

Meeting of Nordelph Parish Council on Monday 28th January 2013 @ 7.00 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. M Slow, Cllr. R Stannard, Cllr. G Cosson

Those Attending: Cllr. M Harwood, Cllr. B Bushnell, Cllr. Stannard, Cllr. Gott, Cllr. Balls, Cllr. Slow, Cllr. Bailey, Cllr. Jones, Borough Cllr. Spikings, Borough Cllr. Pope, County Cllr. Humphrey

Public: 4 members – Mr & Mrs Romsey and Mr & Mrs Spooner.

Apologies: Cllr. Cosson, PCSO Millburn.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Apologies

There were apologies as listed above.

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 Cllr. Harwood & Cllr. Slow declared an interest in Item 9. Cemetery – progress on the pollarding of the trees along High Street.

4. Public Forum

4.1 Mr & Mrs Romsey of Ashlee House, High Street were present to address concerns with the development of the church land which neighbours their property, which is about to commence. Their main concerns were, 1. The size of the allotted area cleared seems larger than that agreed, 2. Parking facilities for the builders, 3. Turning facilities for the builders, 4. Provision for surface water drainage & the effect this may have on their land, 5. Installation of a footpath along an already narrow highway, 6. Protection of the trees between their house and the new development, 7. Correct positioning of the boundary line. Their concerns were noted and discussed under Item 11.

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

5.1 The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Gott & seconded by Cllr. Bushnell.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

6.1 Cllr. Balls concerns with the only emergency exit for the youth club being situated upstairs at the village hall and via a wooden staircase have been passed on to the VH Committee and they are seeking official advice on this matter.

6.2 Council asked the Clerk to convey their disappointment to CGM Ltd. with the work done to the 2 willow trees along the High Street. It was felt that the trees have not been pruned back anywhere near far enough.

6.3 Cllr. Harwood reported re Item 15 that he had been in touch with Richard Townley to keep him updated with progress of the development on the church land.

7. Police Matters

7.1 The date for the Consultation by Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk on the 2013/14 Precept was noted.

7.2 An email from PCSO Millburn apologizing for her not being able to attend was noted.

8. BCKLWN Issues

8.1. Information received from the BCKLWN regarding the changes from central government to the way council tax is being delivered meant there was a need to review the precept requirement for 2013/14. All homes receiving a discount for council tax (i.e. second homes, people living alone, people on low incomes etc.) are now being taken out of the equation for council tax. By way of support, the government are providing a support grant to the local authority to help offset the added cost of this. Nordelph's tax base has

reduced from 140 in 2012/13 to 118 in 2013/14 – this means the 2013/14 council tax contribution will be £5325 (Band D @ £46.36 x new tax base of 115) plus the support grant of £940.00 = £6265 leaving a shortfall of £235 which equals an extra contribution of £2.05 across the new 2013/14 tax base of 115.

8.2 On a proposal from Cllr. Slow & seconded by Cllr. Jones with 3 in favour and 4 against it was proposed to leave the council tax contributions at 2012/13 levels, thus reducing the precept. This motion was lost.

8.3 On a proposal from Cllr. Balls & seconded by Cllr. Gott with 4 in favour and 3 against it was agreed to put the contribution of a Band D property up by £2.05 (to £48.41) in order to maintain the current level of precept of £6500. Cllrs. Slow, Stannard & Jones wished to have it recorded that they did not want this to happen.

9. Cemetery

9.1 CGM has now carried out the work to the 3 trees along the High Street but Councillors are not satisfied with the work done. Clerk to action. Clerk to ascertain if the hedge at the cemetery has been cut back yet or not.

9.2 Raymond Rayner's headstone has been removed to add an inscription.

9.3 Eileen Mollett to be interred with John Mollet – double depth grave (old part). Cllr. Bushnell agreed to contact Father Bennett.

9.4 Wayne Sutton ashes to be interred into Sam Hoy's grave (new part).

10. Norfolk County Council issues

10.1 Highways Rangers visit 11th February 2013 – any issues to be sent to the Clerk.

10.2 Signage for school bus stop along Silt Road

Highways have confirmed that the signs have now been delivered.

10.3 Proposed cycle path, Nordelph to Downham Market

Nothing to report this month.

11. Planning

11.1 The dates & times of the Update on Planning sessions hosted by BCKLWN were noted again.

11.2 The application form for the converted chapel at Salters Lode for the 2012 Mayor's Design Award has been completed and submitted together with 'before' and 'after' photographs of the development. Thanks to be recorded to Cllr. Stannard for his assistance with these photographs.

11.3 Clerk to address with BCKLWN Planning various conditions applicable to Planning App 10/00933/F Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Nordelph which do not appear to be being adhered to before commencement of this development.

12. Finance

12.1 All payments for the month were approved,

Kate Bennett Expenses	£7.20
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Westcotec Street Lighting, Dec & Jan	£14.48
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12.2 Clerk to arrange for necessary paperwork to be sent to Cllr. Gott as 'witness' for Cllr. Harwood to be a 3rd signatory on the current account. Clerk to then send paperwork back to Barclays.

12.3 The bank statements were viewed by Cllr. Jones & Cllr. Stannard.

13. Correspondence

13.1 An email from Peter Harlock of Chestnut Cottage was noted, highlighting the need for the regular publication of PC Minutes on the Parish Noticeboard and the website. The Clerk to respond accordingly.

14. Village Hall Report

14.1 Cllr. Harwood reported that he had given permission to B.T. for them to dig up the car park to lay underground cables for Broadband installation.

14.2 The Committee are looking into the fire arrangements for the Youth Club.

14.3 The Committee do not intend to install gates at the front of the VH but propose to install a removable bollard either side of the hall to deter unwelcome visitors in motor cars behind the VH.

15. Allotments

15.1 Cllr. Harwood has written to Richard Townley to update him with progress of the development on the church land.

16. Agenda items for the next meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th March 2013 @ 7.00 pm.

Signed..... Date