

NORDELPH PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meeting

Held on Monday 24th January 2011 @ 7.00 pm @ Nordelph Village Hall

Committee Members

Cllr. A Marshall
Cllr. M Harwood
Cllr. J Jones
Cllr. D Gott
Cllr. R Balls
Cllr. R Bailey
Cllr. B Bushnell
Cllr. G Cosson
Cllr. M Johnson

Those Attending

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District Cllr. Spikings

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and announced, that at a meeting of the selection Committee, comprising Cllr. A Marshall, Cllr. M Harwood and Cllr. J Jones, held prior to this meeting, that two candidates for the post of Clerk had been interviewed, Mrs. Kate Cobby and Mrs. Kate Bennett. After due consideration, it was agreed that Kate Bennett be appointed and the Chairman welcomed her to the meeting and introduced her to the members present.

Cllr. B Bushnell proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Clerk for his 58 years of service to the Council and the village. This was unanimously agreed. The Clerk, Mr. Stannard, thanked the Council and members for their support over the years. He had happily served under 8 different Chairmen and was sorry to leave but felt it was now time for someone younger to take over. He hoped that Kate would enjoy working with the members as much as he had.

2. Apologies

There were apologies from District Cllr. D Pope and County Cllr. H Humphrey.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. Public Forum

No-one attended the Public Forum.

5. To report on matters arising from November's minutes

- Following the approval by the Borough Council of planning application 10/00933/F for the development on the Holy Trinity Church land, Cllr. Harwood reported that he is currently requesting that the Diocese of Ely provide proof to the Townley family (who are the patrons of the land) that the Diocese still in fact own the plot of land now that the Church is no longer standing – ongoing.
- District Cllr. Spikings informed Council of a visit by Elizabeth Truss (Conservative MP for South West Norfolk) to Upwell Village Hall on Friday 25th March from 6.00pm-7.00pm, all welcome.

The Minutes of the last meeting which had been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Correspondence

Joint Meeting of Local Councils – the meeting scheduled for Monday 31st January at Upwell had been cancelled and, for the time being, Upwell will not be participating in these meetings.

7. Planning Applications

Cllr. Gott reported her disappointment to District Cllr. Spikings on the outcome of Planning Application 10/00933/F Holy Trinity Church. She was disappointed that the 'local' displeasure of the design/appearance of the development was not taken more into account before 'approval' for the application was granted. District Cllr. Spikings explained that *valid planning reasons* had to be given for refusing an application, not just a case that you *do* or *don't* like the look of something. Cllr. Gott accepted this explanation but remained disappointed with the outcome.

There were no new planning applications.

8. To pass Accounts due

The Clerk presented 3 invoices for payment,

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| • 100393 Village Hall Hire for 2010 | £60.00 |
| • 100394 A Marshall Advertising in Lynn News | £358.31 |
| • R.W Stannard Balance of salary & expenses to 31/1/11 | £528.95 |

9. Village Hall Report

- Cllr. Harwood provided a Village Hall report making particular reference to the need for funding for new windows in the kitchen.
- District Cllr. Spikings reminded Council of their asset of 'the Flat' that the Council owns above the Village Hall. If the Village Hall is eager to raise money for replacement windows etc. she suggested that investment in refurbishing the flat would be well spent to try and possibly rent out the flat as accommodation/office space in a bid to raise some money for the

repairs etc. required at the Village Hall. She suggested making contact with Jackie Squires at BCKLWN to find out if any funding is available for such projects.

10. **Emergency Planning**

Cllr. Harwood advised that the village plan has now been submitted to the Borough Council and Mr. David Venn is the acting Village Co-ordinator for the plan.

11. **A.O.B.**

- Cllr. Harwood passed on thanks from Mr. Massingham who had acknowledged receipt of the Parish Council's letter offering him condolences.
- Correspondence had been received from Jane Matthew, with concerns over the upkeep of the field by Holly Landscapes. Apparently when the field is cut they are not mowing right to the edges and the borders are becoming quite unkempt.
- Cllr. Marshall had received correspondence from the Parish's new Reverend, Karen Burnett-Hall, introducing herself as the new Reverend for Nordelph, Stow Bardolph, Wimbotsham & Stowbridge.
- Cllr. Marshall advised of 2 invitations he had received from Downham Market Town Council to attend 1) a Civil Service and 2) a parade & breakfast, he will be attending both.
- Parish Assembly to be Monday 14th March.
- Clerk to provide meeting dates for 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Date of next meeting is Monday 21st February 2011 at 7.00 p.m. at Nordelph Village Hall.

Signed..... Date