

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2012 at 7.30pm in The Mill Centre

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Present

Chairman Geoffrey Moulton, Vice Chairman David Hook, Liz Allen, Debbie Ashford, Richard Delf, David Pointer, Mike Turner and the Clerk Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

Mr Chris Watts, Mr Roger Parker, Mr David Daynes, Mr David Burrows, Mrs Trixie Dye, Mrs Mary Peck, Mr Derek Cracknell, Mrs Marlene Cracknell, Mrs Janet Leeder, Mr David Cletheroe, Mrs Elsie Cletheroe, Mr Jimmy Dye, Mr Andrew Weatherley, Mrs Rosemary Tooms.

Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Alison Thomas, District Councillor Windridge, Peter Workman.

Declarations of Interest

Mrs Allen declared a prejudicial interest; Mr Moulton and Mrs Ashford declared an interest in the Wind Turbine matters.

Mrs Allen declared a prejudicial interest in GNDP Site Specific Consultation.

Messrs Pointer and Hook declared an interest in the Dispensation matter.

Mr Pointer and Mrs Ashford declared an interest in the football club planning application.

Mr Delf declared a pecuniary interest in development boundary item.

Mr Delf declared a pecuniary interest in play bark item.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 28th August 2012 were approved and signed.

Public Participation

None at this stage.

Tas Valley Neighbourhood Board Presentation

The clerk had invited Woodton PC to this meeting to hear the presentation from the Tas Valley Neighbourhood Board representative, Mr Chris Watts.

Mr Watts informed the meeting that SNC had allocated £110,000 for the board to spend this year. The public had requested that the resources be prioritised on the following areas;

- Venerable older people
- Community safety
- Community transport
- Youth access to employment
- Health culture and sport

Mr Watts informed the meeting of the various ways in which the board had actioned the above with a number of initiatives. In addition money has been allocated to social action projects. For example, Bunwell safer crossing project. He would send the clerk an information pack so that the information could be disseminated around the village.

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Any member of the public or group may approach the board to put a project forward. It is helpful if the project has the parish / district councillors support.

There are no firm criteria for projects, each one is judged on its merits.

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Mr Watts informed the meeting that Councillor Beverly Spratt, Chairman of the Tas Valley Neighbourhood Board, South Norfolk District Council would like to invite councillors to its Road Safety and Highways public meeting on the 25th October at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton. The purpose of the meeting is to explore ways of working together to make the roads in the Tas Valley safer.

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The next Tas Valley Neighbourhood Board meeting will take place on the 20th November at 7.00pm at South Norfolk House, Swan Lane, Long Stratton

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Alternate use for Methodist Church

The clerk had put an article in the parish magazine inviting public/interested parties to attend this parish council meeting to discuss and put their views forward. The clerk also sent a holding response to Irelands.

Mr Moulton read an email that had been received from Irelands Chartered Surveyors acting on behalf of the Norwich Methodist Circuit of which the Hempnall Church forms part.

Mrs Tooms indicated that the congregation were not concerned how the building should be used but rather that it is used. She indicated £30,000 would be needed to repair the roof. She also indicated that the Methodists have been offered several venues in Hempnall in which to meet and worship. She also pointed out that the church had tried to hire the building out but to no avail, due to the availability of the Village Hall and the Mill Centre. The majority of the money from the sale of the building will be kept in the village at the decision of the congregation.

Mr Parker thought that it would be a shame to see the building fall into disrepair, and he thought all should help to make the change of use come about.

Mr Jimmy Dye suggested that it be used as a social club.

Mr Daynes suggested a centre for villagers to access services not normally available to them without travel, eg. a social enterprise initiative. He suggested that this type of enterprise tends to attract funding. Mrs Allen indicated that many of the grants she had seen excluded church use. She also queried the parking facilities and was told that the site could cope with 6 to 8 vehicles.

It was generally agreed that any change of use should not conflict with existing facilities in the village, such as the Village Hall or the Mill Centre.

It was agreed that the clerk write to Irelands to indicate the ideas and feelings of tonight's meeting and asking for further time to consider alternate uses to conversion to residential use. In addition the clerk to inform parishioners in the HPC Newsletter that the November PC meeting would consider the issue in more detail and encourage parishioners to come prepared with plans for alternate use.

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Mrs Allen temporarily left the meeting.

South Norfolk Local Plan

Site Specific Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) – Regulation 18 Consultation (Previously Regulation 25)

With regard to the above the two items of relevance to Hempnall Parish Council in this consultation concern: 1) preferred development sites and 2) preferred development boundaries.

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After much discussion on these matters a consultation response regarding preferred development sites (as detailed below) was agreed. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that this response be communicated to SNC.

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Preferred Development Sites Consultation Response

The Parish Council is pleased to be delineated as a service village and does not want its total allocation under the Joint Core Strategy to exceed 20 dwellings in total, i.e. from site specific allocations and windfall developments. Therefore it was agreed that because development on windfall sites was likely over the term of the strategy, e.g. The Queens Head PH site, that 10 dwellings maximum should be allocated under the site specific allocations currently being consulted upon. This is in line with the allocation defined for service villages of 10 to 20 dwellings.

We consider a maximum of 5 houses to be appropriate for the SNC preferred site R0091 on land off Bungay Rd – this is in line with our policy to only encourage small groups of dwellings. A limited development here could be facilitated with only a small alteration to the development boundary. (**NB** Members of the public at the meeting and councillors strongly opposed an entrance to this site from Bungay Rd for safety reasons, amongst other grounds). We also endorse English Heritage's concerns about the possible demolition of existing farm buildings and consider that their removal would harm the conservation area. We recommend that the site be accessed from the south eastern corner of Roland Drive where a point of access is possible and in order that our policy of maintaining the existing development boundary is adhered to as closely as possible we would ask that the site for these 5 dwellings be restricted to as small an area as is practicable and that not all of the area of the site R0091 is included within the development boundary.

