

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 8th day of APRIL 2019 at the Royal British Legion, Long Lane – commencing 7.30 pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Messrs Rayner (Chair), Lambert (Vice-Chair), Cock, Cooper, Storey and Studd, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Enefer-Harrison and Mrs McGeeney. Also present 5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Mrs Bane and Mr Leamon.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

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

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The meeting was suspended for 13 minutes to allow members of the public to speak.

MATTERS ARISING

1. RAF Feltwell – Clerk said she had received a complaint from an elderly resident about the detonations on 14/3/19. Mr Storey felt they were getting louder and asked for the new Squadron Leader to be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss this further and if an unsatisfactory response is received then the Parish Council should write to Environmental Health. Clerk to contact Stephanie Robins, Community Relations Advisor. Mrs McGeeney said it would be a good idea to put contact details in the Parish Magazine so that residents can complain directly to the USAF. Clerk to contact Parish Magazine.

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

3. Risk Assessment – Mrs Enefer-Harrison apologised for not realising she had to undertake the monthly inspection and said she would do it later in the week and forward her report to the Clerk. Clerk said Handyman has cleaned the graffiti from the teen shelter, inside and out, and Mrs McGeeney said Mr Leamon had advised the steel can be painted over. The Handyman has also cleared the roof of the Changing Rooms and cut the ivy from the bottom of the posts. He will paint the welds on the iron fencing in due course. Clerk said the owner of the damaged wall has had it repaired and had enquired if some sort of netting could be put over it to prevent children from pulling out the chalk. Mr Lambert said he didn't think they would touch it unless it started to fall out. Denver Trees will carry out the tree work later this week and Mr Cock offered his assistance with this. Mr Rayner had visited the property but the owner is out of the country for six months however the tenant residing there said this would be no problem and she did not want the cuttings. She took Mr Rayner's details and said she would ask the owner to contact him. Mrs McGeeney to carry out the next inspection.

4. Balance Sheet – No queries.

5. Allotment Pest Control – No report received for March.

6. NALC – Weekly newsletters and updates have been circulated. Clerk advised annual subscription has increased by 1.9% to £400.26. It was agreed their advice had been invaluable this year. Mr Rayner proposed renewing the subscription, Mr Cooper seconded, all in favour. Clerk to renew subscription.

MATTERS ARISING CONT.

7. Briefing sessions (i) Local Plan – Site Allocations & Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (ii) 5 year land supply – Public Meeting arranged for Monday 15th April 2019 at the British Legion at 7.00 pm. Mr Alan Gomm, Planning Policy Manager, will be in attendance.

8. Street Light Replacement – Street light opposite 64 Lodge Road is still not working. Clerk to contact T T Jones.

9. Ranger Visit – Rangers are visiting this week, not w/c 1/4/19 as they had previously advised, therefore no report was available.

10. Hedge Removal rear of Edmund Moundeford Road – Orbit said fence will be installed by the end of April.

11. Additional Post Boxes – Royal Mail are still investigating why the post box along The Beck is not operational. Mr Rayner suggested contacting Thetford Collections Manager or the local postman/woman. Clerk will make enquiries.

12. Parish Partnership Scheme – Confirmation has been received that the bid for the bus shelter was successful. The acceptance form was signed by Mr Rayner and witnessed by the Clerk who will return it to NCC. Clerk to liaise with Westcotec to commence this project.

13. Locality Budget – Mr Storey said after meeting with Andy Wallace, he was prepared to allocate £1500 of his Locality Budget towards a 20mph flashing speed sign along The Beck which could cost £3000 in total. Mr Rayner said the deficit could come from capital funds or funds carried over from 2018/19 financial year. Mr Studd proposed accepting Mr Storey's offer, Mr Cooper seconded, all in favour. Mr Rayner thanked Mr Storey on behalf of Feltwell Parish Council for this funding.

14. Hedges – Clerk suggested taking this off the minutes as the matter is between Orbit and Highways. Mr Lambert proposed taking this off the minutes, Mr Cooper seconded, all in favour.

15. Alleyway – Invoice has been received and cheque has been raised.

16. Overgrown Hedges – After meeting with the owner of 2 Newcombe Drive, Mr Rayner said that if this hedge was trimmed back it would die. In his opinion, the pavement was passable. Mr Storey agreed and said if it is not causing any damage and the path is accessible then it should remain as it is. Mr Rayner said the hedge at 6 Newcombe Drive had been cut back so that the sign is exposed but a neighbour said it is the height of it which is more of an issue. Mr Lambert said that neighbours could write to Environmental Health but those present at the meeting requested that the Parish Council do this on their behalf. Clerk to write to Environmental Health.

