

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th JULY 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: District Cllr P Carrick

Parishioners: 1

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Rogers, R Crisp and County Cllr D Roper.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation requests.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2014 were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

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

a. Anglian Water

The Clerk advised she has spoken to Anglian Water who will not be completing a survey now as the Network Technicians have confirmed 2/3 surveys have been done in the last 2/3 years and they know there are issues due to the high water table and 'infiltration'. Infiltration refers to two things: Illegal surface water connections, which during heavy rainfall flood the foul water system, exceeding the design capacity and causing the sewerage to back up; Cracks or displaced joints in the system. Anglian Water schedule their work on merit, which is dictated by telephone calls and problems reported etc. The work with the most cost benefit will be scheduled. If residents experience problems they MUST report to Anglian Water to ensure the problems are logged and taken into account, even if Anglian Water do not need to attend. It was also suggested that the Parish Council could register the problem with Norfolk County Council as they have a Surface Water Management Plan and may be able to include something in this for Hainford. Also backing up of sewerage should be reported to Environmental Health as they have more legal powers than Anglian Water.

All agreed the Clerk should put a note concerning reporting of issues in the Parish News and on the website and notice boards so all residents are aware. The Clerk will also contact NCC.

b. Planning application - Lafarge

NCC has confirmed they have a team of Monitoring Officers who check compliance with planning conditions and routing agreements. Compliance can be checked via the Company's paperwork and weighbridge records. Whilst they pro-actively inspect mineral extraction sites they do not as a rule go through weighbridge records unless they have reason to believe there is an issue with non-compliance, usually brought to their attention by local residents.

c. Gate to Millennium Car Park

Cllr S Howes confirmed the posts have now been installed and the gates will follow shortly. A notice will be required asking users to fasten the gates back when open, to prevent movement. The Clerk will organise. The Chairman thanked Cllr Howes for his work on this. The Clerk will inform both the School and Church Warden what is being done and why and informing them that the 'first in' and 'last out' will be responsible for opening and closing the gates.

5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Proposed development on the Chequers Field

The Chairman reported that following the meeting at BDC, details of which were recorded in the June minutes, he had received an email from Saffron which outlined the subsequent discussion between Saffron and the landowner regarding the payment of the Community Infrastructure Levy (C.I.L.). In essence with the C.I.L of some £55,000 being paid, the mix of houses needed to be altered to 4 shared equity and 4 rented properties. This would still leave the developer some £9,000 worse off and the Parish Council had been asked if they would be prepared to share this by way of a reduction in the amount paid to them by the landowner. Saffron had provided the Parish Council with a spreadsheet which detailed the financial position and the shortfall. Discussion ensued and the following points were noted:

- the Parish Council were still keen for the development to proceed as the successful outcome would benefit the Parish by providing 8 exception site affordable homes; additional community land and a sum of money towards the lands maintenance
- the figures in the spreadsheet were taken at face value as an accurate indication of the financial position.

- The C.I.L. only becomes payable when building commences. If the landowner with whom the Parish Council were dealing through Saffron, sold the land then the C.I.L. would not be payable by him so consequently there would be no shortfall

It was agreed that if, as a consequence of the requirement to pay the C.I.L., the landowner incurred a shortfall as indicated by the spreadsheet, then the Parish Council would be prepared to consider making a contribution to that shortfall. The precise contribution would be agreed between the Parish Council and the landowner and would be met by a reduction in the sum paid by the landowner to the Parish Council. If the landowner was not required to pay the C.I.L. then the Parish Council would not be responsible for contributing to any shortfall and so consequently the Parish Council would expect to receive the full amount as previously discussed. All agreements made will be conditional on the land being handed over in a tidy state, agreeable to the Parish Council and the Parish Council's legal costs for the transference of the land being met by the landowner. These conditions had previously been notified to Saffron.

On a separate note an anonymous letter has been received by the Chairman detailing fly tipping by residents of Stratton Road on the site. This has been referred to Mr. Whitelock, the landowner and BDC to take whatever action they feel appropriate.

b. Play Equipment in Village

i) Inspection report

Cllr S Fuller reported on the inspection completed by Cllr L Rogers. No action is required however the pond has still not been cleared. The Clerk will ask the Tree Warden to liaise with the contractor to get this cleared.

