



BINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 JULY 2015 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Those Present Mike Bond, Liz Brown, Mike Chapman, David Frost (Chairman), Stan Hewitt, Lucy McCallum & William Wales
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), 16 Members of the Public

1) Apologies received: Police, Marie Strong – would be late, visiting another Parish

2) Declarations of interest: None

3) Minutes: Approved and signed for the meeting of 18 May 2015

4c) Safer Neighbourhood Team report

PCSO Sarah Kirby had attended, but was called out just before the meeting started. She left a message saying that there had been no recorded crimes since the last meeting, but police were concerned at calls made in neighbouring Parishes by people offering to sell gravel. People were advised to be vigilant.

4d) Parish Clerk report

NCC was again offering to pay 50/50 with the Parish for certain improvements. This was the scheme that we used last year to obtain the SAM2 monitor. The *Coasthopper* summer service is now profit-making and does not require a subsidy. The winter service receives a subsidy and the operator – Stagecoach – has offered a two-hourly service for the amount paid. As NCC owns the name “Coasthopper” they are attempting to find a different winter operator who is prepared to offer a better service for the same level of subsidy. NNDC and NCC are jointly trying to find an organisation that is able to offer an advice service to people throughout the district. This may or may not be an existing Citizens Advice Bureau. Norman Lamb MP will be carrying out his normal annual village tour. He will be in Binham (outside Howells) on Saturday 5 September at 1420.

5) To discuss any planning matters to hand

There were no new planning matters for discussion

6) To discuss whether Binham should consider developing a Neighbourhood Plan

KL had put this item on the agenda because grants were now being offered to pay for this work, and it was known to be an expensive exercise. It was questioned whether Binham could benefit from such a plan. Norma Bond had been involved in writing a *Parish Plan* for Banningham and Colby but this was not quite the same thing. It was understood that Holt and possibly Langham were writing neighbourhood plans, and perhaps we could get some information from them. It was decided that we should not contemplate such a step without a lot more information.

Marie Strong (NCC) arrived during the following item

7) To discuss whether any further action is required at present regarding the proposed *Broadland* development.

DF had undertaken a project to enquire into the main concerns that had arisen from the recent survey taken within the Parish. He had written to various bodies including local schools and medical practices to ascertain what additional capacity existed if any. The complete report will be found on the Parish website – <http://binhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>.

The planning application had been delayed but still appeared to be as the original proposal – with 28 houses, half of them affordable and half for market sale. The Parish Council's response would aim to get the best deal possible for the village, bearing in mind that NNDC Planning would make the final decision.

4a) Norfolk County Council report

MS would gladly assist if there were a problem finding school places for Binham children. The County Council is doing all it can to promote a greater use of apprenticeships, this will include the proposed "air academy" in Norwich. MS is however, concerned that transport arrangements are available so that young people throughout the County can participate. There will be the usual "hazardous waste amnesty" at Hempton on 5 and 6 September. With regard to Better Broadband, the programme is beginning to lag because of difficulties laying optic-fibre cables in existing ducting. However, a minimum 2Mb service is still promised, although no date is yet available for Binham.

8) Financial report and accounts for settlement

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors with agendas.

The following account was approved for settlement:

Clifford Hudson	Grounds Maintenance	550.00
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9) Minor Items

A self-seeded hawthorn bush was beginning to engulf the seat on the small green. It was agreed that DF would remove this.

SAM2 is still providing useful statistics. Occasional spurious results are screened out automatically.

The noticeboard in Westgate has been repaired, although KL has not yet received an account.

10) To confirm the date of the next meeting

Confirmed as Monday 14 September 2015 – NB one week earlier than usual

The meeting closed at 2048