17. Planning Breach – Hall Farm – Mr Rayner proposed the motion that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as applied by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, Members of the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting at this point as the matter next being discussed was a confidential issue arising from a complaint received, Mr Lambert seconded, all in favour.

MATTERS ARISING (CONT)

The complaint was circulated together with advice from NALC and a copy of the Complaints Procedure. After a lengthy discussion and taking into consideration NALC's advice, the Parish Council concluded it had not acted wrongly and as the body responsible for the upkeep of the village on behalf of its parishioners, it felt it had a duty to report and take action to prevent anything that may cause concerns regarding the safety and well-being of its parishioners. Mr Lambert proposed writing a letter to Mr Garrod advising him of this decision, to be signed by all Parish Councillors, Mr Studd seconded, all in favour.

18. Village Sign – Clerk said the sign had been repaired which Mr Lambert said was to a high standard. Mr Lambert proposed writing a letter to Future Biogas and Warren Energy to thank them for their gesture of paying for this work and also to Matt Martin for the excellent job he made in repairing the flintwork, Mrs McGeeney seconded, all in favour. Clerk to also put a piece in the Parish Magazine. Mr Lambert said the crook on the front of the post had rotted and needed replacing or removing. Mr Storey felt it must be replaced but perhaps with a metal moulding. Clerk will contact Bonnetts at Stoke Ferry.

19. T T Jones Electrical Ltd – Column Replacement & Electrical Testing – Clerk had received no updated from Jon Frith as yet.

20. Bridleway – Clerk said David Mills was aware of the bridleway and measures are in place to get it useable again up as far as Corkway. Clerk to send copy of email to Mr Leamon.

21. Highways – Mr Studd said there is damage to the green at Addisons Close and Mr Rayner agreed stating that cars are now parking on the neighbouring piece of grass as well which means they are driving over the footpath. Mr Studd proposed writing to the Borough Council about this and cars parked on the grass along Wilton Road, Mrs Arnold seconded, all in favour. Clerk to write to Borough Council.

22. Annual Playground Inspection – Inspection will be carried out w/c 19/6/19.

23. Allotment Monthly Walkabout – Carried out by Mr Cock. One allotment is of concern but Mrs Bane has agreed to speak with the tenant about it. Mr Cock has kindly agreed to rotavate a vacant full plot and rented half plot. Request received from tenant to half their allotment but this can be discussed at the next Tenants Meeting. Next walkabout to be carried out by Mr Rayner

24. Request for use of playing field car park for F-19 Music Festival – Mr Rayner held a meeting with Mr Stickley which was also attended by five Parish Councillors as well as representatives from St Mary's Church and the Police. Although Mrs Enefer-Harrison said it was not the Parish Council's concern, Mr Rayner said it was a useful exercise in gathering information about this event. Mr Lambert thanked the Parish Councillors who attended.

25. Senior FC – Mr Peckham and Mr Webber from the Senior FC Team asked if they could erect a fenced compound on the playing field in which to safely store their new wheeled goals, stating they would move the current goals to a position off the pitch where the children could still use them. Mrs McGeeney asked if they could email some photographs to the Clerk in time for the next meeting so the Parish Council has a clearer idea of what this would look like and how much room would be required. Mr Peckham went on to say that although the Changing Rooms are excellent facilities, the pitch is in a poor condition and requested the Parish Council's help to level, spike and roll it. Mr Storey said he had the soil and equipment to assist them and suggested they come along to the next meeting with a plan of exactly what they required.

MATTERS ARISING (CONT)

26. Front Wall of Hall Drive Properties – After obtaining several title deeds, the Clerk said this wall belongs to the owners of the properties at Hall Drive. She was advised by Highways to speak with Building Control at BCKLWN. After consulting with the Chair and Vice-Chair, she contacted Building Control and registered the wall as unsafe. Building Control have inspected the wall and written to the owner of property number 14, the rest of the wall they felt was not imminently dangerous.

27. Summers Fair – Clerk said Mr Summers could not now make first week of July due to 4th July celebrations on the Base but w/c 13/5/19 was still available. She had received confirmation from the football teams that they did not have matches this weekend. Clerk to arrange meeting with Mr Summers to visit the field with a view to gaining more information, i.e. where the fair would be positioned etc.

