

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

In attendance: District Cllr P Carrick

Parishioners: 3

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cty 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 8th February 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

The Chairman has recently received a telephone call from Dist Cllr B Rix asking why Hainford Parish Council was pursuing the matter of the fence when the property concerned was in the Parish of Frettenham. The Chairman explained the position to Dist Cllr B Rix. The Clerk has sent an email to the Clerk of Frettenham Parish Council explaining the history of this complaint and apologising for any offence which may have been unwittingly caused. Frettenham Parish Council has responded to the email accepting the misunderstanding over the boundaries and has confirmed there is no bad feeling with regard to this. Highways have now put up bollards to stop vehicles driving too far onto the verge and so this matter is now closed.

b. Fly tipping at Old Church

Mr Morton has now installed the gates and fencing and has given the combination for the lock to the Church Warden, should extra space be required by visitors at any time. Hopefully this will now stop the fly-tipping problem in that area. The Parish Council acknowledged the work completed and thanked Mr Morton for the overall improvement to the area.

c. Outdoor Gym

The Chairman has received further details on this, which will be circulated for Councillors to review.

d. Oak Trees, Harvest Close

The Parishioner who reported this at the last meeting stated he had spoken to B.D.C. who advised there were no TPO's in Hainford and if the trees were on the owner's property they could do as they wished with them. The Parishioner then spoke to Judith, Lincoln the Village tree warden, who advised she was aware of the Oak Tree situation. It was agreed the Clerk will speak to B.D.C. and Judith to request a full list of all TPO's in Hainford and find out what details are known about these Oak Trees specifically.

5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Finance

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

Mrs. K Medler (Expenses)	£28.35
Hainford Primary Partnership School	£131.60

(This donation was previously agreed specifically for the Olympic Medals Fund, to provide medals to the children in celebration of this year's Olympic Games. The Clerk will ask the headmistress to make parents aware that the Parish Council contributed to these).

The Clerks standing order was paid on the 5th March 2012.

ii) Financial statement for March 2012

The balance carried forward is £15,208.65.

Cllr A Southgate proposed the Council accept the statement and this was seconded by Cllr R Crisp.

b. Planning Applicationsi) 20120237 – Fir Tees, Hall Road

Plans were reviewed and Council had no objections providing the adjacent property would not be overlooked.

ii) 20111433 – Woodstock, Newton Road

The Clerk advised this application, for the larger property, is going to appeal although the most recent application, for a smaller property, has now been approved.

iii) 20120251 – 36c Waterloo Road

Plans were reviewed and no objections raised, although it was noted the trusses are already in place.

iv) 20120313 – 43 Cromer Road

Plans were reviewed and no objections were raised

v) 20120295 – Woodview, 39 Cromer Road

Plans were reviewed and no objections were raised

vi) 20120337 – Barley Wood, Newton Road

Plans were reviewed and Council had no objections although concerns were raised over the dominance of the hedging and gate in the area.

vii) 20111222 – Woodland Burial Park

This application is still pending, subject to the outcome of the Canham Hill appeal, which starts on 19th March at 2pm and is likely to continue all week. Revised proposals for the Hainford application have been viewed by the Parish Council and their objections maintained. It was noted that the Clerk has received a copy of an objection letter sent to B.D.C. by a resident. It was stated that both parishioners and the Parish Council are concerned that current B.D.C. planning policies and procedures did not appear to be being applied to this application as robustly and rigorously as they had to other planning applications in Hainford. Dist Cllr P Carrick advised applicants can submit revisions at no extra cost as the general ethos of the Planning Department is to approve plans. Dist Cllr P Carrick also advised he has already called this application into Committee. Cllr L Rogers expressed concern over an article in the Anglia Farmers' Newsletter which implied that the Woodland Burial Park is definitely going ahead and still feels both this and the Canham Hill application are being considered together. Bearing in mind, sometime ago the Planning Officer told the applicant if he wanted a decision then, she would refuse it, Cllr L Rogers wondered why the Planning Officer is waiting on the Canham Hill outcome – planning policies are not changing at present and therefore as the application is in breach of planning policies, in Cllr L Roger's opinion, waiting is not going to alter anything. It was agreed a letter should be sent to B.D.C. seeking a response to a number of the Councils questions concerning this application.

