



BINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25 September 2017 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Those Present Pennie Alford, David Frost (Chairman), & Stan Hewitt
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Marie (& Mike) Strong NCC & 7 members of the public
Ed Mumford-Smith & 3 members of the Broadland Housing Team

- 1) Apologies received:** Mike Bond, Liz Brown, Police
- 2) Declarations of interest:** None
- 3) Minutes:** Approved and signed for the meeting of 17 July 2017

Broadland Housing had mounted a display at the hall during the afternoon at which members of the public attended. DF invited Ed Mumford-Smith to address the meeting before the start of the formal agenda. Broadland now own the site and have appointed H Smith & Sons of Honingham to undertake the building work. The first work would be to improve the junction of the Walsingham and Hindringham roads, and to start work on the infrastructure for the site. This will include moving some overhead cables underground. All construction traffic will enter and leave via Walsingham Road – it will not be allowed in Priory Crescent. The house building is likely to start in the New Year. The first houses built will be those nearest Priory Crescent in order that the disruption to neighbours is minimised. Marketing of both the affordable and market houses will commence next spring. Broadland have found that although LPG gas is more expensive than mains gas, it is considerably cheaper than electricity for heating. This is why they have chosen it for the site. There will be three bulk tanks under the central green area. Although they will not be installing heat pumps or solar panels the level of insulation will be higher than required. During the construction period a liaison group will meet monthly to discuss and attempt to solve any problems.

4a) Norfolk County Council Report

The new committee structure has now been finalised and MS will be working on the following committees: Personnel (appointment of senior staff), Appeals, AONB, and Digital Innovation and Efficiency. The latter includes broadband and mobile 'phone coverage. MS is also concerned about DAB radio, particularly the statement that FM radio will be switched off when DAB covers most of the (national) population. With regard to highways problems (potholes, drainage etc.) it should be noted that anyone can report these via the NCC website – they do not have to wait to report the problem via the Parish Council. NCC is currently looking for foster carers for teenagers. They have had great success in placing younger children, and now hope to do the same with older ones. The Council has a new award – *In Good Company*, which it intends to present to places that help to negate loneliness. This could include pubs, and village halls and shops. The Fire Service is happy to offer free home visits to advise on such things as fire doors, extinguishers and smoke/heat alarms.

4c) Safer Neighbourhood Team

The police were unable to attend, but sent a report, which KL read. There had only been one occasion in the last two months when police had had to attend – that was in respect of an incident at the village pub. The newsletter, emailed to Councillors, contains details of crimes in the wider area. The current Wells area priorities are: inconsiderate parking, Halloween/Bonfire related anti-social behaviour, and heating oil thefts.

4d) Parish Clerk

The audit has now been completed without problems – details on the website. NCC has asked us for any comments on a proposal to extend the existing 30mph speed limit on Walsingham Road approximately 50 metres westwards to include the frontage of the new estate. Councillors support this proposal.

5) Planning Matters

Abbey Farm has applications to convert a barn to a farm shop and to add a car park adjacent to this. Although there were some concerns regarding traffic entering and leaving the road, Councillors decided to support the applications because they believed the shop would enhance village facilities.

There is an application for a certificate of lawful use at The Reading Room, including the access gate(s). The Parish Council does not get asked to comment on these, but individuals may do so by going to the planning section of the NNDC website and accessing reference CL/17/1433.

6) To discuss any outstanding matters – including the possibility of providing a village defibrillator

The Chequers was prepared to have a defibrillator attached somewhere to the building for public access. Further work needed to be undertaken with regard to financing – thought to cost approximately £2000. The possibility of obtaining a grant would be explored.

7) To discuss the necessity of appointing an additional bank signatory

As William Wales was no longer a Councillor it was necessary to obtain an additional signatory for the bank account. It is easier if the person concerned already banks with Barclays. PA banks with them and is prepared to be a signatory. KL would arrange for the necessary paperwork to be undertaken.

8) Financial report and accounts for settlement

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors with agendas.

The following accounts were approved for settlement:

Cliff & Sue Hudson	Grass Maintenance	485.00
Keith Leesmith	2 nd quarter salary and expenses contribution	466.33
HMRC	PAYE on the above	111.60

9) Minor Items

There were still concerns about the speed of vehicles entering the village from Hindringham Road. The suggestion was made that “Slow” be painted on the road. KL would ask highways, although they had not been prepared to undertake this in the past.

10) To confirm the date of the next meeting

Next meeting – Monday 20 November 2017

- 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 items(s) regarding confidential matter(s)**

KL explained that although Parish Council meetings were always open to the public (and press) there were certain instances where items could be discussed in private and the public be asked to leave. One of these was in respect of the co-option of new Councillors, which now needed to be discussed. However, in this instance it would be easier if the Council retired to the committee room for the discussion, and this was agreed.

- 12) To discuss the co-option of additional Parish Councillors.**

We had had two resignations since the last meeting. Liz Brady had been approached and was prepared to become a Councillor. Another person was still considering the matter and it was agreed to ask them to be co-opted if they were prepared to be so.

The Council returned to the main hall and it was announced that they would like Liz Brady to join them as a Councillor.

The meeting closed at 2050