

9) **To discuss empty properties in the village**

DF said that of the three properties that had been causing concern, one appeared to be being brought back into a habitable state, and another would appear to be the subject of negotiations with NNDC. He would speak to the owner of the third property in the hope of coming to a satisfactory stage within the next four months. If this failed, we would take the matter to the next level, which would be to ask NNDC to put pressure on the owner.

10) **Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement**

A bank statement and reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors with agendas.

The following were agreed for payment:

Clifford Hudson – grounds maintenance	550.00
Keith Leesmith – 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter salary & expenses (including brown bin)	486.32
HMRC – PAYE on above	107.00

11) **Minor Matters**

With regard to the cottage that seemed to have a bulging wall, NNDC have sent a surveyor to look at this and a structural engineer has now prepared a report. It is likely that some work will be required to repair the property, but at present various options are being examined.

A request was made from *Glaven Caring* of Blakeney for them to be advised of any local people that require their assistance.

Could the village have a defibrillator? It was thought that the football club are intending to purchase one for general use.

Despite leaning at a slight angle, it had been decided that the bus shelter is not in danger of collapse at the present time.

A request was made for the PA system to be used at the next meeting – as some people could not hear at the back.

12) **To confirm the date of the next meeting**

Confirmed as 15 September 2014

## Items 13) and 14)

KL had added these in case Councillors wished to discuss the co-opting of a new Councillor to replace Roger Winkley. However, it was decided that it would be better to wait until the formal period when people could call for an election had expired. (In a few days.)

**The meeting closed at 2105**