



# BINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 March 2017 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

**Those Present** Pennie Alford, Mike Bond, Liz Brown, David Frost (Chairman), Lucy McCallum, & William Wales  
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), PCSO Shane Artingstall & 7 Members of the Public

**1) Apologies received:** Stan Hewitt, Marie Strong (NCC), Vincent FitzPatrick & Simon Hester (NNDC),

**2) Declarations of interest:** None

**3) Minutes:** Approved and signed for the meeting of 16 January 2017

**4c) Safer Neighbourhood Team**

There were no recorded crimes and only two calls to police since the last meeting. One of these was for an attempted burglary in an empty dwelling, the other for a tree down during Storm Doris. With regard to the attempted burglary this was spotted because a member of the public noticed a van driving late at night without lights. This is the sort of information that police would like the public to assist them with. At the recent SNAP meeting the three priorities fixed for the current quarter are: drug abuse at Wells skatepark, deer and hare coursing, and marine crime. Despite pronouncements from senior officers, Wells SNT will try to attend Parish Council meetings and give reports whenever possible.

**4d) Parish Clerk**

With the help of Mike Strong, KL had deposited a large amount of paper archives in the Norfolk Records' Office where they are available for everyone to examine. Digital copies of most records are still available locally.

**4a&b) Norfolk County Council & North Norfolk District Council**

Marie Strong, Simon Hester and Vincent FitzPatrick were all attending a meeting in Wells. They had each sent reports which were circulated/read and are available on the website.

**5) Planning Matters**

There were no new applications.

Preliminary work had started on the new Priory Crescent/Walsingham Road Estate. Hedges had been removed, and although we had said that we did not want this to happen until the final approval for the site had been given, the early removal had taken place to avoid the bird-nesting season. Revised sight lines had been plotted at the Walsingham Road/Hindringham Road junction and archaeologists were now working on the site itself. DF understands that a main contractor has not yet been chosen, but as soon as this happens we should institute the

proposed liaison committee to alleviate any problems (safety, noise, traffic, etc.) during construction. Perhaps it is also time to consider a name for the road that will be built on the site. The four previous suggestions were *Paston Close*, *Baron's Close*, *Abbey Close* and *Leeder's Close*. These will be circulated to each household in the village to enable them to vote or suggest an alternative. We would then consider the returns at the May meeting.

**6) To discuss letter from NNDC re *Community Housing Fund***

This letter had been sent to Parishes with more than 10% second and holiday homes following the government's award of £2.4m to NNDC to assist with the provision of affordable homes. NNDC were asking if we knew of any sites or had any schemes in mind that the money might be used for. No ideas were forthcoming, but KL suggested that some of the "for sale" houses on the new development might be purchased, which would increase the percentage of affordable homes available and also lessen the probability of even more second/holiday homes in the village. This was agreed. KL would write to NNDC

**7) To consider the bus shelter – Repair it? Replace it?**

Although not in immediate danger of collapse, the bus shelter was coming towards the end of its life without attention or replacement. We could probably apply for grants for at least part of the cost of replacement, but first it seemed to make sense to see if it could be repaired, and at what likely cost. DF would speak to Stan Hewitt in the first instance.

**8) To consider financial appeals from local organisations**

We had received two appeals from Norfolk organisations during the year. It was decided to send £50 to each of four groups shown below.

**9) Financial report and accounts for settlement**

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors with agendas.

The following accounts were approved for settlement:

Binham Youth Group	donation	50.00
Glaven Caring	donation	50.00
Heritage House	donation	50.00
Norfolk & Norwich Association for the Blind	donation	50.00

**10) Minor Items**

On the small green the grass is encroaching on the path, making it difficult for some people to traverse. DF will deal with it. At Priory Crescent "hoops" which presumably have been erected to stop children running into the main road, are making it difficult for elderly people who use "walkers" to pass. KL would speak to Highways. Was there any further news on Common Lane? Nothing further has been heard recently. Regarding the new gateway, and access onto Langham Road (which may be a reinstatement of a previous access) DF understands that this is in the hands of Highways, but will enquire what the current position is. With regard to clearing out the ditch at a similar location KL has been told that it will be undertaken, but may not have been done yet. With regard to the bank erosion further up the road towards Langham, Highways have said that they do not intend to undertake any work at present but will "monitor the situation". It is thought that the problem may be worse than it was two months ago, so KL will ask them to re-monitor.

**11) To confirm the date of the next meeting**

Next normal meeting – Monday 15 May 2017

also Annual Parish Meeting & Hall AGM – Tuesday 25 April 2017

**The meeting closed at 2040**