



BINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Those Present Pennie Alford, Liz Brown, David Frost (Chairman), Stan Hewitt, Lucy McCallum, & William Wales
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), PC Jason Pegden & 1 Member of the Public

1) Apologies received: Mike Bond, Vincent FitzPatrick (NNDC) Marie Strong to be late

2) Declarations of interest: None

3) Minutes: Approved and signed for the meeting of 18 July 2016

4b) North Norfolk District Council

Vincent FitzPatrick was unable to attend, but sent a report which KL read and is appended to these minutes and available on the website. Mentioned were the Big Society Fund, Services shared with Gt. Yarmouth Borough Council, and a Sporting Centre of Excellence being established in conjunction with Gresham's School at Holt.

4c) Safer Neighbourhood Team Report

Since the last meeting there had been two calls to police from the Parish, and no recorded crimes. PCSO Sarah Kirby has now left the area, and has been replaced by Shane Artingstall, an experienced PCSO from Fakenham. The latest SNAP priorities are Burglaries, including heating oil thefts, Marine Crime, and Rural Crime. There had been several instances of hare coursing in the district recently, believed to be by people travelling from other areas. As usual, police can pursue these people if they are given descriptions, particularly vehicle registration numbers.

4d) Parish Clerk Report

The annual audit has been completed without any problems. There will now be a national telephone number – 105 – dedicated to electricity supply problems. People can use this to enquire about power cuts and to report such items as fallen overhead lines. KL had been in touch with BT about the telephone box. They only paint boxes between April and October, and the programme is full for this year. KL was asked to send some photographs of the box, and if BT agrees that it needs painting, they will put it on the programme for next year. NCC is starting a new round of searches for mineral sites – this time for silica sand. Marie Strong has said that there are no such sites in the immediate area. The newly-formed North Norfolk Forum of Town and Parish Councils has had a meeting with Norman Lamb MP with regard to their attempts to get some of the “second homes money” remitted directly to Parishes which generate it. Our MP has written to the chief executives of NNDC and NCC and to the Minister responsible; asking why this is not done.

5) Planning Matters

There were no new applications to consider. Permission has been granted for the proposed alterations at The Flowerpot, 8 Langham Road.

6) Priory Crescent/Walsingham Road

DF said that he had spoken to Broadland St Benedicts recently. They were in favour of local people helping to choose the name for the new road, but thought it unlikely that a start would be made on the development until well into next year. It was thought appropriate to delay the search for a name until then.

With regard to Broadband (fibre links direct to the properties) the formal planning permission had still not been given, and Broadland appeared not to want to get too involved with future plans until it had.

KL had written to Nicola Baker (Head of NNDC Planning) with regard to possible S.106 contributions, but, despite a reminder, had not received the courtesy of a reply.

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

PCSO Keith Clark will provide a presentation in two halves, giving an opportunity for a refreshment break in the middle. Posters were up in the village, and KL had written to surrounding Parishes, but it was thought worthwhile to encourage as many people to attend as possible.

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

This item was reconsidered in the light of correspondence with Highways. However, the cost was still thought to be too high for a scheme that was not considered beneficial in the long term. If S.106 monies were available, that might be different, and the scheme could be looked at again if that happened.

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	485.00
Keith Leesmith	Clerk’s Salary/Expenses – 2 nd quarter	463.88
HMRC	PAYE on above	111.60
Stan Hewitt	New bus shelter noticeboard	115.00

4a) Norfolk County Council Report

As Marie Strong had still not arrived at this point, KL read a report that she had sent him earlier. MS arrived near the end of the reading and was able to expand on her words and answer queries. The text of the written report is appended to these minutes and appears on the website.

10) Minor Items

There is a problem with people using holiday premises at the north end of the green obstructing the road with parked cars. DF would attempt to ease the situation, including writing to the property owner.

A dog owner is allowing his animal to foul outside and in driveways of properties in Priory Crescent. DF would attempt to identify the address of the person, and to report them to the appropriate officer at NNDC.

11) To confirm the date of the next meeting

Monday 21 November 2016

The meeting closed at 2045