



Meeting Minutes

Parish Council Meeting of Hempton Parish Council

Thursday 8th November 2018, 7.15pm, Hempton Church Rooms

In Attendance

Cllr Woods (Chairman), Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Haydon, Cllr Fitzpatrick, Parish Clerk, 2 members of the public

1. Cllr Woods welcomed all and opened the meeting at 7.10 p.m.

2. Apologies

Received from Cllr Mallet, Cllr Delaurentis and Cllr Palmer

3. Declarations of interest

There were none

4. Meeting adjourned to hear from Councillors and members of the public

Mr Steve Hartland of Property Maintenance & Lawns provided the Council with some information and prices of suggested options with regards to the recent vandalism in the play area.

Mr Hartland has had 20 years previous experience in the Metropolitan Police before branching out into property maintenance. His experience also includes surveillance and security services.

A CCTV camera could continually run for a price of £490 per camera per 6 months including having the footage regularly checked. The Council would have to budget for approx £1000 per year each year to maintain this option if it was to be considered.

Regarding the graffiti, the local police were presented with names of potential culprits. Also, Fakenham Town Council received similar vandalism. Clerk to contact PC Dawson for any feedback.

Mr Hartland also commented that the beacon on the common is leaning somewhat. It was agreed that it may be taken down and removed as it is not used.

Chairman thanked Mr Hartland for his help and efforts with cleaning the graffiti and making safe the slide and play area at very short notice.

NCC Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick's Report

- Cllr FitzPatrick attended the Fakenham Network Improvement Strategy Stakeholder Engagement Workshop and asked them to widen the area of discussion to include Hempton and mentioned the junction for the Dereham Road Crossroads. Cllr FitzPatrick is pushing to get a roundabout built at this junction due to the frequent accidents and traffic issues.

However, a roundabout of the required size and scale would cost upwards of £300,000. Cllr Fitzpatrick advised he would need to speak to the land owner too. The Transport Committee will meet to discuss further on 18th Jan 2019.

Chairman asked about traffic lights instead, however NCC won't put traffic lights in any locations outside of a town. Many people have asked for a roundabout as it's a well known accident site. Chair suggested to Cllr Fitzpatrick that he briefs Tom Raynham on this matter.

- A project to reuse old railways is being discussed tomorrow – the Kings Lynn to Fakenham railway will reopen as a walking route and nature trail which will bring many people and visitors, bearing in mind the pilgrimage initiative, and the possibility of including the Abbey Ruins in Hempton. It has been done for 2 reasons – for cycling, walking and fitness, and to keep it open in case the railways ever did re-open.

Chairman added that we have been speaking to Tom Raynham and he is keen to have a visitor centre on the Abbey Ruins site.

Chairman also mentioned Matt Champion and the presentation about the Abbey. Cllr FitzPatrick would be keen to come along to a future presentation. We will look at running an event in the Spring.

Agenda item 10 brought forward – A site meeting was held with Nick Acheson, a local naturalist who advised us all on the pingos from the ice age melt. The Parish Council will be working with NWT, FACT, Tom Raynham and Nick to produce a management plan. Nick is lecturing under graduates at Easton College and will be speaking to his fellows at the college to see if a student would like to take

the Hempton project as part of their degree, which would be overseen by Nick and his colleagues to ensure that whilst academically rigorous it is also relevant and appropriate for the Parish Council and Estate to utilise in practical ways.

Chairman added that as there is much interest already in the area with the Abbey SSI, Gas Works SSI and the River Wensum SSI we now have opportunity for even more areas of special scientific interest.

The Parish Council are keen for all involved parties to all work together on this community wide project.

- The 4 proposed routes / links onto the Western Road will be discussed tomorrow. Cllr Fitzpatrick is keen to get the link road pushed forward. The four options will be discussed.
- Children's Centre consultation is open until 12th November – due to a shortage of money the Council plan to send people out to families instead of keeping the centres open believing this approach will provide better value and to be more effective reaching more facilities.
- Norfolk has been awarded £11 million for broadband provision. As of today 92% of Norfolk households have broadband – with an expected 95% by end of this year. The money will be spent on enabling everyone to receive broadband. By 2025 NCC expect 45% of Norfolk homes to have Fibre Broadband. It was agreed that mobile phone and broadband services have been noticeably improved. NCC Network Provider Mapping is available to be viewed on the Norfolk County Council website. You will find a map so you can drill down to your own address to check the coverage.
- The 'Internet of Things' is a project for using long range area network. Network stations will go in all county buildings where you can run cameras off it, for example they could be used in social care situations to monitor people. Someone living outside of Norfolk with an elderly parent in Norfolk Social Care can still keep an eye on the parent while living in another County. A lot of work is being done to deliver these services.
- NCC have a prototype which monitors heat sensors being put in the tarmac on the roads so that when gritting lorries go out, the technology on the lorry can pick up the temperature sensor on an individual part of the road and drop grit automatically wherever it is needed. It costs NCC £40k to grit on each occasion, NCC gritted 110 times last year – so using this technology would make significant savings.
- A lot is continuing to be done in Norfolk for Adult Social Care.
- Chairman asked why cats eyes were being taken out and replaced with tarmac? Cllr Fitzpatrick was unsure but suggested it may be to do with them causing motorcycles to crash if they are hit on a wet day. Cllr Stubbs added you can hit a white line on a wet day and crash.
- The Back Road pond always backs up and the road becomes flooded, to a dangerous level. Cllr FitzPatrick advised that these issues and pot holes etc should be reported directly to Highways as soon as they occur.
- The CEO at NCC is off to London University to become Vice Chancellor.
- Chairman asked whether there was any update from Kiers – Cllr FitzPatrick will speak to Cllr Palmer. The Parish Council would like to have an alternative location for the Commercial Vehicle to park. Jewson could be an option, or outside Fishers?
- Clerk to message Cllr FitzPatrick with details of how long the property on the corner of River Court has been empty. Under the Empty Homes Initiative there may be something Cllr FitzPatrick can do to get the house and hedge cleaned up and potentially lived in.