c. B.D.C. Consultations

A response had been received from Mr. J Walchester (Interim Spatial Planning Manager B.D.C.) to the Parish Council's letter of 19th January, concerning the proposals in the Draft Development Management Planning Document. The Parish Council felt that the response did not address the concerns articulated in their letter of 16th January which broadly speaking were the effect of these proposals, if approved, on subsequent planning applications in respect of Hainford. It was agreed that the Chairman would request a meeting between himself, Cllr L Rogers and Mr. J Walchester to seek clarification on this point.

d. Letter to Village Hall

A draft letter was previously circulated to all and agreed with amendment.

e. Millennium Car Park

The Clerk has received a response from the head mistress of the school regarding the clearing of the car park as follows:

Whilst I am sympathetic, I am unable to offer the services of my caretaker. We have a very small number of hours per week for the caretaking and cleaning role at the school. The caretaker already gives freely of his own time and there is no additional money in our school budget for what would be at best an unpleasant task. You may wish to approach him separately and offer a payment for the job that you want done. We can offer the loan of litter picking equipment if the Parish Council want to start up a rota and we could also provide concerned parents who use the car park disposable gloves and plastic bags if they see an offending item and wish to get rid of it.

All agreed that as the Police are now patrolling and the Council already has a deficit budget, we will keep a general eye on the area and clear as required. Thanks go to Cllr R Crisp for putting up the chain and Cllr S Howes for providing a temporary padlock and chain. The Chairman will purchase a good combination lock which Norse can then have the code for to allow access for grass cutting.

f. Lease Millennium Car Park

The Lease has been prepared and both the Chairman and the Clerk have reviewed it. All appears to be in order. Cllr L Rogers will also review and return to the Clerk by Monday 19th March so the solicitors can proceed as necessary.

g. Jubilee Gifts

Cllr S Fuller advised the Village Fun Day, to celebrate the Jubilee, is being organised for 2nd June 2012 and it would be nice if the Council could present the gifts to the children then. The Village Hall are applying for a grant from B.D.C. to help with the event. It was agreed the Council will present a 'modern design' mug to the children with 'A gift from Hainford Community' printed on it, along with details of the Jubilee. The Clerk will order 200 and any that are left can then be sold to Villagers. The Clerk will also place an article in the Parish News asking parents to 'reserve' their child's gift.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence sent to Clerk

The Rangers are in the Village week commencing 9th April 2012. Please let the Clerk have any suggestions for work to be carried out by 31st March.

b. Clerks report

The next Village Litter Pick is taking place on the weekend of the 28th and 29th April as per the article in the last Parish News. Mr G Byrnes, the owner of G B Diggers, is kindly ordering and paying for a large skip for the pick.

Reminder that the next S.N.A.P. meeting is on the 15th March at 7pm at the Jubilee Centre in Aylsham.

The Neighbourhood Planning seminars were oversubscribed so Cllrs could not attend.

The vehicle activated signs are now in place. All agreed these seem to be proving effective and when they are removed, the Clerk should write to Highways thanking them for the use of the signs and saying as they have been successful it would be nice to have them permanently.

c. Police Report

There have been 4 crimes in the Parish during February but full details of these are not given.

d. Report from District Councillor

The Budget has been approved. There will be no Council tax increases. The Joint Core Strategy has been agreed but is subject to a legal challenge on the Growth Triangle in Broadland. Cabinet meet on Tuesday and agreed that all bottle bank collections will now have to be paid for. Any bottle banks installed in the last three or four years already pay for collection and this will now be imposed across the board to ensure consistency. As a result credits will be approximately 10% less. 'Trees' on Lady Lane now has a TPO on. Dist Cllr P Carrick asked if the Council knows who organises the Meals on Wheels in the Village now and whether many people take this up. The Clerk will look into.

e. Report from County Councillor

There will be no rise in Council Tax. Of the grant of £8.6m received from the government for freezing Council Tax, £5m will go towards providing homes in the County for children in care, £3m will go to support apprentices and £500k will go to the jobs fund. The Council will use £3.5m from reserves to invest in the highways. In addition to this, £890k is to be match funded by Norse to provide another 80 apprentices. The N.D.R. has now got funding approval from the government for the stretch from Postwick to the Airport. The County Council will provide £26.5 million to do the stretch from the Airport to the A1067 Fakenham Road. The consultation on this is now open and residents will be able to view documents in Spixworth on 2nd May and St Faiths on 11th May. Residents are again reminded to register for better broadband for Norfolk at www.norfolk.gov.uk/sayyesnorfolk.

7. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

None.

8. MATTERS RAISED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

None other than those detailed in the minutes.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11th April 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21:30