

MINUTE 1555

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 11th day of MARCH 2019 at the Royal British Legion, Long Lane – commencing 7.30 pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Messrs Rayner (Chair), Lambert (Vice-Chair), Cock, Cooper, Leamon, Storey and Studd, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Bane and Mrs McGeeney. Also present 10 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Mrs Enefer-Harrison.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Mr Storey declared an interest in Item 7.

MINUTES: Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read, agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The meeting was suspended for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to speak.

MATTERS ARISING

1. RAF Feltwell – No news.

2. SNT – The few Police Connect emails received have been circulated.

3. Risk Assessment – Mr Lambert carried out the playing field inspection. He said the moss is quite bad on the tennis court but is better left to come through a bit more before treating. There is graffiti inside and outside the teen shelter, some of which is quite obscene. Mr Leamon will take a look to see if the solid steel panel can be painted over. The bench inside has been bent up, a beer bottle has been thrown up into the left hand gulley and there is something on the roof. Clerk to speak to Handyman. Clerk advised property with damaged wall is now inhabited although nobody is listed on the electoral role yet. Clerk to obtain title register and write to owner. Clerk read out two prices for conifer tree work, cheapest was Denver Tree Services at £650 including removing a dying Acacia tree on the field which could prove hazardous. Mr Rayner proposed instructing Denver Trees to undertake this work, Mr Studd seconded, all in favour. Mr Storey suggested the Chair visit the owner of the conifer trees with a view to obtaining a 20% contribution from him for the conifer tree work. Chair to visit the owner. Mrs Enefer-Harrison to carry out the next inspection.

4. Balance Sheet – No queries.

5. Allotment Pest Control – Reports received for February together with the annual report. Mr Rolph had informed the Clerk he was happy to continue his rolling contract at a cost of £50/month. Mrs Arnold proposed continuing the rolling contract with Mr Rolph, Mrs McGeeney seconded, all in favour. Clerk to inform Mr Rolph.

6. NALC – Weekly newsletters and updates have been circulated.

7. Briefing sessions (i) Local Plan – Site Allocations & Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (ii) 5 year land supply – Clerk said consultation for review of the Local Plan opened 4th March 2019 and deadline is 15th April 2019 although this may be extended due to lack of communication. Mr Lambert felt the public should be made aware of the consultation. Mr Rayner proposed holding a public meeting, all in favour. Clerk to make arrangements and Mr Rayner asked all Parish Councillors to familiarize themselves with the Local Plan Review document.

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MATTERS ARISING (CONT)

8. Street Light Replacement – Manufacturer advised Clerk to speak to UKPN re reimbursement charges as the fault is due to the mains power supply being outside normal tolerances for the grid. Clerk to speak to UKPN.

9. Ranger Visit – Next visit is w/c 1/4/19. Clerk asked for any requests for work to be carried out, other than that already instructed, to be advised to her asap.

10. Hedge Removal rear of Edmund Moundeford Road – Clerk has had no response from Orbit re installation date of fence.

11. Additional Post Boxes – Royal Mail are still investigating why the post box along The Beck is not operational.

12. Parish Partnership Scheme – No response as yet.

13. Locality Budget – Mr Storey said he is meeting with Andy Wallace soon to discuss this.

14. Hedges – Clerk awaiting response from Orbit to confirm hedge is their responsibility as it is not NCC.

15. Alleyway – Mr Storey said repair work was of a reasonable standard. Clerk awaiting invoice.

16. Overgrown Hedges – Hedge at 6 Newcombe Drive still has not been cut back although there is now a tenant residing at this property. Clerk to obtain owner's address and write to her direct. Hedge at 2 Newcombe Drive also needs cutting, Clerk to write to owner again.

17. Planning Breach – Hall Farm – Clerk read out email from developer, Mr K Garrod, expressing his concern that the Parish Council had spoken to the estate agent directly about the property being marketed with access onto Bell Street. Mr Lambert said the Parish Council thought it appropriate to inform the estate agent they were marketing the property incorrectly. Mr Lambert advised writing back to Mr Garrod informing him of this and to outline exactly why the Parish Council had concerns about these access gates. Clerk to write back to Mr Garrod. Mr Storey said he had not spoken to Mick Bates of Planning Enforcement.