It was noted the additional bark is still to be put in the Play Area. The Clerk advised the new 'contact' sign she put up has been removed so will organise another. The old sign needs to be removed as that is still in place.

ii) Lease

Nothing to report.

c. Grant Awarding Policy

A report has been received regarding the village hall grant of £5000 and all agreed it is satisfactory. Thanks go to Mr. Sagers for this and the Council is pleased the grant has been used wisely.

d. Planning applications

There were no applications to consider.

e. Speed Watch / Traffic Calming

The Chairman advised this is now up and running and several volunteers have been 'booked in' to complete checks.

The Clerk advised the School posters have been delayed with the Head Teacher changing but these are still being pursued.

The 'SLOW' painting has still not been completed and the Clerk took this up with Cty Cllr D Roper who has chased Highways. The work is still scheduled to be done.

f. Village Games 2014

A report from Carolyn Atherton had been circulated. The team are through to the final on Sunday 13th July. Congratulations were sent to all involved with best wishes for success on Sunday.

g. Buses through the village

The Clerk has received a note from Sanders concerning low hanging trees in the village. Further detail has been requested but has not yet been received. All agreed until the Council know exactly which trees are a problem, there is not much they can do but the Clerk will put a general note in the next Parish News asking landowners to trim their trees and hedges.

h. Finance

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

Mrs. K Medler (Expenses)	£18.25
HMR&X (PAYEx3)	£29.40
PCC (Grass cutting)	£50.00
Robert Thackray (Tree pruning)	£75.00
Soanes Signs (No smoking sign)	£18.00

The Clerks standing order was paid on the 5th July 2014.

ii) Financial statement for July 2014

The balance carried forward is £21,432.93.

Cllr A Southgate proposed the Council accept the statement and this was seconded by Cllr H Pointer.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence

BDC wish to highlight to Broadland residents they are entitled to the discounted rate on all courses (except First Aid and Fire Safety) held at their training centre in Rackheath - the EcoCube. A wide selection of courses is available and they also provide a free business start-up programme for residents wishing to explore how to start a business. More information can be obtained by telephoning the EcoCube Team on 01603 295021 or visiting www.broadland.gov.uk/training.

A complaint has been received regarding the state of the footpath which runs from the car park to the School. The Clerk confirmed she has checked this and it is rather overgrown but was unsure who was responsible for it. Cllrs confirmed this is Highways land so the Clerk will report to them.

A complaint has also been received about cars parking outside the Homestead on Newton Road. Whilst the concerns were noted, the Parish Council have no enforcement powers and are not aware of any parking restrictions in the area however the Clerk will refer to the Police for them to check and also raise at the next SNAP meeting.

b. Clerks report

A complaint has been logged with NCC Highways concerning the lack of verge cutting and also the poor cutting where it has been done. Highways have advised they have a new contractor this year who has experienced some issues with mobilisation. The rigorous growth as a result of the weather has also not helped. Highways are keen to receive feedback so if residents have any complaints or comments please contact NCC direct on 0344 800 8020 or via their website at: <https://online.norfolk.gov.uk/highways> where a reference will be allocated which can then be tracked for progress. If all complaints can be copied to the Clerk to monitor it would be useful.

c. Report from County Councillor

The Chairman read out broadband statistics as supplied by Cty Cllr D Roper in his absence:

- 280 properties are served from St Faith's cabinet 8 - this is in the process of being upgraded with completion by September. 155 properties will be able to get superfast. 28 will get 15-24 Mbps. 20 will get 5-15. 67 will get 2-5 Mbps although 53 of these may need additional technology.
- 18 are served from St Faith's cabinet 1 - upgrade is complete.
- 42 are served from the Buxton exchange. This is not currently scheduled for upgrade but this is already a better performing exchange than St Faiths with speeds already at 4-5 Mbps.

d. Police Report

There was one crime in the Village during June which was recorded as Common Assault.

7. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

Dog poo bags are being left in the hedges on Dumbs Lane along the stretch from the Village Green to the Church. Could a bin be installed along here? The Clerk will refer to BDC.

The hedge on the left hand side at the junction with Buxton Road / Spixworth Road is overgrown. The Clerk will check whether this is in Hainford or Frettenham and deal as necessary.

8. MATTERS RAISED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Play equipment in the Village, proposed development on the Chequers field and Buses through the village.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 7:30 pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 20:42