4d) **Parish Clerk's report**

Norman Lamb's office had requested any feedback from his annual autumn tours of villages. KL would not reply to this for a few days so that people could pass any comments to him. Highways were operating the same 50/50 scheme this year that enabled us to buy the SAM2 unit last year. This is available for such items as footpaths, and flashing signs. The NCC budget is open for consultation so that people can say which services they would like to keep following further government cuts. NCC is reminding people who are entitled to them to obtain influenza inoculations. KL attended the local NALC meeting in Cromer at the end of October. There is a periodic review of polling areas and polling stations being carried out by NNDC at present. Following the last meeting, KL had spoken to the grass cutting contractor on the subject of dog fouling. He believes that the problem is worse in the summer period when visitors are present, but has not noticed an increased problem other than the seasonal fluctuation. KL, MB, and Mike Chapman would be attending a meeting in Bodham on 24 November, when NNDC would be speaking about the planning process with regard to Parish Councils.

5) **Planning Matters**

a) Application to install a replacement side bay window at 1 Front Street – no objection

b) Application to erect a replacement agricultural building at Abbey Farm, - no objection

c) Permission granted for change of use of agricultural barn to residential at Old Barn Farm

d) Permission granted for various works at The Hyde, 66 Warham Road

e) No objection sent following e-mail consultation to request for additional antenna and satellite dishes to be added to the tower at Cockthorpe Airfield.

6) **To receive an illustrated presentation of the initial SAM2 results**

MB had interpreted the data from the unit following the first four locations at Hindringham Road, Langham Road, Westgate, and Cockthorpe. To begin with there had been some concern over the accuracy of the data, but the unit had been adjusted and it was now believed to be operating correctly. The early results took place during the holiday season, but results now concerned mainly local traffic. The unit could count the number of vehicles passing per five minute period and record the speed in five-mile-per-hour blocks. At all locations there were considerable numbers of vehicles recorded as exceeding the speed limit but the Hindringham Road showed the worst results in this respect, with both larger percentages and higher speeds. This was not surprising considering the long straight approach. A comparison was made between the results during the first five days at each location, and the last five days. There did not appear to be much difference except at the Cockthorpe location, where there was a noticeable reduction in speeds.

It was agreed that the data producing capacity of the unit was very interesting, and that data should continue to be collected and analysed. It was also agreed that it was too early to draw any definite conclusions, particularly as not all the possible locations had yet been visited.

7) **To consider the budget for 2015/2016 and fix the precept**

KL had prepared a budget which had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. This held the current precept for yet another year. The form was signed to demand that the District Council collect the precept of £4500.

8) **To receive updates on outstanding issues:**

a) Priory Close grounds maintenance.

KL had finally received a reply from Victory which shows that they are only responsible for the two shrub beds on the new part of the Close. It would appear that the unkempt ground is currently owned by NNDC and likely to be sold soon to Broadland St Benedicts Housing. It would seem therefore that the best course of action is to ensure that these people correctly maintain the ground.

b) Empty village properties

Of the three properties causing concern, one had now been renovated and was now habitable, and the other was up for sale. It was agreed that NNDC be asked to take up the case of the third with a view to it returning to use.

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