



BINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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2016/19

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

Those Present Pennie Alford, Liz Brown, David Frost (Chairman),
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Marie (& Mike) Strong (NCC) & 4 members of the public

1) Apologies received: Mike Bond, Stan Hewitt, Lucy McCallum, William Wales,
Vincent FitzPatrick (NNDC), Safer Neighbourhood Team

2) Declarations of interest: None

3) Minutes: Approved and signed for the meeting of 19 September 2016

4a) Norfolk County Council

There is considerable concern regarding *Ash Dieback*, which is thought likely to be as devastating as *Dutch Elm Disease* was. Advice and information notes appear on the website. After some debate, the prevention of parking on pavements is the responsibility of police, not Council enforcement officers. At all times it should be possible to pass with a wheelchair or mobility scooter. Current NCC health campaigns include stamping out loneliness, and ceasing smoking during pregnancy. With regard to devolution, the recent deal has now been withdrawn by the government. Work is progressing, and Binham should have fibre broadband soon. Coverage for mobile 'phones is not perfect, but is improving.

4b) North Norfolk District Council

Vincent FitzPatrick sent a report which KL read and which is appended to these minutes and available on the website.

4c) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Had sent a report that KL read. There had been no recorded crime, and no calls for anti-social behaviour since the last meeting. In the local area there have been thefts of church roof lead. People are asked to report suspicious activity, preferably with vehicle registration numbers.

4d) Parish Clerk Report

The North Norfolk Forum of Town and Parish Councils continues to try to get some of the "second homes money" remitted to the Parishes that generated it. Norman Lamb MP is now assisting and is proving helpful. The savings rate on our deposit account will reduce from 0.5% to 0.0% from 5 December. The Safer Neighbourhood Team had provided details of their main priorities over the next quarter. These are Anti-social behaviour over the festive period, the theft of lead from churches, and inconsiderate parking in and around Wells.

5) Planning Matters

There were no new applications to consider.

6) To discuss proposal for BT to remove telephone boxes from North Norfolk

We did not know whether the telephone box in Binham is vulnerable or not. We would prefer to see it retained as a telephone box, but if BT intended to cease the service to it, we would consider taking it over for another use.

7) To consider the budget for 2017/2018 and approve the precept

KL had prepared the budget for next year and this had been circulated to Councillors. In accordance with this it was agreed to precept for £4500 – no increase for yet another year.

8) Financial report and accounts for settlement

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors with agendas.

The following accounts were approved for settlement:

Stody Estate	Rent of allotment land	12.00
Clifford Hudson	Grounds Maintenance	355.00
Keith Leesmith	Clerk's Salary/Expenses – 3 rd quarter	459.16
HMRC	PAYE on above	110.60

9) Minor Items

With regard to inconsiderate parking adjacent to the green, DF had spoken to the property owner, who had agreed to advise visitors to park sensibly. The “large dog problem” became worse recently when the dog was seen wandering in the village by itself. It was subsequently discovered that the owner had collapsed. With regard to the non-clearing of dog mess, NNDC would prosecute if evidence were provided. KL was asked whether the Christmas tree on the green was covered for public liability insurance. It has lights operating at 240v but with an underground cable and a RCD trip switch. He did not know, but would speak to insurers. This year the carols will be on the green at 7.15pm on Monday 19 December. The Christmas supper will be on Saturday 3rd December at 6.30pm – tickets £8.00. There has been no further information from NNDC regarding the enforcement action they are undertaking at the Marsh. There have been no further developments regarding the Priory Close development. Broadland St Benedicts now believe that nothing much will happen until next spring.

10) To confirm the date of the next meeting

Monday 16 January 2017

The meeting closed at 2030