

NORDELPH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Nordelph Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th April 2015 at the Village Hall at 7.00pm

Committee Members: Cllr. D Gott, Cllr. R Bailey, Cllr. B Bushnell, Cllr. R Stannard, Cllr. G Cosson, Cllr. Balls

Those Attending: Cllr. Stannard, Cllr. Gott, Cllr. Bailey, Cllr. Balls, Borough Cllr. Pope

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Apologies: Cllr. Spikings, Cllr. Bushnell, Cllr. Free

MEETING REPORT

1. Welcome

1.1 Cllr. Gott welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Apologies

2.1 Apologies were given as listed above and accepted.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest & Requests for Dispensations

3.1 No declarations of pecuniary interest were given on this month's agenda & no dispensations required.

4. Public Forum

4.1 One member of the public present to observe only.

5. To confirm & sign the minutes from the last meeting

5.1 The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Balls and seconded by Stannard.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

6.1 It was noted that the poorly repaired potholes along Silt Road by the old chapel and the damaged chevron along the Downham Road had still not been repaired. Clerk to action.

7. Village Hall

7.1 Clerk to request a copy of the end of year accounts and an annual report from the village hall.

8. Police Matters

8.1 It was noted that a representative from Norfolk Constabulary has been invited to attend the next joint council meeting on Tuesday 14th July at 7.00pm in Marshland St. James to provide further details on the match-funding PCSO scheme.

9. BCKLWN Issues

9.1 No report.

10. Cemetery

10.1 Thanks to be recorded to Cllr. Balls for visiting the cemetery and cutting the tops of the privet hedging.

11. Norfolk County Council issues

11.1 Kate Day from Cambs CC visited the parish with a colleague on Tuesday 17th March to discuss ideas for the parish and neighbouring parishes regarding the opening up of the Ouse Wash. Cllr. Balls, Cllr. Gott & Cllr. Cosson attended. The Parish Council are keen to try and secure funding to install a new bridge at the Old Bedford River bank to complete footpath 7. Kate Day is considering several walks along the whole stretch of the Ouse Wash and Nordelph may or may not be one of those walks considered. In the meantime the Parish Council need to try and determine if Waldersea Farms are in agreement for the Parish Council to install a new bridge at this point as they are the current land owners.

11.2 It was noted that the bid to NCC Highways for the joint purchase of a SAM2 speed sign with Upwell & Emneth Parish Councils had been successful. On going.

11.3 It was noted that the Rangers are due back in the parish w/c 11th May 2015.

11.4 Clerk to investigate with Highways exactly how much of the verge they are responsible for from the edge of the road in towards the riverbank.

11.5 Information received from NCC regarding the closure of William Marshall Primary School in Welney was noted.

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12. Planning

12.1 It was noted that the Parish Council had approved Planning app 15/00321F 3 dwellings at land adjacent to the Haven, Silt Road, Nordelph with concerns over the access to plot 2 being so close to the children's school bus stop.

13. Internal Council Affairs

13.1 Clerk to pass the contact details of the village sign maker on to Cllr. Gott with a view to her visiting him with other councillors.

13.2 On a proposal from Cllr. Balls, seconded by Cllr. Stannard with all in favour it was resolved that the 2015-16 charitable donation of £25.00 should be sent to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. A donation was not made in 2014-15.

13.3 On a proposal from Cllr. Balls, seconded by Cllr. Stannard with all in favour it was resolved for the Clerk to purchase a new noticeboard for the Staithe of expenditure up to £400.00.

13.4 The new price from E.on as of 1st May 2015 for the unmetered electricity supply will be 12.40p per kWh (was 9.20p per kWh).

13.5 A *Candidate Spending Return & Declaration Form for Parish Elections* was circulated to all councillors for completion and return at the AGM on 20th May. Clerk to send a copy to Cllr. Free & Cllr. Cosson.

13.6 It was noted that the Parish Council's Insurance and Long Term Agreement is due to expire in May. Clerk to source 3 new quotes for consideration.

13.7 Information received from NALC regarding the *Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities (17th December 2014)* was noted. This requires local authorities with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000 to publish certain information and comes into force on 1st April 2015. Clerk to action.

14. Finance

14.1 All were in favour to pay the outstanding payments since the last meeting.

Nordelph Parish Council					
<u>Payments for Authorisation since the last meeting</u>					
Payee	Goods/ Services	VAT	TOTAL	dd/EP/chq	Supplier/Service
Kate Bennett	£186.64	£0.00	£186.64	s/o	April salary
Kate Bennett expenses	£38.40	£13.34	£51.74	100489	Stamps, new folders for 15/16 etc., mileage
Norfolk ALC	£113.82	£0.00	£113.82	100490	Annual subscription
Emneth Design	£96.48	£0.00	£96.48	100491	Annual hosting fee £66.48 & quartly update service £30
HMRC	£14.00	£0.00	£14.00	100492	Annual PAYE for Clerk
Upwell Parish Council	£592.83	£0.00	£592.83	100493	SAM2 sign
E.on	£104.02	£5.20	£109.22	100494	Annual street lighting charge 01/04/14 to 31/3/15
	£1,146.19	£18.54	£1,164.73		

14.2 Income since the last meeting was noted at £6500.00 – annual precept from BCKLWN.

14.3 Cllr. Gott & Cllr. Free to receive information from Barclays Bank regarding becoming a signatory on the Community Account.

14.4 The bank statements were not available for viewing. To be viewed at the AGM next month.

15. Correspondence

15. All were in favour for the Clerk to further investigate the purchase of the BT telephone kiosk along the High Street which appeared to now be available for adopting at £1.00.

16. Allotments

16.1 Cllr. Gott had been in correspondence with Mr. Townley once more to investigate any monies that could potentially be made available to the Parish from the Diocese following the sale of the Church land. On going.

Cllr. Stannard left the meeting.

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17. Agenda items for the next meeting

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 7.00pm.

Signed..... Date