18. Village Sign – Clerk said the local contractor who worked for Future Biogas (of which Warren Energy is a subsidiary) had been too busy to undertake this work as yet but had advised that Warren Energy had offered to pay for this work to be carried out as a gesture to the village. Sign should be repaired in a few weeks.

19. T T Jones Electrical Ltd – Column Replacement & Electrical Testing – Clerk said she had underestimated how many concrete columns there are and the price had increased to £210 + VAT which includes a survey and report. Mrs Bane proposed employing Jon Frith & Partners services, Mr Studd seconded, all in favour. Clerk to organize.

20. Bridleway – Mr Lambert presented a 1980's village map to the Councillors showing the bridleway from Manor Fen Farm to the river bank which now does not exist. Mr Lambert proposed writing to David Mills at NCC enclosing the map to obtain his opinion as it would appear the cost to reinstate it would be to Harrowden Turf because Weasenham Farms removed it, Mrs Bane seconded, all in favour. Clerk to write to David Mills.

MATTERS ARISING (CONT)

22. Appointing Internal Auditor – Clerk said the auditor recommended by Southery Parish Council had quoted £60-£80 but required the books to be delivered to King's Lynn. Mr Rayner said that by the time fuel and time costs had been incurred, it was more cost efficient to use TWR Accountants in Brandon. Mrs Bane proposed TWR Accountants carry out the internal audit this year, Mr Studd seconded, all in favour. Clerk to inform TWR.

23. Highways – Roadsweeper was here last week and today. Clerk had spoken with Martin Edmunds of Highways about cars parking on the green at Addisons Close. He had then visited the site and said as there was no damage to the grass he was not concerned however if the cars were causing an obstruction, it would be a matter for the Police.

24. Annual Playground Inspection – Clerk obtained three prices, cheapest was Playmaintain at £61.88 + VAT. Mrs McGeeney proposed Playmaintain, Mrs Bane seconded, all in favour. Clerk to arrange.

25. Review Allotment Terms of Reference – To remain as present. Mrs Bane proposed, Mrs Arnold seconded, all in favour.

26. Review Financial Standing Orders – To remain as present. Mrs Bane proposed, Mr Studd seconded, all in favour.

27. Allotment Monthly Walkabout – Carried out by Mrs Bane who said nothing much was happening at the allotments however she had asked the Clerk to contact two tenants to ascertain whether they still wished to continue their contract. Clerk confirmed they did. Next walkabout to be carried out by Mr Cock.

28. Request for use of playing field car park for F-19 Music Festival – Clerk read out email from Mr Stickley requesting use of the playing field car park for festival-goers during F-19. Concern was expressed during Public Speaking that residents had not been informed of the festival which Mr Storey agreed was concerning and said the Parish Council need more information. Mr Rayner to set up meeting with Mr Stickley, representatives from St Mary's and the Police and any Parish Councillors wishing to attend.

29. Pension Scheme – Clerk informed the meeting that she is now eligible to join the Company Pension Scheme and in line with auto-enrolment requirements, the Parish Council must set one up. Clerk said NEST provides a free service to the employer. Mr Lambert proposed setting up the Company Pension Scheme with NEST, Mr Studd seconded, all in favour. Clerk to organise. Contributions were discussed and Mrs Bane proposed the Parish Council contribute 4% to the Clerk's pension, Mr Lambert seconded, 8 voted for this proposal and 1 abstained. Clerk to set up Pension Scheme with NEST.

CORRESPONDENCE

30. Police Connect - Emails received and circulated

31. BCKLWN – Email - Amendment to CIL Charges

32. NCC – Email – Norwich Western Link – Consultation analysis update

33. National Playing Fields Association – Email – AGM 28/2/19

34. PC Lee Anderton, Norfolk Constabulary – Email – Parish Newsletter Feb 2019

35. E.ON – Emails – Monthly Market Report February 2019

36. Community Action Norfolk – Emails – Various Newsletters

37. Mayor of King's Lynn - Email - Invitation to Attend The Mayors St Georges Day Charity Dinner 26/4/19

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT)

