BINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes 2014/11

Parish Council Meeting held Monday 15 September 2014 at 1930 at the Memorial Hall

Those Present: David Frost (Chairman), Amanda Able**,** Liz Brown, Mike Chapman, William Wales, & Tim Walduck
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), plus nine members of the public.

1) **To co-opt a new Parish Councillor**
Following the sad death of Roger Winkley a vacancy had occurred for a Councillor. AA proposed that Mike Bond be co-opted and this was unanimously agreed. MB joined the other Councillors and completed a declaration of acceptance of office.

2) **Apologies Received:** Peter Terrington (NNDC)

3) **Declarations of interest:** None

4) **Minutes:** Approved and signed for the meeting of 21 July 2014

5b) **North Norfolk District Council report**
Peter Terrington had sent a report which had been circulated to Councillors with e-mail and was read at the meeting. It is appended to these minutes.

5d) **Parish Clerk's report**
Under a new national system each individual voter would now receive an electoral register form each year, instead of each household. These have been distributed already by NNDC for the current year, so anyone who has not yet received one should contact the electoral office at Cromer. KL has received a letter from NCC stating that there will be a shortfall in the budget for next year, due to yet more cuts in government revenue. A consultation will now start to decide how the shortfall will be managed. The audit has been agreed but a black mark awarded due to the fact that on the first two pages of the standard form, only four of the five identical date boxes had been completed. KL explained a scheme whereby *Vodafone* were holding a ballot to improve reception to 100 rural communities. This would be achieved by providing five repeater boxes. It was thought that the large area of the Parish would not be able to benefit from this scheme.

6) **Planning Matters**
There were no new planning applications. Notification had been received that the proposal for the construction of a rear dormer at 5 Front Street had been approved.

7) **To discuss correspondence with Planning Department regarding consultations with the Parish**
A letter had been received (copies circulated to Councillors) in reply to the complaint that we sent at the last meeting. This stated that our "opinions are valued". KL had found that of the 150 applications that had been consulted on in the last ten years, we had supported or sent a "no comment" in the case of 138 of them. Of the twelve that we had objected to 4 and been refused and 8 had been permitted. It was agreed that we write again asking for evidence that our "opinions are valued". >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>