

# HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2011 at 7.30pm in The Mill Centre

### ACTION

#### Present

Chairman Geoffrey Moulton, Vice Chairman David Hook, Debbie Ashford, Mike Turner and the Clerk Ian Nelson. Mrs Allen from the item on Lighting at Roadtechs, Barondale Road

#### Members of the public present

None.

#### Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor Windridge, Richard Delf, and Peter Workman.

#### Declarations of Interest

Mr Hook declared an interest in the planning application from the Church & Town Estates Property Charity.

#### Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were approved and signed.

#### Public Participation

None.

#### Planning Applications

##### **New application since the last meeting:**

Church & Town Estates Property Charity, Krons Meadow, The Krons, Hempnall - Scheme to allow public access to water meadow, including pond dipping activities, erection of entrance gate, excavation of small pond, construction of footbridge and short walkway and provision of seat. – Recommended approval.

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##### **Applications approved since the last meeting:**

Mr & Mrs Blyth, 1 Old Market Way, Hempnall - Proposed new conservatory.

#### **Change of use of Queens Head**

Landmark Associates, the agents had written to the clerk as follows:

My client, Mr Ellis, has informed me that the matter of the sale of Queens Head Public House was discussed at a recent meeting of the Parish Council. He has supplied me with a copy of the minute that records the Parish Council's views on the matter. However, what was discussed was not fully informed by the actual events that have taken place.

Before the property was placed on the market the terms and conditions were agreed with South Norfolk District Council. To undertake the marketing without the agreement of the Council would be a rather pointless exercise. I write to assure the Parish Council that all aspects of the sale have been agreed by the Planning Department and by the Solicitor to the Council in writing. In relation to the selling price, the District Valuer has confirmed the value of the property and this to has been accepted by the Planning Department and the Solicitor to the Council as part of the overall package.

I would assure the members of the Parish Council that my client has acted in complete agreement with South Norfolk District Council in this matter and as acted in accordance with its requirements.

I would be grateful if you would bring my letter to the attention of the Chairman and the other members of the Council in order that the situation can be correctly recorded.

This was brought to councillor's attention. The clerk to thank Landmark Associates for their communication and send a copy of this minute.

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**Talbot Park Toilet / Shower Unit** **ACTION**

The clerk had circulated a letter sent between meetings indicating that councillors supported the above project. Mr Turner proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the response sent to SNC by the clerk be ratified.

**Lighting at Roadtechs, Barondale Road**

Mr Hook is awaiting darker nights to investigate light pollution at the site.

DH

**Children's play area fence**

The clerk presented Mr Delf's views and the quote he had obtained. Mr Hook presented an alternative quote but this was without gravel boards. The clerk will put out to tender the spec for a 25m seasoned oak post and paling 1m high fence. The posts to be set in metal post holders. The gate to be a double gate (2.5m).

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**Localism Bill/Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk stated that he had contacted SNC planning re this and the rules were not yet finalised and they were not in a position to offer guidance. Mr Hook stated that parishes which did not have a plan may be disadvantaged in the planning system and that the plan would also have to comply with higher level planning guidance. It is envisaged that the plan would also need to be approved by a local referendum. The clerk to monitor with a view to the parish council formulating a plan in future.

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**Planning matters completed since the last meeting:**

**Parish briefing Site Specific Policies & allocations GNDP/LDF**

The consultation had been responded to.

**Former Padley's site**

All comments had been made.

**New matters:**

Mrs Allen declared a pecuniary interest in the following items and left the meeting.

**Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2011**

Mr Hook explained the nature of the Levy on all new building work.

Mr Hook proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent responding to the consultation request pointing out the parish council's policy and the opinion that the weighting of the levy may act as an incentive to not use brown field sites, as these will be more expensive than green field sites.

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**Items for next main meeting agenda**

- Notice boards - LA

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011