NNDC Cllr Palmers Report

PARKING ON NOVEMBER 11th

Parking in NNDC car parks will be free of charge on Remembrance Sunday (November 11th). Parking charges in North Norfolk District Council car parks usually apply from 8am to 6pm. Posters will be put up in advance in all car parks to give notice of the event. The payment machines will be covered up on the day to make it clear to users that the car parks won't require payment.

POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW 2018

Starting at the beginning of November there is to be a review of the polling places across the district, ahead of the elections next May. The polling locations will reflect the reduction in the number of district councillors from next year (48 to 40).

SCOE

As I'm sure you are aware the district council has just launched the third year of its sporting centre of excellence which is promoting sport to children aged 11-14. If you know of any child who would like to further their coaching and sport please encourage them to get in touch with wyn.nurse@north-norfolk.gov.uk, the four sports for which there is coaching available are running, netball, cricket and hockey.

5. Minutes of 20th September were approved and signed by Chairman.

6. Matters Arising

There is still a Parish Councillor vacancy to be filled.

7. Allotments

There have been no reports of any issues. Chairman explained that Mr Gee has received his notice to quit, however we have not heard anything from him. He has made no attempt to pay his rent. If we still have not had a response after Christmas our Solicitor will endeavour to contact with him again. The Parish Council wish to keep communication attempts frequent.

8. Hall Update

Cllr Stubbs was unable to attend the last two Hall Committee meetings due to illness. Clerk mentioned the Remembrance Day services and a letter received from the Hall Committee inviting Parish Councillors to attend the Remembrance Service in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm. It was suggested that the Holy Trinity Church Service and the Memorial Hall Service be incorporated together, as it has in previous years, to enable more people to easily attend both services. Suggestions of making more of an event in future years were well received, including, talks, films, presentations and sing along's to wartime songs etc.

9. Speedwatch and Highways update

In the absence of Cllr Delaurentis, Cllr Stubbs advised that a new lightweight speed camera will be available to the team. However until we have more volunteers it will still be difficult to schedule meetings. Clerk advised that a local parishioner had shown interest in joining. Clerk to follow up to confirm.

Cllr Stubbs will liaise with Cllr Delaurentis to establish whether the SAM machine is now available to Hempton on a permanent basis.

10. Open Spaces

10.1 Pond Area

Exciting plans to work with NWT, Tom R, Nick A, and FACT to get a management plan drawn up for the whole area.

Matt Champion to do a presentation again in March time? Nick will do a presentation to the village.

NWT will meet with us to start a management plan in January - TBC.

The Big Society Fund application to be submitted for the posts around the duck pond before Christmas.

A wet meadow was a suggestion for a section of the pond area – we must ensure that anything that is maintained. Highland cattle would be an effective at increasing biodiversity of the common land. This would need very careful consideration and planning.

Please also see item 4.

10.2 Play Area & CCTV

Following some vandalism to the picnic tables, litter bin and play slide it was agreed to submit a claim to the insurance company for the cost of the new slide due to the high expense. This will no doubt effect the insurance premium next year, however the cost of £1150 plus labour and clean up charges was more than the Council could afford at this time. Please also see item 4.

10.3 Land to rear of Abbey

Discussions with Tom Raynham suggest plans for a tourist centre and possible pilgrimage site.

10.4 Hall Sign
Font style was agreed. Clerk to place order.

11. **Street Lighting**
Clerk still awaiting a quotation. Funding bid to be submitted asap.

12. **Christmas Cheer**
11 stalls confirmed. Raffle prizes include wine, chocolates, fairways voucher, WWLR family return ticket, craft kit. Cllr Stubbs will request a fruit basket. Garden centre, The Bell, dog grooming business could be approached for raffle prizes. Chairman will ask for a car valet voucher from Fourwinds and Jewson for a donation too. Event has been advertised on Facebook, Fakenham & Wells Times, Posters around town, and our newsletter.

Separate meeting to organise the details of the event to be set for 1 week before.

Banner prices and printed posters were discussed. Final decision to be made asap.

13. **Planning**
None received

14. **Financial Matters**

14.1 Clerk read out the list of invoices to be paid (see below). Invoices were AGREED.
Invoices to be paid: - Clerk Salary £505.10, Clerk Expenses - £3.67, Butcher Andrews £240, NNDC £1460.16, Steve Hartland £871, Parish Printing £48.16, **Total Invoices £3128.09**
Contribution towards CiLCA registration fee from RPC & SPC was agreed by both councils.
Receipts – Precept - £10245
Current bank balance & reconciliation as at 31.10.18
Bank - Community Acc. £21,807.22. Play Equip. Acc. £197.64. Savings Acc. £86.94
Cashbook - £21,699.08, Play Acc £197.64, Savings £86.94

14.2 It was AGREED that next year's Precept would not be increased and will remain the same as last year.

- Clerk to send thank you to James Eden of Butcher Andrews for all of his help and advice, much of which was provided free of charge.
- The insurance claim offer of £1000 for the new play area slide was AGREED and will be accepted. Clerk to progress the order once insurance settlement received.

15. **Correspondence**
Correspondence bundle will be circulated between all Councillors.

16. **Items for inclusion**
None

17. **Date of next meeting**
Thursday 17th January – Chairman to provide next year's meeting dates.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: