



BINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk – Keith Leesmith
31 Dogger Lane, Wells-next-the-Sea
Norfolk, NR23 1BE 01328 710261
keith@leesmith.co.uk

2016/05

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 March 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Those Present Mike Bond, Liz Brown, David Frost (Chairman), Stan Hewitt, & William Wales
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), 7 Members of the Public

1) Apologies received: Lucy McCallum, Marie Strong (NCC), Vincent Fitzpatrick (NNDC)

2) Declarations of interest: None

3) Minutes: Approved and signed for the meeting of 18 January 2016
& the special planning meeting of 26 January 2016

4a) Norfolk County Council Report

Marie Strong had sent a report on DAB (Digital Audio Broadcasting), which was read by KL. It is intended that this service will be extended to our area soon, with additional transmitter sites at various places in Norfolk. Eventually the government hope that all national broadcasting will be on DAB, leaving FM free for ultra-local and community radio. The BBC is also extending their DAB transmitter sites and intend to site one in Wells.

4b) North Norfolk District Council Report

Vincent Fitzpatrick had sent a report, which KL read. The budget has now been set, and there will be no increase in Council Tax. Adequate reserves will also be maintained, which will help the Council to cover emergency situations, such as the recent sea flood-surge and Fakenham fire. The Department of Work and Pensions now has 14 people working within the NNDC offices in Cromer. This operates as a service to the public and provides rental income. VP has assisted in the Parish Council's submissions in respect of the Priory Crescent planning application. Two Enterprise Zones have been established by the Council to try to provide additional employment opportunities. The Egmere Zone specialises in offshore energy and the Scottow Zone in low-carbon and other innovative technologies. NNDC has banned the release of sky lanterns and mass balloon releases on land that it owns and controls. Easter events can be found on the NNDC website.

4d) Parish Clerk Report

After an absence of many years the Citizen's Advice Bureau will be offering a drop-in service in Wells again, at the Friends Meeting House. Details of the times of these can be found on the village notice boards.

5) To report on North Norfolk Parishes Meeting held at Cromer on 22 February

DF and KL had attended. There were about 100 attending from Parishes all over North Norfolk. There was a general dissatisfaction with NNDC and it was decided to form a committee containing representatives of some of the major towns, and some of the smaller villages to try to improve matters. We are promised feedback from future discussions.

6) Planning

Application to insert a window at rear of Stewards House, Blacksmith's Yard

Resolved – no objection

Marsh off Common Lane

There are still concerns about what exactly is happening here, which have been complicated by the fact that the planning case officer has recently retired. The new officer now has all the details and has said that he will speak to the owner when that person returns from overseas in April.

Proposed development at Priory Crescent/Walsingham Road

Details of the action that had been taken since the last (special) meeting in January were given, including the response made by the Parish Council to the second application and the site meeting. Before the site meeting, canes and tapes had been used to show the disparity between the proposed market housing, taking up roughly three-quarters of the site, and the equal number of affordable homes, taking the other quarter. This had clearly impressed many of the planning committee members who attended. DF, KL and Pennie Alford had attended the planning committee meeting at Cromer the following week. The meeting was to consider the applications on the five linked sites, at Erpingham, Great Ryburgh, Trunch and Edgefield as well as Binham. Plans for the other four sites were all agreed but by a narrow margin the developers were told to look again at the Binham plans. A new preliminary plan had been received just before the meeting, and although Parish Council members preferred this to the previous plan, they were still unhappy about some aspects. Also they were not in a position to formally comment until an application had been received by NNDC. There would probably be another meeting to discuss this in the near future.

Other Planning Matters

Notices had been received that the following applications had been approved:

Change of use of 3 ground floor rooms to residential – Arthur Howell shop

Conversion of agricultural barn to dwelling at 2 Westgate Barns, Warham Road

7) To consider financial appeals from local organisations

As normal, several appeals had been received during the year and these were all considered together at this, the last meeting of the financial year. KL reminded members that there was a budget of £200, and that Councillors are not restricted to the organisations that had written appealing but could donate to any cause they considered worthy, or none. After a discussion, members agreed to donate £50 to each of: Binham Youth Group, Binham Football Club, Norfolk Hospice Tapping House and Norfolk Age UK

8) Financial report and accounts for settlement

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors with agendas.

The following accounts were approved for settlement:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------|
| Clifford Hudson | Grounds Maintenance | 35.00 |
| Community Action Norfolk | Annual Subscription | 20.00 |
| Keith Leesmith | Payment for website set-up (government grant) | 88.00 |
| HMRC | PAYE on above | 22.00 |
| Binham Youth Group | as above | 50.00 |
| Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House | – as above | 50.00 |
| Norfolk Age UK | as above | 50.00 |
| Binham Football Club | as above | 50.00 |

- 9) **Minor Items**
None
- 10) **To confirm the date of the next meeting**
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Monday 16 May 2016
Annual Parish Meeting and Village Memorial Hall AGM – Tuesday 26 April
There will probably also be another special planning meeting – date to be announced
- 11) **To consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Administration of meetings Act) 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude members of the public and press during consideration of item(s) regarding confidential matter(s).**
No discussion
- 12) **To discuss the co-option of an additional Parish Councillor**
DF said that he thought Councillors needed more time to consider this matter. There was no dissent.

The meeting closed at 2035