

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr A Cowles (Chair)
Cllr S Howes
Cllr S Fuller
Cllr H Pointer
K Medler (Clerk)

Parishioners: 2

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Rogers, R Crisp, A Southgate and Cllr T Williams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2012 were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, NOT ON THE AGENDA

a. 6ft fencing on Frettenham Road

Following the last meeting the Clerk checked regarding the planning application for this property and the reason she had not received anything was because this property comes under Frettenham Parish Council. The Clerk asked highways again about the fence and they confirmed as of the 30th January the landowner had two weeks to remove the fence before it would be removed for them and any costs incurred, recovered. The fence has now been removed. The Clerk advised she received a telephone call from a gentleman enquiring why the Parish Council had got involved with this when this property comes under Frettenham Parish Council. The Clerk advised the caller that the Parish Council had received a complaint from a parishioner, however when she spoke to highways, they were already aware of the problem, so the Parish Council were not in fact the instigators of the complaint.

b. Fly tipping at Old Church

The Clerk has received an email from Mr. Morton stating he has spent £436.27 to clear the fly tipping and will be spending a further £1233.36 to erect gates and fencing. Previous to this he had the tree removed by the road side to aid visibility. The Clerk will forward the email onto the P.C.C. for info so they can continue to liaise with Mr. Morton to ensure continued access for the Old Church.

c. Grit Bin

Cllr S Howes has looked at this and the bin has actually been filled, with extra salt put in front of it, so it is still useable. All agreed to leave the bin where it is and not purchase another one.

d. Longwater Gravel Co Ltd – PP/C/5/2011/5017 & 5014

As agreed at the last meeting the Chairman sent the following response to N.C.C. 'PROVIDED the extraction rates remain at a similar level as at present and PROVIDED the vehicle movements from the site per day do not exceed the figures given by email (from N.C.C.) on 10 January 2012 then the Parish Council would not object to the application. The Parish Council would not wish to see an increase in vehicle movements over and above those given in the email'.

e. Precept and Budget for 2012

The Chairman stated it should be noted that the Budget was based on continuing to donate the recycling credits to the Village Hall which currently stand at approximately £1000 per annum. This is an annual donation over and above any other grants / donations made to the Village Hall.

f. B.D.C consultations

The Clerk together with Cllr L Rogers sent a letter to Mr. Walchester regarding the Landscape consultation and has now received a lengthy response. It was agreed the letter should be circulated for all Councillors to read and discuss at the next meeting.

g. Potholes

Dumbs Lane has now been repaired.

An inspector has checked the repair carried out on Newton Road and is of the opinion that the reinstatement is of an acceptable standard. This will continue to be monitored and if it becomes dangerous or below intervention levels they will take action.

5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Finance

i) The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved:

Mrs. K Medler (Expenses)

£65.52

ii) Financial statement for February 2012
The balance carried forward is £16,384.32.

b. Planning Applications

i) 20120083 – Trees, Lady Lane

Plans were reviewed and no objections were raised.

ii) 20120113 – Woodstock, Newton Road

Plans were reviewed and as Policy HOU9 has now been complied with, no objections were raised.

iii) PP/C/2/2011/2020 – Willows Power & Recycling Centre, Kings Lynn

All agreed no comments should be made as Hainford is too far away from the site.

iv) 20120119 – 28a Chapel Road

Plans were reviewed and no objections were raised

v) 20111222 – Woodland Burial Park

Following the last meeting the Clerk sent an email to the Planning Officer concerned – Mrs. Lyon – reiterating the Councils views that the location of the Burial Park is not appropriate and noting that the local planning authority make no reference to this but seem to be basing their refusal on need not being proven. To date, no response has been received. The Parish Council felt the un-necessary delays in determining the application are giving the wrong perception. The Public Enquiry date for the Canham Hill application is still not known. It was agreed the Clerk should chase both B.D.C. and District Cllr P Carrick for this information.

c. Outdoor Gym

The Chairman proposed looking at installing an outdoor gym as the Parish Councils way of marking the Diamond Jubilee and also the Olympics. The Village Hall chairman present, stated this was something which was raised in the Survey they recently carried out. All agreed this was a good idea in principle and as it maybe better sited at the Village Hall, it could be done in conjunction with them. The Village Hall committee will discuss at their meeting on Monday and Chairman A Cowles will take forward for the Parish Council. The Clerk passed the Chairman details of a Community Grant which is available for such things.

d. Millennium Car Park

A complaint has been received from a mother, regarding used condoms being left in the Car Park. Following receipt of the complaint the Chairman visited the Car Park and cleared all the litter. The situation was discussed and several suggestions considered as to how to prevent this in the future. It was agreed putting up a gate was not feasible as it would require someone to open and close it every day. The Clerk has contacted the Police who will be putting up some posters and will also arrange for patrols (marked and unmarked) to keep an eye on the Car Park. It was agreed the Clerk should also contact the Primary School to see if the caretaker would be prepared to clear the Car Park on a regular basis.

e. Lease Millennium Car Park

This is proceeding slowly. The solicitor has asked the Clerk to confirm the Heads of Terms. These were circulated for all to read and were agreed although item 17 (Restrictions) should also have a note referring to Section 2:12 of the current lease which allows Play Equipment and Tennis Courts to be constructed, although the Diocese have agreed tennis courts can be replaced by the wording 'recreation area' in the new lease. The Solicitor has also requested a cheque up front to cover the Diocese legal fees of £608.00. This was agreed. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Terms of Engagement letter sent by the Solicitor and both will provide identification to enable things to move forward. If the Parish Council requires all the usual Searches to be carried out, the Solicitor requires £350.00 to do these. All agreed the Local and Environmental Searches would not be required as the Council knows the land well and has leased it for the last ten years. The Solicitor has not stated exact costs for each Search so a cheque for £200.00 was agreed for the remaining Searches and if this is too much, it can be used against the Solicitors overall costs of £750.00 + VAT. It is noted that the recurrent annual rental will be £340.00 with maintenance costs around £100.00. These recurrent costs are in addition to the solicitors fees referred to.

