



BINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 JULY 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Those Present Mike Bond, Liz Brown, David Frost (Chairman), & William Wales
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Simon Hester (NNDC), Vincent FitzPatrick (NNDC) &
7 Members of the Public

- 1) Apologies received:** Pennie Alford, Stan Hewitt, & Lucy McCallum
- 2) Declarations of interest:** DF – Item 5b – applicant is related
- 3) Minutes:** Approved and signed for the meeting of 16 May 2016

4b) North Norfolk District Council

SH: NNDC have voted to oppose the Devolution process. They do not believe that the money available justifies the cost of an elected Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Chamber/Offices. The Council have also voted to ask the Electoral Commission to reduce the number of elected Councillors to 40. This may mean that two-member wards, including Priory, will be reduced to one, or it may mean a complete reorganisation. Following his opposition to the Priory Crescent/Walsingham Road development plans SH has been removed from the Planning Committee and other committees that he sat on. He believes that the principle of cross-subsidy on rural exception sites is being abused and has written to the press to this effect.

VH: Had sent a report to Councillors, which he read out and is appended to these minutes and available on the website. The report mentioned devolution, the ward boundary review, Fakenham Sports Centre (award won), fly-tipping, Greenbuild – 10/11 September, and the Big Society Fund.

4c) Safer Neighbourhood Team Report

No report had been received, but KL advised that local police are concerned with the number of battery thefts from equipment (such as tractors) left outside. This is due to the current high scrap value of batteries. Police advise owners to spray them fluorescent pink. This reduces the resale value and scrap yards have been asked to report anyone trying to sell such items.

Marie (& Mike) Strong arrived during the following

4d) Parish Clerk Report

The County Council is currently running a campaign to get people to report any instances of adult abuse that they know about or have suspicions about. Wells Town Council have asked whether Binham PC would endorse their efforts to ask Highways to improve the junction of the “Dry Road” with the Fakenham By-Pass (either a roundabout, traffic lights or other measures). It was agreed that we would. The North Norfolk Forum of Parish & Town Councils continues with its

efforts to get some “Second Homes Money” to be directly remitted to the Parishes in which it is generated. In the last financial year NCC benefited by £3.3m and NNDC by £453k. Of the latter amount £160k was redistributed through the *Big Society Fund*. It was agreed that we would continue to endorse the work of the Forum.

4a) **Norfolk County Council**

MS also mentioned devolution, and the fact that a public consultation is now open. Also mentioned was the fact that rural verges, which were only being cut once per year, have been cut twice this summer, because of the high rainfall. A reminder was given of the Parish Partnerships Scheme, which enables local communities to further small highways projects by making a 50% contribution. The full report is appended to these minutes and available on the website.

5) **Planning Matters**

Marsh Site: DF had been trying to find out what was going on at the Marsh Site following the issue of a planning contravention notice earlier in the year. Enquiries made to the individual officer dealing with the case, and then to the Head of Planning, had not received the courtesy of a reply. He had finally complained about this to Sheila Oxtoby, and with the help of VF had received an email from Nick Baker. This stated that the case was now being handled by an enforcement consultant and for legal reasons, little could be said at the present time. The case was however, progressing, and we would be informed of the outcome in due course.

Determinations: permission had been granted for the demolition of an outbuilding to the rear courtyard of 26 Front Street, and for the erection of a rear extension. 29-31 Front Street had also received permission for alterations to facilitate structural repair work.

Application for change of use of external store at “The Flowerpot”, 8 Langham Road. NB: DF took no part in this discussion. Resolved – no objection.

6) **Priory Crescent/Walsingham Road**

To consider possible street names for the new development: We had the opportunity to suggest a suitable name for the new road. It is likely that because it is a cul-de-sac that it will be called a “close”. Several names were suggested, including “Baron”, “Abbey” “Paston” and “Monks”, but it was decided that there was enough time to invite Parishioners to provide suggestions.

To appoint representatives to a liaison committee with the developer: DF said that Broadland seemed to be happy with the idea of a joint committee to discuss any problems during the construction phase. He thought that this should consist of 3 villagers plus one person from the developer and one from the contractors. He suggested that the Binham representatives should have substitutes to cover holidays etc. He suggested Lucy, with a substitute of Stan and himself with a substitute of Pennie plus, perhaps, two non-Council residents of Priory Crescent. This was agreed.

To consider possible Section 106 requests: At some time during the planning process it was suggested that Binham might gain some Section 106 monies to undertake projects related to the new development. Nothing further had been heard, although there had been a request from the landscape officer for a contribution to the children’s play equipment at the Memorial Hall. Since neither the District Councillors nor KL had any experience dealing with this matter, it was decided to write to the Head of Planning, asking for clarification.

7) **To consider arrangements for Crime Prevention Evening – 23 September 2016**

PCSO’s Sarah Kirby & Keith Clarke were happy to attend to give advice on crime prevention measures etc. We would invite adjacent Parishes, and ask them to advertise the event on their noticeboards.

8) To consider “village entry measures” at Hindringham Road (Parish Partnerships Scheme)

The Parish Partnership Scheme was operating again this year. Parishes could apply for 50% funding for small highway projects with the balance being paid for by Norfolk County Council. (This was the scheme that we obtained the SAM2 speed monitor on). A suggestion had been made that we consider the placement of “village entry gates” similar to those at Hindringham on the south end of the same road. Enquiries had been made and the verge was wide enough to accommodate these, but it was thought that the cost of £2000 (half to be paid by the Parish) was excessive. It was therefore decided not to apply for this but to seek other alternatives.

9) 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	550.00
Liz Brown	Reimbursement of costs for Queen’s Birthday Celebration	46.70

A cheque for £20 payable to Community Action Norfolk was signed but later cancelled as KL found that the subscription had already been paid this year in March.

10) Minor Items

The SAM2 monitor had a problem recently, which the manufacturers kindly repaired at no cost, but some data was lost in the process. At the most recent location in the Street there are no real problems, with just a handful of vehicles driving over 40mph of the several hundred per day passing the monitor. The monitor has now been moved to Westgate, and whilst it is too early at present to give any results, this location is usually only second to the Hindringham Road for offending vehicles.

The telephone box is looking rather shabby. KL would try to get BT to repaint it.

Could we have a pinboard in the bus shelter to accommodate posters? It was agreed that we pay for a sheet of softboard for this purpose. LB would obtain it and get someone to erect it.

The hedge near the Reading Room is overgrowing into the road and needs attention. Whilst, strictly speaking, this is the liability of the landowner (of which there may be two), only Highways can give permission for a hedge to be cut before 1 September in any year. KL would speak to Highways.

11) To confirm the date of the next meeting

Monday 19 September 2016

The meeting closed at 2120