District Council

PF has been arranging for temporary toilets to be available during the Wells Carnival. Construction of the new toilet block at Stearmans Yard should be started before long. Green Flags (similar to Beach Blue Flags) have been presented to three sites in North Norfolk including the Holt Country Park. There are reports of a local scam of people being telephoned and being asked to pay Kier. No such calls are being made by the contractors.

c) Parish Clerk

Nothing to report

5) To discuss any Planning Matters to hand

Nothing to hand.

6) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

A copy of the current bank statement and spreadsheet was circulated and was approved. There were no payments to be made.

7) To discuss the vacancies for Parish Councillors

There are still two vacancies for Parish Councillors, and although the Council could operate with the existing five, we would bear it in mind if any suitable candidates became available.

8) Minor Matters

In answer to the question of whether Holkham had a flood warden, apparently Jake Fiennes has agreed to undertake the job. Marie and Mike Strong (Wells Flood Wardens) would be prepared to offer any assistance. The entrances at New Holkham could do with some attention – the gravel having become displaced. DJ asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to Samantha Taylor at Wells Community Hospital for her excellent work in organising volunteers and the general operation of the premises. The recent dog show at Holkham had been a cultural and financial success, with 53 volunteers helping. It was agreed that we do so.

9) To confirm date of next meeting

Tuesday 10 September 2019 – 1800 at The Estate Office.

The meeting closed at 1845