f. Website

The Clerk has made a start on this. It was agreed the site should have Councillors names on only although the Chairman's telephone number can be included as it is published in the Parish News. The Clerk has taken a photo of the Church and Village Sign for inclusion but if anyone has other photographs they think could be included, they should be emailed to the Clerk. It was agreed the site should include all Village contacts with links to websites where possible, Notice board items, agendas, minutes, planning applications and Governance items.

g. Waterloo Road Housing Development

A complaint has been received concerning telegraph poles which are now protruding into the private lode / roadway, following widening of the access lode. B.D.C. has said they cannot help as no conditions were imposed on the application in respect of the re-siting of the poles, as the road is a private roadway. District Councillor P Carrick looked into this for the complainant and has reiterated the comments made by B.D.C. All agreed there was nothing the Parish Council could do but suggested the complainant contact BT and the Developer as the poles are a potential safety hazard.

h. Village Hall

The Village Hall committee is asking if the Parish Council will write a letter in support of the Hall renovations. This was agreed.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence sent to Clerk

N.A.L.C. are running a seminar on Affordable Housing – no one wished to attend.

C.P.R.E. and N.A.L.C. are running a seminar on Neighbourhood Planning – three Cllrs may be able to attend.

B.D.C. is considering putting together some training for new Councillors – would anyone be interested?

It was suggested the Clerk contact Cllr A Southgate to see if she would like to go.

The Police have asked for Councils opinion on a decision they have to make regarding their Budget: Do they accept a one-off Government grant equating to a 3% rise in Council Tax in 2012/13 in return for a freeze on the Police Precept OR raise Council Tax by up to 3.9% increasing annual income for 2012/13 and future years. All agreed they should accept a one off grant to prevent an increase in Council Tax.

The G.N.D.P. is again consulting on the C.I.L. Regulations 2010 (amended). The consultation is on the Charging Schedule. It was agreed Councils response should be 'they are concerned about the principle and application. This is a tax levied on all households whether or not the development is for profit and there is no indication it will benefit the community taxed'.

The Clerk has received a note advising of two injuries sustained by children falling from the Monkey Bars in the Play Area. This was noted with regret. When the Play Area was inspected in June 2011 by R.O.S.P.A. this item of equipment met the R.O.S.P.A. safety standards and required no attention. R.O.S.P.A. indicated that this type of equipment carries some risk due to its nature but has a strong development value. All agreed if parishioners felt the equipment unsafe the only option would be to remove it.

The Chairman reported the minutes from the last N.A.C.C. meeting will be circulated but parishioners will be interested to know a new planning application will shortly be submitted for the Engine Testing Facility at N.I.A. It is thought this is likely to be located in one of the N.E. corners.

b. SNAP Report

Priorities set at January meeting were:

Speeding – Mill Road, Frettenham and Sir Williams Lane, Aylsham

Buttlands, Aylsham – Criminal damage and anti-social behavior

Norwich Road Cemetery, Aylsham – anti-social behavior

PCSO Laura Munro-Oakley has asked for a representative from the Council to sit on the panel. No one wished to take on sole responsibility but it was agreed Councillors will alternate. Cllr S Fuller will attend the next meeting.

c. Clerks Report

Nothing to report.

d. Police Report

There was one theft in the village during January and this was theft of a tax disc.

Overview from Broadland Policing Commander: We have been able to put more police officers out on duty in Broadland over the last couple of weekends and this has helped to reduce incidents of minor damage to cars as people return home the worse for drink. On a cautionary note, I would urge you to check and make sure you haven't left any garden tools lying around or sheds insecure. Across the county there have been several incidents of entry being forced to a home using tools left in the garden or shed. Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team can help advise on cost effective ways to keep such items out of sight and secure.

Norfolk – safest county in England and getting safer: Norfolk is officially the safest county in England according to Home Office figures released on 19th January and they show the county is becoming safer. Crime has decreased by 1% - a reduction of 414 crimes from 42,697 to 42,283. Out of 33 detection categories measured, Norfolk is in the top ten highest detection rates in 26 categories. For serious acquisitive crime, Norfolk has the second fewest crimes with just six crimes per 1,000 population.

Crime trends

Three incidents of theft from motor vehicles in the Frettenham and Horsham St Faiths areas between 12 and 14 January appear to be linked with wheels and tyres being stolen. Members of the public are asked to be aware of this trend and were possible to protect their property with locking wheel nuts. It is also advisable not to leave

locking wheel nuts in obvious places within their cars, such as glove compartments. Diesel continues to be targeted as does heating oil in rural areas. Please take steps to protect your fuel including heating oil.

e. Report from County Councillor

The Clerk advised the Council have a Budget meeting on Monday and Cllr T Williams also wishes to remind people about signing up to the Better Broadband campaign at <http://sayyestobroadband.co.uk>. The Clerk placed an article in the last Parish News and will be putting posters up at the Village Hall and School as a reminder.

7. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

i) Will the Parish Council be giving something to the children in the village to mark the Jubilee? In principle, it was agreed they could and are open to suggestions as to what, for further discussion at the next meeting.

ii) Two oak trees have been felled and another severely trimmed along the boundaries of Harvest Close. The Chairman advised any concerned parishioners should get in touch directly with the Village Tree Warden (Judith 890369) and B.D.C. conservation officer (Stephen Chesney-Beales (arboriculture & landscape) 01603 431133).

8. MATTERS RAISED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

None other than those detailed in the minutes.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14th March 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21:30