We consider site 0233 (off Field Lane) to be suitable for 5 dwellings. Although this site is not the SNC preferred or second choice option it scores well on the Site Assessment Table – better than site R0091. Furthermore, on the map 045 that accompanies this consultation, SNC has indicated a preference to extend the development boundary around site 0233. Therefore, because site 0233 shows up as the most suitable on the site assessment table and because SNC has delineated it as appropriate for development (hence its inclusion inside the preferred development boundary) Hempnall Parish Council favours this site and consider that it should be given preferred status along side R0091.

It was noted that Site 087 was identified as a reasonable alternative for residential development. However it scores less well on the Site Assessment Table than either site R0091 or 0233 and we share English Heritage's concerns over the development of this site and therefore do not wish to see housing development at this location.

After further discussion a consultation response regarding preferred development boundaries (as detailed below) was agreed. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Pointer seconded and it was unanimously agreed that this response be communicated to SNC. During these discussions Mr Delf temporarily left the meeting having declared an interest in this matter.

Preferred Development Boundary Consultation Response

Hempnall Parish Council has a policy aimed at retaining the existing development boundary. Therefore we do not wish for it to be extended around site 087. We accept the need for minor modifications to include site 0233 and a further minor modification to incorporate that part of site R0091 that is required to provide for the development of 5 dwellings as described above in the Preferred Development Sites Consultation Response.

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We are pleased to note that the SNC preferred development boundary specifically excludes sites such as 0234, 0209 and 0509 together with others currently outside the existing development boundary. It is our policy to resist any further large scale estate development in Hempnall. **ACTION**

It is accepted that minor alterations need to be made to the development boundary in order to remove flood risk areas.

South Norfolk Council's suggested amendments to the development boundary in order to remove flood risk areas are broadly in accordance with local knowledge of the properties that are subject to flooding but it was agreed at the meeting that research be carried out as to the extent of the flooding in September 1968, the worst flood in living memory when 4 inches of rain fell in 24 hours, and that suggested amendments be made (as part of this consultation response) regarding sections of the proposed deleted development boundary in order that properties that were not subject to flooding then, and are therefore unlikely ever to be flooded, are not excluded from the development area unjustifiably. Furthermore it was agreed that if this research revealed properties that were flooded in 1968 but are currently still included inside the development boundary then this information should also be given to SNC.

Mrs Allen and Mr Delf returned to the meeting.

All public left except Mr Parker and Mr D Burrows.

Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

Hempnall Football Club, Talbot Park, Alburgh Rd, Hempnall - Proposed addition of external cladding & roof to make temporary clubhouse a permanent structure – Recommended approval. **IN**

Applications approved since the last meeting:

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

Mr & Mrs V Vrinten, 25 Alburgh Road, Hempnall, Norfolk, NR15 2NS - Construction of and extension to the rear of the property.

Mr & Mrs K Shields, Three Feathers, Lundy Green, Hempnall, Norfolk, NR15 2NU - To replace barn door and 3 stable doors and to insert 2 sky lights in stable block and 1 sky light in barn.

GNDP Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation

Mr Hook reported that we only had to respond if we had views on the statement of modifications. Mr Hook read the modifications to the meeting. It was agreed that no response was required.

ROSPA report

Mr Delf reported that the main issue requiring urgent attention was the replenishment of bark around the main play unit. He had obtained two quotes for the work. Mr Moulton proposed, Mrs Allan seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the quote for £284 plus VAT be accepted. Mr Delf will arrange for the work to be done as soon as possible. **RD**

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Items For Newsletter

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The clerk to write and issue a newsletter with the following topics:

- Kick-start and other help available from Tas Valley Neighbourhood board
- Methodists Church Use

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New Items For Next Agenda

No other matters but consideration of the precept to be put back to the December meeting to allow time for Methodist Church Issue.

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Dates for next year's meetings

The clerk suggested the following dates for next year's meetings:

Date	Time	Event
15/01/13	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
12/02/13 P	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
12/03/13	7.00pm	Parish Meeting
12/03/13	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
09/04/13 P	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
14/05/13	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full - Annual Meeting
11/06/13 P	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
09/07/13	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
13/08/13 P	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
10/09/13	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
08/10/13 P	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
12/11/13	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
10/12/13 P	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning

It was unanimously agreed that the above dates be set and the clerk to update the website and book the Mill Centre accordingly.

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Mrs Allen left the meeting.

Mr Moulton passed the chair to Mr Hook.

Wind Turbines

Application for Dispensation - Hempnall Parish Council

Mr Hook summarised the proposed development as shown at TCI's exhibition in

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September at the Mill Centre.

Mr Hook and Mr Pointer had sought the same dispensation as awarded to other councillors at the meeting on 28th August 2012. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was agreed that the dispensation for Mr Pointer be granted in line with terms applied for. The clerk to diarise the expiry. Mr Pointer proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was agreed that the dispensation for Mr Hook be granted in line with terms applied for. The clerk to diarise the expiry.

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Bat Survey

The clerk had written to TCI and read this letter together with TCI's response to the meeting. Mr Delf proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed by those able to vote that the clerk respond to TCI thanking them for their advice and indicate that the parish council would take TCI's guidance to seek independent advice and revert to them following the November meeting.

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Date of next meeting

The next main meeting will be at 7.30pm on 13th November 2012 at the Mill Centre.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10.00pm.

Signed _____ Date 13th November 2012