38. Early Help Children's Services – Emails – Early Help & Services Directory & Monthly Bulletin March 2019

39. West Norfolk Clinical Commissioning Group – Email – Patient & Public Forum 11/3/19

40. Rural Norfolk – Email – Rural Services Network Bulletin; Rural Funding Digest - March

41. TWR Accountants – Email – Tax Tips & Newsletter March

42. Mark Finbow – Email – A Christmas Carol on Tour

43. Earth Anchors- Email – Promoting street furniture

44. Brochures – Parish Magazine

45. **CHEQUES** – Were signed for the following – J Martin £31.04, S Sargent £93.32, Cash £10.00, Viridor £127.80, John Rolph £50.00, T T Jones Electrical £2176.15, Anglian Water £22.00, Lee Bebee Heating & Plumbing £50.00, E.ON £394.66, BCKLWN £810.84. Standing order to Mrs J Martin £813.19, direct debit to BT £50.02.

46. **PLANNING**

Ms G McMurray, Warren Energy Ltd, Methwold Farm, Methwold: Variation of Condition 2 and the variation or deletion of Condition 3 of C/2/2017/2003 – NO OBJECTION;

Mr John Stickley: 4 x timber support posts to bear a tiled roof adjoining the back wall and entrance to 11 The Beck, Feltwell – NO OBJECTION;

Mr Jeremy Baldwin: Reinstate pitched roof at 41 Long Lane, Feltwell (Amended) – NO OBJECTION

Clerk read out Breach of Condition Notice served to LP Pallett Quarry (Ltd) regarding Condition 8 relating to the access, dated 4/3/19. The period of compliance is 42 days.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

47. Senior FC – Email request received re fence storage for new goals, fees for friendly matches and improving the football pitch. Clerk to invite Manager to the next meeting to discuss. Email also stated problem with showers therefore Clerk instructed Lee Bebee Plumbing to investigate. Eight showerheads needed descaling which Mr Bebee removed, descaled and refitted.

48. Front Wall of Hall Drive Properties – During Public Speaking, it was brought to the Parish Council's attention that the wall in front of the Hall Drive properties is in an undesirable and possibly unsafe condition. Clerk to investigate ownership of wall, obtaining title deeds if necessary.

49. Summers Fair – Clerk received request from Mr Summers for his fair to be situated at the playing field during third week of May/first week of July. First week of July was thought to be a more desirable date. To be discussed next meeting.

50. Cllr Martin Storey Report - Mr Storey said that on 30/1/19, during a 24-hour period, three gritting actions had been performed at 7pm, 1am and 5am. To date, the gritters have covered 2200 miles in Norfolk, having completed 37 salt runs and using 8000T of salt. He attended a Budget Meeting 11/2/19 (due to commence at 10am but due to protestors didn't begin until 2.15pm) to finalise and vote on the budget. Mr Storey abstained from voting as he said he could not vote for cuts to disabled services. Budget information is on the NCC website. During September-November 2018, £2m was spent on fen road improvements.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7.30 pm at the British Legion.
Meeting declared closed 9.30 pm.

On 25/3/19, planning was opposed for Variation of Conditions 2, 12 and 14 of Planning Permission 12/00514/F: Conversion of existing buildings into 5 dwellings, conversion of farmhouse into 2 dwellings and erection of 12 new dwellings at Hall Farm, 21 Bell Street – OPPOSED by 9 Councillors for the following reasons:-

- 1) Changes 1-4 (four access gates) would cause more traffic flow issues along Bell Street. These access gates encourage more parking along Bell Street by residents/visitors/ deliveries to the properties and it may also be possible for uninvited people to gain access onto the development.
- 2) Wide farm vehicles will not be able to get through if vehicles are parked along one side of the road.
- 3) The access point to the development site on the other side of the road is directly opposite one of the access gates (Change 1). If vehicles are parked along Bell Street, visibility for vehicles exiting this development site will be severely impaired.
- 4) The bus stop is also on the opposite side of the road to one of the access gates (Change 1) which is not shown on the plan. Again if vehicles are parking on the other side of the road, traffic flow will be greatly reduced when a bus stops here and safety for children crossing the road is also an issue if their vision is impaired by parked vehicles.

On 2/4/19, planning was approved for Construction of a pitched roof over an existing flat roof extension at 3 Munsons Place, Feltwell by 6 Councillors.