

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2012 at 7.30pm in The Mill Centre

ACTION

Present

Chairman Geoffrey Moulton, Vice Chairman David Hook (from Public Participation onwards), Richard Delf, Mike Turner, Peter Workman and the Clerk Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

Mr Roger Parker, Mr Ian Cundy.

Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Alison Thomas, District Councillor Windridge, Liz Allen, Debbie Ashford, David Pointer.

Declarations of Interest

Mr Moulton declared an interest in the Wind Turbine matters and a peripheral interest in the Jubilee Committee item as a member of his family benefits from the Nelson's Journey charity which is to gain from the profit of the event.

Mr Workman declared an interest in Mr & Mrs C Stockwell's planning application as he is a near neighbour.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 8th May 2012 were approved and signed.

Public Participation

There was none.

Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

Mr A Bryant, 2 Broaden Lane, Hempnall, Norfolk, NR15 2LU - To demolish existing single storey section of dwelling and rebuild as two storey extension. Single storey extension to accommodate shower room and utility area. Provide a dormer window in the existing roof for bedroom in roof space. – Recommended approval.

Mr & Mrs C Stockwell, 8 Broadway Close, Hempnall, Norfolk, NR15 2LY - Construction of a dormer to the front of the property to provide access to first floor rooms – Recommended approval.

Mr Alan Foyster, Land at front of Millfields, Hempnall - Creation of 3 new parking spaces – Recommended approval provided that the retention of the trees is made a condition of approval.

Mr & Mrs P Scott, Cydonia, Field Lane, Hempnall, Norfolk, NR15 2PB - Demolition of existing 2 bedroom single storey dwelling. Erection of new 2 bedroom single storey (bungalow) dwelling with attached garage. Temporary placement of mobile home. – Recommended approval.

Applications approved since the last meeting:

Mr & Mrs P Wilding, Hempnall Stores, Connaught House, The Street, Hempnall - Extension of time limit to planning permission 2008/2163/F - Proposed conversion and extension to barn to form residential accommodation. Blocking up of conservatory wall on Connaught House.

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Mr W Le Good, Town House Farm, Lundy Green, Hempnall - To replace existing windows with aluminium & 1 door and erection of horizontal bars to frames.

Change of use of Queens Head

The clerk had forwarded the Rt Hon Greg Clarke MP's letter to SNC.

Mr Ellis had written to express concern that his letter submitted to councillors for the meeting on 8th May had not been read at that meeting. As the letter had been seen by everybody at that meeting other than one member of the public, the clerk had sent a copy to that member of the public so that the information was available to all.

Mr Ellis had responded and his email was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Mr Moulton read the letter in full to the meeting and there were no questions or criticisms from councillors, however Mr Hook pointed out several areas which he felt were challengeable. It was generally agreed that the matter had been considered in detail over many months and the matter would now be left with SNC.

Mr Hook reported that he had received an email from Tim Horspole SNC Planning Policy Manager addressed to Helen Mellors the case officer and the clerk read this to the meeting. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was agreed with one abstention that the clerk respond to Helon Mellors indicating that Hempnall Parish Council strongly requests that SNC defers a decision on the change of use until after the secondary legislation of the Localism Act is in place. This will enable the procedures relating to the listing of community assets and the community right to bid to be clarified.

DH/IN

Apple International Inc site

SNC had reverted in relation to the walls that had been erected near the entrance for which it was understood planning permission had not been obtained. They stated that *"Following a visit to the site I can now advise you that planning permission is required for the development in question. I have written to the owner inviting either a planning application for their retention or that they are removed."*

Mr Hook asked the clerk to request that HPC receive a copy of the application.

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South Norfolk Place-Making Guide : Consultation Draft

The clerk and Mr Hook had submitted comments based on the parish council's response to the original consultation on the Joint Core Strategy.

Mineral waste

Mr Hook had confirmed the comments made by the parish council in response to the original consultation.

Jubilee Subcommittee report / donation

Mr Moulton reported that the sub-committee had returned the cheque of £250 loaned to the committee but the committee had asked if the parish council would like to make a donation. Mr Moulton read the letter from the committee. Councillors agreed that the weekend had been a fabulous event and that all credit should go to the organisers. The event raised £1292 to be divided between Hempnall School Library fund and Nelson's Journey charity which supports parents that have lost young children and visa-versa.

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Mr Workman proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a donation be made of £250 and that a letter of praise be written to the committee.

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Code of Conduct

Following the Localism Act 2011 the relevant elements relating to the code of conduct came into force on 1st July 2012. There are now criminal penalties for failure to comply with the registration and declaration rules. A deliberate failure to register and disclose interests is punishable by a fine of up to £5,000.

The clerk had circulated the standard Members Code of Conduct recommended by SNC together with further information from NALC. Mr Moulton proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the NALC version of the Code of Conduct be adopted for Hempnall Parish Council as this was tailored specifically for parish councils. The clerk to update the website and attend to the administrative aspects of the adoption.

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New items for next main meeting agenda

- Ray Youngman 60 Years Service
- Lighting Policy re-draft to incorporate NPPF statement
- Speeding Traffic on Mill Road

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Mr Moulton passed the chair to Mr Hook.

Wind Turbines

The clerk had sought clarification of Mr Barker's comments and awaited a response. The request had been supported by Richard Bacon MP and District Councillor Windridge.

Mr Hook reported that Mr Vine has started his bat survey.

It was noted that High Court judge, Mrs Justice Lang, stated in her judgement re proposed the Hemsby wind turbine planning application from Sea & Land Power and Energy Ltd, that "As a matter of law it is not correct to assert that the national policy promoting the use of renewable resources negates local landscape policies or must be given 'primacy' over them."

SHOWT had requested a 15 minute presentation slot at a parish council meeting following receipt of any planning application re wind turbines. Mr Hook read the letter to the meeting.

Mr Moulton left the meeting.

Mr Delf proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that both SHOWT and TCI would be invited to make a presentation at a public meeting arranged by the parish council should an application be received.

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Mr Moulton returned to the meeting and took the chair.

Change of Date of next meeting

It was agreed to move the next meeting to 10 July. The clerk to inform all interested parties and arrange the venue booking.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.37pm.

Signed _____ Date 10th July 2012