BINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes 2014/13

Parish Council Meeting held Monday 17 November 2014 at 1930 at the Memorial Hall

Those Present: David Frost (Chairman), Amanda Able**,** Mike Bond, Liz Brown, & Tim Walduck
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Marie (& Mike) Strong (NCC) PC Jason Pegden plus 13 members of the public.

The members of the public included Councillors from Langham and Field Dalling who were particularly interested in SAM2 (item 6). DF welcomed these to the meeting.

1) **Apologies Received:** Mike Chapman, William Wales**,** Peter Terrington (NNDC)
2) **Declarations of interest:** None
3) **Minutes:** Approved and signed for the meeting of 15 September 2014

4c) **Safer Neighbourhood Team report**

During the last month there had been one recorded crime – a common assault, and four calls to police. In adjacent areas oil thefts are causing concern, and people are warned to be vigilant and take precautions. JP had been invited to report first so that he could resume his duties but decided that he would like to stay for the SAM2 presentation.

4a) **Norfolk County Council report**

MS congratulated the Parish on their tidy hedges and visible highway signs. She had attended the remembrance service in Wells. Four Parishes have successfully bid for a Vodafone sure-signal system which should enable Vodafone subscribers in those areas to get the service that they are paying for. Talks are being held with the Mobile Telephone providers to see how the current patchy state of coverage can be improved. The Better Broadband scheme has now reached 100,000 homes in the county and should be available to nearly all by the end of 2015. Five more recycling centres will be cutting down to part-time operation (as Wells) from April. £2500 grants are available to places like day centres under the *Warm and Well* scheme to assist vulnerable people during the winter.

4b) **North Norfolk District Council report**

Peter Terrington had sent a comprehensive report which is appended to these minutes, and which KL read extracts from. The Big Society Fund is still available – the next round closes in mid-February. Changes are being made to Council car parks. Each site will have three special spaces where people can park for up to 30 minutes without payment. The evening charge is also being abolished. The Egmere Business Zone is now operational and NNDC are applying for grants to enable the building of infrastructure to make the site more attractive to prospective users. There is no news yet regarding the proposed fuel station in Wells, and a site is still being sought for coach and lorry parking which will be needed if the fuel station is built. The current North Walsham Town Council office is likely to be sold to Wetherspoons.

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