

NORDELPH PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meeting

Held on Monday 16th May 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. R Balls

Apologies

Cllr. G Cosson

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Apologies

There were apologies from Cllr. Cosson & PCSO Tracy Milburn who provided a brief report to be read out to Councillors outlining recent criminal activity within the Parish.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

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

The Clerk advised that following a conversation with Keith Lovejoy at BCKLWN if you leave your wheelie bin out for an unacceptable length of time you are in breach of Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1990. All wheelie bins should be removed from the highway once emptied. The Clerk to write to Jean Manning to this effect as she highlighted this issue originally.

Investigations into replacing the bridge along Footpath no. 7 to allow right of way are still proving fruitless. Upwell IDB do not accept any responsibility for the removal of the bridge and consequently do not intend on providing any funds to have it reinstated. David Mills at NCC believes the cost of a new bridge would be circa £10-£15,000.00. Mr. Mills is suggesting that the landowners apply for a diversion of the footpath which would be a much cheaper option. Council concluded that they would like to see the bridge reinstated and the footpath reopened as it was. Cllr. Harwood to look into any funding that might be available for this type of project.

The Clerk has written to Jane Logan at the Diocese of Ely to request the reopening of the allotments on the church land. Awaiting a response.

The Clerk confirmed that all the necessary paperwork & payment has now been sent off to Cambridgeshire Constabulary to request a Subject Access Request on the Clerk. This could take up to 40 days to receive. Once this 'request' has been received and proved to be satisfactory, a contract of employment for the Clerk can be issued.

The Clerk has been in touch with BT regarding the repair of the kiosk along High Street. BT have confirmed that they will send an engineer to look at this.

The pothole at the southern end of Birchfield Road, reported at the last meeting, has been dealt with.

Provision of a new Parish Noticeboard is still on going.

The monthly standing order for the Clerk's wages has now been set up.

7. Correspondence

- The next Joint Meeting of Local Councils between Upwell, Outwell, Emneth, Marshland St. James & ourselves will take place on 7th September 2011 in Nordelph at 7.30 p.m Cllr. Jones & Cllr. Gott very kindly agreed to help with the provision of tea, coffee & biscuits at this meeting.
- Following a request for a donation from the Norfolk Fundraising Team of Macmillan Cancer Support, Council decided their annual donation would be to this charity for £25.00. Proposed by Cllr. Jones, seconded by Cllr. Bushnell.
- Information received from the Norfolk Parish Training Partnership on Whole Council Training at our own location at a cost of £150.00 was discussed. Upwell Parish Council had suggested hosting such an event and sharing the training between 4/5 neighbouring councils thus splitting the cost 4/5 ways. The idea was agreed in principal. Clerk to advise Upwell's Clerk.
- An invitation from the Mayor of Downham Market to attend a Civic Service on Sunday 22nd May 2011 was handed to Cllr. Harwood.

- An email from BCKLWN Planning Dept. regarding Planning App 11/00028/F Mill House, Booths Road, Nordelph had been received to advise that an amended garage plan had been submitted to slightly reposition the garage on the site and reduce the garage block from 4 units to 3.
- The new 3 year street light maintenance contract with MHB Services for the 4 lights in the parish was signed ready for return to MHB in due course. For information only the 4 street lights are Unit 9002 near the bridge in High Street, Unit 9003 opposite Bridge House, High Street, Unit 9004 outside Friday's Cottage, High Street and Unit 9001 opposite The Haven, Silt Road.

8. Planning Applications

Planning Application 11/00121/F was approved by BCKLWN.

9. To pass Accounts due

• PAYE Course for Clerk	£20.00
• Village Hall Charge	£83.00
• March wages for Clerk	£176.00
• Annual NALC Subscription	£105.25
• Aon Local Council Insurance Renewal	£400.56

10. Village Hall Report

Cllr. Harwood provided a report to all Councillors which was read out and discussed at the meeting. On a proposal from Cllr. Bushnell & seconded by Cllr. Balls it was agreed that Cllr. Gott, as Secretary to the Village Hall Committee, would also be the Village Hall Representative for the Parish Council.

11. A.O.B.

Cllr. Bushnell advised that the bus providing the service from Three Holes to Downham Market (Barry's Taxis) will not have any further money spent on it until Barroway Drove & Lady's Drove are maintained to a higher standard.

Cllr. Marshall reported that 2 trees have blown down in the cemetery. Cllr. Harwood & Cllr. Balls agreed to attend to these.

It was reported that the trees on the boundary of the recently demolished bungalow along Silt Road are overhanging the highway and causing an obstruction. Clerk to action.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 .pm.

Date of next meeting is Monday 13th June 2011 at 7.00 p.m. at Nordelph Village Hall.

Signed..... Date