

NORDELPH PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 27th July 2011 @ 7.30 pm @ Nordelph Village Hall

Committee Members

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. M Harwood
Cllr. B Bushnell
Cllr. R Bailey
Cllr. D Gott
Cllr. G Cosson

County Cllr. H Humphrey

Mr. M Slow of Willow Cottage, High Street – Member of the public

Apologies

Cllr. J Jones
Cllr. R Balls
Cllr. M Johnson
Borough Cllr. Pope
Borough Cllr. Spikings
PCSO Tracy Milburn

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Apologies

There were apologies as listed above. Cllr. Cosson expressed appreciation for the change of date to accommodate his attendance.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at this point of the meeting.

4. Public Forum

Mr. Slow of Willow Cottage, High Street, Nordelph attended the meeting to address the problems he is having with parked cars & their drivers using the piece of land opposite his house which belongs to the Parish Council.

There have been incidents of abandoned cars parked here, cars parked generally inconsiderately not leaving enough space for other drivers to park their cars should they wish to, youngsters park here at night time playing their music loudly & leaving their beer cans etc. and it was also reported that the buying & selling of illegal substances is also taking place here.

Mr. Slow is generally unhappy with the situation & was asking for the Parish Council's assistance in getting the whole area from the top of the High Street (which is actually owned by Highways) down to the telephone kiosk (from the telegraph pole to the kiosk is owned by the Parish Council) tidied up & possibly white lined to provide marked car parking spaces.

At this point, Cllr. Harwood declared an interest in this item as he also lives along High Street, Nordelph.

County Cllr. Humphrey confirmed his support with the white lining at the top of the High Street & the Clerk to convey his thoughts to Highways when she approaches them to see if this is feasible or not. It was agreed to progress the matter of marking out the Parish Council section for use by Nordelph residents.

The Clerk to speak with Highways to determine if whether or not we are within our rights to mark out the area between the telegraph pole & the telephone kiosk along the High Street in order to allow for more structured resident parking.

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. To nominate a Vice Chairman

Cllr. Bushnell elected to be Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Gott.

7. Casual Vacancy to be filled

Following Cllr. Marhsall's resignation last month there was x1 vacancy to fill. Cllr. Maryrose Johnson has also now tendered her resignation this month so we now have x2 vacancies to fill.

Clerk to produce a leaflet for Cllr. Bushnell to deliver to all the properties in Red Hart Close in a bid to try and encourage someone to come forward to be on the Council from this area of the village. A general poster to also be produced for notice boards.

8. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

- The Amended Standing Orders were accepted & officially adopted by Council. Proposed by Cllr. Bushnell & seconded by Cllr. Gott.
- Investigations into replacing the bridge along Footpath no. 7 to allow right of way once more are still being progressed.

Cllr. Gott declared an interest in this item at this point as she farms neighbouring land.

Cllr. Harwood has spoken with David Mills at NCC who is still favouring rerouting the footpath however, Cllr. Harwood has spoken with The College of West Anglia who have confirmed that they would be keen to build a new bridge for use as a student project and have also confirmed that, subject to a survey & costings, they might be able to obtain sponsorship for the cost of materials from the Kier group.

Mr. Mills advised that NCC would need to approve the design of the bridge, the materials to be used & the construction of it and could possibly then adopt it. Cllr. Balls had previously advised that the IDB might be able to assist with the piling.

- The Clerk has written to Jane Logan at the Diocese of Ely to request the reopening of the allotments on the church land. An email dated 8th June 2011 in reply confirms that the Diocese are hoping that the allotments can eventually be reopened but 'things are moving very slowly due to the problems we have had receiving planning permission and the resulting delay in marketing the site' quote unquote. She confirms that she will be back in touch in due course with a definite answer. On going.
- Cllr. Bushnell is repairing the old notice board.

7. Correspondence

- The Clerk read out several pieces of correspondence which were noted.
- An email received from Norfolk Police Authority regarding the Policing Plan for 2011/12 to be replied to enquiring about the future of PCSO's and to note how thankful we are for the great efforts from our PCSO Tracy Milburn.
- Cllr. Harwood read out a letter of thanks he had received from Mr. R W Stannard for the luncheon on 6th July 2011 & for his retirement gift.

8. Planning Applications

None.

9. To pass Accounts due

£72.95 Fen Regis Trophies Ltd. (Cllr. Harwood) Repayment for retirement gift for R W Stannard.

Cllr. Gott advised that she has some expenses for the flowers & photographs for Mr. Stannard's retirement luncheon.

Cllr. Bushnell provided a receipt for £17.07 for notice board expenses. This will be reimbursed at the 12th September meeting.

10. Village Hall Report

Cllr. Gott gave a verbal summarised report to all Councillors from the last meeting. The next meeting is 8th August 2011. She advised that there will not be a raft race this year, the pole for the flag will soon be ready and the gates will soon be fitted. Enquiries are to be made into the maintenance of the war memorial, the hall will soon be painted, the windows & railings have already been painted and a new door fitted as part of larger refurbishment for the future. The Bowls Club have requested for blinds to be fitted at the 2 long windows in the hall – to be investigated.

Diary dates,

- 7th August – monthly cleaning exercise.
- 26th November – Drama production.
- 22nd December – Xmas Music Evening.

11. A.O.B.

Clerk to email other relevant local parish councils for suggested agenda items for the next joint meeting of local councils to be hosted at Nordelph on 7th September 2011.

Clerk to chase the proposed dates for the joint training event with Emneth Parish Council.

Thanks to be recorded to Cllr. Balls for the renovation of the old church gates. The posts have been reset at the cemetery and once the concrete is dry the gates will be hung.

Thanks also to Cllr. Cosson for his continued efforts with the cutting back of the hedge.

12. Agenda items for the next meeting

- FP7
- Parking along High Street
- Anti Social Behaviour

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Monday 12th September @ 7.00pm at Nordelph Village Hall.

(apologies were given at the meeting by Cllr. Cosson & County Cllr. Humphrey for this next meeting).

Signed..... Date