28. Cllr Martin Storey Report – Mr Storey said the Museums Committee had reported 600 weddings took place in the Castle Museum, Norwich last year and they are now looking into providing Reception facilities too. 45,000 children have visited the 10 museum sites in Norfolk over the last year. £420m was given to Highways from Central Government, £12.65m to be spent on Fen Roads. Mr Lambert asked if there were any plans to resurface the road from what was Vincent's Shop to the old West End Pub and Mr Storey said Feltwell had been viewed as "tired" and there is going to be some forward movements probably within the next 18 months. Mobile Library hours have changed due to the reduction of 2 vehicles. Clerk has received information and will display this in due course.

29. Fete Committee Donation Request – Email received from the Fete Committee asking for a donation of £300 to cover overheads of the village fete. Mr Storey proposed donating £300, Mrs McGeeney seconded, all in favour. The Clerk thanked the Parish Council for this donation on behalf of the Fete Committee.

30. Street Light Energy Supply Renewal – Due end of April. Clerk presented three prices; cheapest was with current provider, E.ON, at an estimated one-year contract cost of £4618.00. Mr Studd proposed renewing with E.ON, Mrs Enefer-Harrison seconded, all in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE

31. Police Connect - Emails received and circulated

32. NCC – Email – Safer sleeping advice for parents of young babies; Next steps for A149 safety improvements; Final call for £350,000 funding for Norfolk and north Suffolk businesses; Norfolk - an Autism Friendly County

33. PC Lee Anderton – Email - Special Constabulary Recruitment Events

34. USAF – Email - USAF Detonation Notification - 14 March 2019

35. Peterborough City Council – Email – Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Local Plan - Further Draft Consultation

36. Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) – Email – Main points re Local Plan Review consultation and request to sign Pledge

37. Norfolk Constabulary – Email – Norfolk Rural Communities Newsletter (March)

38. E.ON – Emails – Monthly Market Report & EnergyTalk Newsletter - March 2019

39. Community Action Norfolk – Emails – Various Newsletters

40. Early Help Children's Services – Emails – Activities for Children Easter 2019, April Bulletin & Service Directory

41. British Red Cross – Email – Plea for help with collections

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT)

42. Rural Services Network – Email - Rural Services Network call on Government for a Rural Strategy; Rural Services Bulletin (April)

43. TWR Accountants – Email – Spring Statement Budget 2019 Newsletter

44. Clean Tech – Letter – Local War Memorial cleaning

45. Brochures – Parish Magazine

46. **CHEQUES** – Were signed for the following – J Martin £74.28, S Sargent £106.66, T George £51.20, Cash £10.00, Viridor £184.93, T T Jones Electrical £52.63, Environment Agency £37.70, Norfolk County Council £940.97, HMRC £191.45, E.ON £436.94. Standing order to Mrs J Martin £813.19, direct debit to BT £50.87.

47. **PLANNING**

Warren Energy Ltd, Methwold Farm, Methwold: Retrospective application to retain bund, post and wire fence, and use of existing concrete hardstanding/track to access Anaerobic Digestion Plant – NO OBJECTION

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

48. Highways – A new wall has been built replacing an existing wall but the builder has left a gap with at least a 6 inch drop between the length of the new wall and the pavement. Loose drain covers at Long Lane and opposite the entrance to Western Close. Exposed drain on the path near The Chinese. Clerk to contact Highways.

49. National Living Wage – Increased to £8.21/hour 1/4/19 which affects the Litter Collector and Handyman.

50. Donation Request from St Mary's PCC – Clerk read out a letter from Sue Garland of St Mary's PCC requesting a donation towards the £12,000 cost of employing the Heritage Building Contractor and perhaps two other professionals to help manage and teach the volunteers repairing the wall at St Nicholas Church. To be discussed next meeting.

51. Thank You – The Parish Councillors thanked Mr Cooper for his time served as a Parish Councillor which he thought was about 28 years. A round of applause was given.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 13th May 2019. Annual Parish Meeting starts at 7.00 pm followed by the Annual Meeting of Parish Council. Accounts will be on show from 6.45 pm.

Meeting declared closed 9.25 pm.

On 2/5/19, planning was approved by 7 Parish Councillors for Mr & Mrs Waterlow to build a replacement dwelling at 12 Leonards Lane.

On 7/5/19, planning was approved by 8 Parish Councillors for Mr A Avery for the replacement of fire damaged dwelling with single dwelling at 19 East Hall Bungalows.