

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 21st August 2013 at 7:30pm in The Mill Centre

ACTION

Present

Chairman Mr Geoffrey Moulton, Mr David Hook, Mrs Debbie Ashford, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

Mr Geoffrey Penn (to end of Local Area Flood Map Matter), Mr Roger Parker.

Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Alison Thomas, District Councillor Michael Windridge, Mrs Liz Allen, Mr Richard Delf, Mr Mike Turner, Mrs Pauline Brookes and Mrs Jill Turner.

Declarations of Interest

Mr Moulton declared an interest in the wind turbine matter.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 16th July 2013 were approved and signed.

Public Participation

None.

Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

Mrs K Irvine, The White Bungalow Fairstead Lane Farm Pymars Lane Hempnall Norfolk NR15 2RG - Certificate of existing lawful use for breach of condition for continuous use of persons who are not employed and not last employed in agriculture – Recommended that a certificate to make the occupation lawful is not issued. Councillors respect the planning laws and think that they should be upheld.

IN

Mr D Everitt re Methodist Circuit, Hempnall Methodist Church Mill Road Hempnall Norwich NR15 2LP - Change of use of redundant Methodist Church to form residential dwelling with associated garden and parking – Recommended approval 3 votes to 1.

IN

Applications approved since the last meeting:

None.

Local Area Flood Map

The Clerk had written to various parishioners to attend this meeting in order to assist in the parish council's response to the Environment Agency (EA).

The clerk had emailed councillors with the information from the EA prior to the meeting.

Mr Alan Page had left the clerk a list of properties affected by the 1968 flood. Mr Hook brought a DVD of the 1968 flood which was played to the meeting. Mr Penn also gave his recollection of the 1968 flood. The clerk reported that Mr Neville Day had a photograph album containing many photos of the flood. There are also photographs in the "Book of Hempnall" page 144.

It was agreed to review the photographs held by Mr Day and the other evidence in more detail and agree a response to the EA at the next meeting.

GM/IN

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Dog Bin – Busseys Loke

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Mrs Bennett had written to state that there is an increasing issue with dog mess, and more specifically dog mess being left bagged on the school boundary. She requested that the parish council purchase an additional dog bin to be located along Busseys Loke. The clerk indicated that it would cost circa £140 for a bin plus installation costs and a further £60 per annum to have it emptied.

It was agreed that this should be carried forward.

IN

Mr Hook took the chair.

Wind Turbines - Application 2013/0105

General Update

The Clerk had sent a copy of correspondence with Mr Bolton to County Councillor Thomas.

The Clerk and Mr Hook, had written to Francesca Shapland (Natural England) and Dr White (NBIS) as instructed. re ornithological and bat issues.

Mr Hook reported that Francesca Shapland had responded and Mr Workman proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was agreed unanimously that Dr Tim Reed reviews this and challenges her response.

IN/DH

Mr Hook reported Dr White had informed us that the parish council bat surveys have been included in the Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service Database and that he had supported the content in his report to SNC.

Mr Hook reported that the response from Richard Bacon's office still did not answer the question asked by the parish council. The clerk to write to Mr Bacon again.

IN

Mr Hook reported that the MOD had indicated that the turbines would interfere with radar.

Mr Moulton re-took the chair.

Items for Newsletter

The following items were identified for the next newsletter:

- Swan meadows (a large number of local residents have listened to your concerns and we continue to seek a solution to the issue.)
- Bridge club

IN

Items for next meeting

- Clerk's salary review
- Swan Meadow

IN

Get well card

It was reported that Mr Michael Windridge was unwell and it was agreed to send him best wishes to get well soon.

IN

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council main meeting will take place at 7.30pm on 10th September 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:56pm.

Signed _____ Date 10th September 2013