

# **NORDELPH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Council Meeting**

**Held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 @ 7.30 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**

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

### **Absent**

Cllr. G Cosson

#### **1. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

#### **2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

#### **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 pointed out that it was actually Mr. Venn who had made contact with Jackie Squires at BCKLWN and managed to gain some funds for 'games' equipment at the Village Hall, not 'play' equipment.

The Clerk had been in touch with Holly Landscapes regarding the upkeep of the field and they advised that they are currently mowing as close to the chain link fence as they can without hitting it.

Cllr. Gott requested a letter from the Parish Council confirming their ownership of the Village Hall, their willingness to still contribute to the cutting of the playing field when they can but that the Trustees of the Village Hall are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of such, including the car park, the war memorial, the flat, the hall, the railings and the playing field. The Trustees are clearly able to approach whoever they wish for funds to help to contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of such.

The Clerk has been in touch with BT regarding the repair of the kiosk along High Street and is awaiting a response.

## **7. Correspondence**

- The Joint Meeting of Local Councils between Upwell, Outwell, Emneth, Marshland St. James will take place after the May elections.
- Clerk to look into any rules and regulations there might be regarding the leaving of wheelie bins outside properties obstructing the pathway for pedestrians etc. This follows a query from Jean Manning regarding the amount of wheelie bins left on the pathway along High Street in Nordelph.
- Information received from Norfolk Constabulary on available funding for projects that benefit people of all ages in Norfolk to be forwarded on to Mr. David Venn.
- Information received on changes to the mobile library service to be forwarded to Cllrs. Marshall & Harwood and John Jaworski.

## **8. Planning Applications**

There were none.

## **9. To pass Accounts due**

- End of Financial Year Course for Clerk £35.00
- MHB Services £6.89
- February wages for Clerk £176.00

## 10. Village Hall Report

- The Royal Wedding event is definitely going ahead.
- The broken heater in the main hall is being replaced with the one in the hallway and a new one being provided for the hallway.
- A games night is planned for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.
- The Committee plan to plants some new trees.

## 11. A.O.B.

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011.
- A standing order for the Clerk's wages of £176.00 pcm needs to be set up with Barclays in Downham.
- Cllr. Marshall notified Council of his intention to reinstall the cemetery gates in the summer that are currently at Cllr. Ball's house. Cllrs. Ball, Harwood, Bushnell & Marshall agreed to all assist with this when the time arrives with the painting etc. of these. It was agreed that a hedge should be planted either side.
- Cllr. Ball advised of a pothole at the southern end of Birchfield Road, on the corner.
- Cllr. Marshall to provide Cllr. Harwood with a spec for a new Parish Notice Board near the river and Cllr. Harwood will obtain a quote.
- Cllr. Harwood requested that the Clerk write to the Diocese of Ely to request that the allotments next to the church are re-established now that the church has been demolished and is no longer a safety hazard.
- Cllr. Marshall requested on behalf of Susan Venn that investigations be re-ignited into the provision of the bridge along Footpath no. 7 which was removed by Upwell Internal Drainage Board some years ago and now makes this footpath un-useable.
- Cllr. Marshall advised that he had attended the Annual Civic Service at Downham Market and it was most enjoyable.
- The Clerk handed out the Election Nomination Packs to all councillors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Date of next meeting is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.00 p.m. at Nordelph Village Hall.

Signed..... Date .....