

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 2013 at 7:30pm in The Mill Centre

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Present

Vice Chairman Mr David Hook, Mrs Liz Allen, Mrs Debbie Ashford, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

Mr Ian Cundy, Cindy Mayes, Mr Andy & Mrs Sylvia Driver.

Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Alison Thomas, District Councillor Windridge, Geoffrey Moulton, Richard Delf, Mr Mike Turner, Mr David Pointer

Declarations of Interest

Mrs Allen declared a prejudicial interest in the Wind Turbine matters.

Mrs Allen declared an interest in the consultation on development management policies and amended site specific allocations.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 19th March 2013 were approved and signed.

Public Participation

Oil Buying Group

Mrs Sylvia Driver asked if the parish council would care to arrange a meeting to see if people would like to form an oil buying group as promoted by NRCC. She had already researched the matter following the article in Hempnall Parish Council Newsletter. The scheme must be parish wide but links into the Norfolk Buying Group in order to benefit from larger discounts. She was happy to be the coordinator. Henry Middleton of Norfolk RCC would attend the meeting to explain the scheme to interested parties. The scheme would be self-administered by the members.

Mrs Ashford proposed, Mrs Allen seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a separate meeting be called for this purpose. The meeting would be advertised in the parish magazine. The clerk to liaise with Mrs Driver.

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Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

Mr Ian Cundy asked if the annual report of the parish council chairman should have been presented at the parish meeting. The clerk confirmed that it should have been but at that meeting the chair had explained that the report had not been made available and the meeting agreed that it would be presented at the next parish council meeting.

The clerk added that the report would also be on display in the shop and on the parish council website.

Minutes on shop notice board

It was also noted that the last minutes on display in the shop currently were Dec 2012. The clerk confirmed that all minutes are put on the board but after that he had no control over them staying on display. The clerk offered to provide Mr Cundy with hard copy of minutes since that time, Mr Cundy was grateful for this.

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Old Church Yard

Mr Cundy pointed out that the old church yard had a mole hill problem and that the new grass contractor had failed to cut some of the area that was affected by the mole hills. The clerk would engage a mole catcher and contact the grass contractor.

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Back Lane

Mrs Mayes indicated that Back Lane needed cutting as it was becoming too narrow. The clerk will contact PROW.

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The Chairman's annual report to the parish meeting

The clerk read this to the meeting

Mrs Allen left the meeting

Wind Turbines - Application 2013/0105

General Update

The clerk had updated the parish council's policy document.

Additional expert reports and photomontages had been obtained in accordance with the minutes of the 19th March.

Additional copies of maps re Footpaths / Listed Buildings had been obtained.

The sub-committee had prepared and submitted the parish council's response to the application.

TCI Renewables have issued a rebuttal to some of the points made by our experts. Where appropriate our experts had or would be issuing a rebuttal of the rebuttal at no extra cost to the parish council.

The landscape consultants will be on site on 10th April to prepare the photo montages. The consultants have suggested the use of animations for presentational purposes. The cost would be the same for 6 montages including animations as it would have been for the 7 montages. Mr Workman proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was unanimously agreed to alter the contract accordingly.

DH

Mrs Allen returned to the meeting.

Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

Mr D Mackie, 3 Silver Green, Hempnall, NR15 2NW - Proposed Two storey extension to side to extend the kitchen, extend the bedroom and form a new utility and en-suite. Single storey dining room to rear – Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be recommended for approval.

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Applications approved since the last meeting:

Mrs B Jeffrey, Lime Tree Cottage, The Street Hempnall Norfolk NR15 2AD - Proposed Extension of time limit to planning permission 2010/0019/H - Proposed rear 1st floor.

Mrs B Jeffrey, Lime Tree Cottage, The Street Hempnall Norfolk NR15 2AD - Proposed Extension of time limit to planning permission 2010/0020/LB - Proposed rear 1st floor extension.

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White Lodge – Topcroft Parish Council

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The site referred to by Topcroft PC had been inspected however it was unclear from Topcroft's communication exactly what they were asking support for. Mrs Allen proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk should write to Topcroft PC for clarification.

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Local Area Flood Map

Mr Hook stated that Mr Delf had requested this matter to be considered due to the inconsistencies on the Environment Agency Flood Map in particular re properties flooded in 1968 and also to take into account subsequent changes to the drainage system in the village.

Mr Workman proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk write to the Environment Agency pointing out that the map is not accurate compared to the 1968 flood and request a meeting with councillors to ensure the map was made more accurate, having regard to changes to drainage since 1968.

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Consultation on Development Management Policies (DMP) and Amended Site Specific Allocations

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Hook and the clerk write a consultation response with respect to the draft DMP document in accordance with existing parish council policies. This response to be circulated to councillors who will be given a week to review it before the clerk submits it to SNC in order to meet the deadline of 22 May 2013.

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Mrs Allen left the meeting.

Mr Hook reminded councillors that the parish council had already submitted a response re the site specific consultation. The current site specific policy amendments do not appear to take into account the parish council's comments.

Mr Workman proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk responds to state that it appears from their document, Site Specific Allocations and policies – amendments to preferred options consultation, that the changes proposed by Hempnall parish council have not been included in the amendments and that a request be made to SNC to reconsider incorporating these changes in to the final document.

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Nobbs Lane Hedge

Mr Hook stated that at the southern end of the lane, Mr Dunning had removed large sections of hedging. As tree warden he had mentioned this to the landscape officer, Robin Taylor, at SNC and he has agreed to look in to the matter.

Mr Workman proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk write to SNC to formally request that the matter be investigated and to point out that the parish council is extremely concerned at the removal of trees and hedges at this site and that we would like the felling to stop. It was also agreed to write to NCC PROW team to establish who owns this section of Nobbs lane.

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Items for Newsletter

The following items were identified for the newsletter:

- Parish Poll Result
- Dog – disease to livestock
- Parking in The Street
- Oil

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Items for next meeting

- Appointment of Chair and other Officers
- Internal Audit
- Annual Accounts to 31/03/13
- Notice of expenses
- Insurance renewal
- Standing Orders Review
- Risk Assessment Review

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Date of next meeting

The Parish Council main meeting will take place at 7.30pm on 21st May 2013.

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

Signed _____ Date 21st May 2013