

NORDELPH PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meeting

Held on Monday 21st February 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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Cllr. R Bailey
Cllr. J Jones
Cllr. D Gott

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Apologies

There were apologies from District Cllr. D Pope, Cllr. Cosson & Cllr. Balls.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. Public Forum

No-one attended the Public Forum.

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

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

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

Cllr. Harwood has made contact with Jackie Squires at BCKLWN and managed to gain some funds for play equipment at the Village Hall.

The Clerk to get in touch with Holly Landscapes regarding the upkeep of the field and mowing further to the edges if possible.

Item 5 - It was noted by Cllr. Bushnell that the Parish Council fully supports Cllr. Harwood with his investigations into the ownership of the land at the Holy Trinity Church, reference Planning Application 10/00933/F and wished the Minutes to reflect this accordingly.

Cllr. Harwood was in receipt of, and read out to Council, a copy of a letter from Mr. Richard Townley (a patron of the church) to Jane Logan at the Diocese of Ely advising them that the land had originally been gifted to the village from the Townley family for pastoral development with the intent of it being a chapel of ease forever. The letter confirms that the land was consecrated when the church was erected and was to be used as a dedicated worship area. A response to this letter is not expected for possibly another 5-6 weeks, ongoing.

Item 9 – Cllr. Gott reiterated the need for the Village Hall Committee to have clarity on ownership/responsibility of maintenance/repairs at the Village Hall. What is the Parish Council responsible for and what is the Village Hall responsible for? It is not just the Village Hall in question but also the flat, the field, the car park, the memorial. Investigations to be made into this by the Clerk and reported back as soon as possible.

7. Correspondence

Joint Meeting of Local Councils – a further email had been received from Upwell Parish Council regarding the setting up of a joint meeting between Upwell, Outwell, Emneth, Marshland St. James and ourselves to share experiences and discuss local issues. Council agreed that they felt this would be beneficial for all and would be interested to pursue the matter.

8. Planning Applications

Planning Application 11/00028/F had been received for the *erection of a four bedroom detached farmhouse and garage at Mill House, Boothes Road, Nordelph*. Approval was given for the application with an accompanying note that *'4 garages seems a bit excessive for a 4 bedroom house and that a building of this size and structure had not existed behind the house before'*.

9. To pass Accounts due

There were none.

Council agreed for the Clerk to attend an End of Financial Year course held at NALC, Downham on 22nd March 2011 at a cost of £35.00. Proposed by Cllr. Gott and seconded by Cllr. Bushnell.

10. Village Hall Report

Cllr. Harwood provided a Village Hall report making particular reference to the need for information regarding financial responsibilities at the Village Hall i.e. what the Parish Council is responsible for and what the Village Hall is responsible for.

11. A.O.B.

- Council agreed that the Clerk's wages should be set at £11.00/hour based on 4 hours/week, a total of 16 hours a month = £176.00 pcm.
- Cllr. Gott queried if a CRB check had been carried out on the new Clerk. To date, it has not.

- Cllr. Gott queried if the Clerk was on a 3 month trial period before a contract of employment would be issued. Council agreed that this would be a good idea and Cllr. Marshall agreed to issue a contract of employment after her first 3 months were complete, this will need to be issued on 1st May 2011.
- A standing order for the Clerk's wages of £176.00 pcm needs to be set up with Barclays in Downham.
- Cllr. Balls, Bailey & Cossons to remain as the 3 signatories for the time being until the elections are over when new signatories will possibly need to be arranged.
- Cllr. Gott reminded Council of the need to advertise the Council meetings at the Village Hall, the hairdressers and on the board near the river. Cllr. Marshall agreed to laminate the schedule of meetings for 2011 already issued and have one inserted in each place.
- Cllr. Marshall advised Council that the computer/printer from the previous Clerk's home had been put in the flat at the village hall for safekeeping.
- Cllr. Marshall notified Council of his intention to reinstall the cemetery gates in the summer that are currently at Cllr. Ball's house.
- Cllr. Harwood asked if the Clerk would contact B.T. to try and arrange for the repair of the dilapidated phone booth along the High Street.
- It was noted that the Elections will take place on 5th May 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Date of next meeting is Monday 14th March 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at Nordelph Village Hall after the Parish Assembly at 7.00 pm.

Signed..... Date