

Minutes of Emneth Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2012 @ Emneth Central Hall, Emneth @ 7.00pm.

In attendance: Cllr. R. Waterfield (in the Chair)
Cllrs. Mrs. G Harper, Mr. N Terrington, Mr. J Fleet, Mr. M Wiles,
Mr. R Towler, Mr. S Curtis, Mr. M White, Mrs. O Graham, Mrs. Y Howard,
Mr. P Oliver, PCSO Steve Ross
Apologies: Cllrs. Mr. J McCourt, Mr. C. Crofts
Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett
Public: Mrs. Tania Bunting (representing the Playing Field Committee)

556. Apologies & Reasons for absence

556.1 There were apologies for absence as listed above.

557. Declarations of Interest

557.1 Cllr. Howard declared an interest in Item 12.1 on the Agenda, Further enquiries for future burial ground, Cemetery Issues.

558. Minutes

558.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 30th October 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned for the public session.

Tania Bunting reported that Emneth had won a *Pride in Norfolk Community Award* – the ‘Community under 2500 Category’ (in association with Norfolk County Council). The prize was £500 and Tania was asking for suggestions on how the £500 could be spent. Emneth Parish Council would like to record their thanks to Tania for her huge efforts in being successful in achieving this award on behalf of the Emneth parish.

559. Reports

559.1 Police Report – PCSO Steve Ross reported that 20 crimes had been reported in the 8 weeks from 4th October 2012. A mixture of thefts from properties, criminal damage, burglaries to dwellings (2) and motor vehicle thefts. Cllr. Fleet reported some antisocial behaviour outside the Spa Shop in Emneth – youngsters bothering adults asking them to purchase cigarettes and/or alcohol for them. PCSO Ross noted suggested names and will action accordingly. PCSO Ross left the meeting at 7.25pm.

559.2 Borough Councillor Report – nothing to report this month.

559.3 County Councillor Report – nothing to report this month.

559.4 Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence – The date for the next joint parish council meeting was noted (Monday 10th December @ 7.00pm) and Cllrs. Howard & Oliver confirmed their attendance. Cllr. Waterfield to Chair the meeting @ Emneth Central Hall.

560. Finance

560.1 Finances since last meeting.

Accounts for payment December 2012						
NO	Name	Chq No	Description	Net	VAT	Total
113	Kate Bennett	102254	Clerk expenses	80.52	0.00	80.52
114	Emneth Design	102255	Website updates & annual domain hosting renewal	80.23	0.00	80.23
115	Magpas	102256	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00
116	Westcotec	102257	November street light maintenance	74.50	14.90	89.40
*117	Nicola Lane	102258	October & November salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
*118	Jean Eady	102259	November salary	535.04	0.00	535.04
119	BT	102260	Internet services Nov '12-Jan '13	40.50	8.10	48.60
120	Cousins of Emneth	102261	Supply metal & welding	273.22	47.81	321.03
121	Emneth Central Hall	102262	Room hire	444.00	0.00	444.00
Total				1578.01	70.81	1648.82

* salary payments shown together for data protection

All were in favour to pay this month's invoices.

560.2 To receive a report of income received & outstanding accounts.

Received

Diginity Funerals	£200	Cemetery
Hanchets	£160	Cemetery
R King Memorials	£80	Cemetery
Hanchets	£40	Cemetery
Claxton	£244.06	Agricultural land rent
Adams	£1930.31	Agricultural land rent
White	£44.37	Agricultural land rent
Total	£2698.74	

Outstanding – agricultural land rents **£2141.15**

560.3 Norse's 2013 contract gangmowing prices were noted & accepted (Year 3 of 3). The Play Area will be £2000.21 plus £1501.08 for additional work (i.e. fortnightly cuts of the play area instead of monthly) and the Football Pitch will be £2249.37.

560.4 Following the introduction of the Localism Act and the major changes this made to the Code of Conduct for Parish Councils, an email from NorfolkALC outlined the issue of councillors who live in the parish now having a pecuniary interest in the setting of the budget as it relates to the council tax for their property which is listed on the register of interest. The simple solution is for councillors to be granted a dispensation on the setting of the budget. It was agreed for the Clerk to grant a dispensation to all councillors living in the parish for the purposes of budget setting for 2013/14. A 'Dispensation Request Form' was requested by all councillors attending and their request signed & accepted by the Clerk. Cllr. McCourt was not present – a dispensation request form to be issued upon his request. After studying the Quarter 2 figures, Cllr. Waterfield recommended that the precept for 2013/14 should be set at £28,000. Cllr. White proposed, Cllr. Harper seconded. 9 councillors were in favour, Cllr. Howard abstained and Cllr. Terrington against.

561. Planning

561.1 To receive Planning Applications/Decisions.

Planning app 12/01829/EXO Extension for time for the implementation of a planning permission ref 09/01852/O : Outline application. One detached dwelling involving demolition of existing domestic outbuildings at Land South of 40 Gaultree Square, Emneth. Cllr. Curtis recommended approval, Cllr. Harper seconded. All in favour.	Planning app 12/01466/F Land at Manor Farm, Walsoken Road – part demolition and rebuilding of fire damaged agricultural building, formation of new access road and alterations to existing bunding and yard area – EPC Approved. To go to Planning Committee (DCB) Monday 3 rd December 2012 – called in by Cllr. Humphrey & Cllr. Long based on 15 letters of objection from local residents. Comments noted. Cllr. Waterfield reported that this application had been approved at the Planning Meeting (DCB).
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561.2 The Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 13th November 2012 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Harper and seconded by Cllr. Curtis.

561.3 Details of an evening planning training session hosted by BCKLWN at South Lynn Community Centre were noted - Thursday 7th Feb @ 7.00pm until 9.00pm.

561.4 Council's view on the principle of the development at Land at Tramways Garden Centre, Outwell Road will be given once the LDF is back for consultation. Comments will be given & an opinion formed once the LDF has been revisited.

562. Correspondence

562.1 The 2013 Mobile library times were noted.

562.2 Copy, from the BCKLWN, regarding changes to the bin service, for publication into the parish newsletter, was passed to Cllr. Graham.

562.3 The contents of a letter from the Environment Agency regarding improvements to the flood warning service were noted.

562.4 The date for the Rural Cambs Citizen Advice Bureau General meeting was noted.

562.5 An email from David Dixon, Publishing Director of Anglia Newspapers regarding the cessation of Fenland Citizen distribution to Norfolk villages was read out & its contents noted,

563. Borough Council of KL & WN issues.

563.1 Nothing to report this month.

564. Norfolk County Council issues.

564.1 Highway Issues.

564.1.1 A bush between the road and dyke edge, adjoining number 110 Hollycroft Road, needs cutting back. Clerk to pass this to the Rangers for their next visit.

564.1.2 The large hole in the pavement outside the village hall to be reported to NCC Highways.

564.1.3 Several potholes along Elmside, Emneth to be reported to NCC Highways.

564.1.4 A problem with litter on the grassed area behind Hagbeach Hall Close was reported by Cllr. Curtis. Cllr. Graham to ask Mrs. Eady if she could pay a visit to this area.

564.1.5 Large boulders on the grass verge outside The Sycamores, Elm High Road, Wisbech PE14 0DW (Lawrence). Potential hazard. Clerk to action.

565. Footway Lighting issues.

565.1 Four faults reported this month to Westcotec.

565.2 Cllr. Waterfield commented that he felt Westcotec's response times to fault reporting was not particularly swift. Their performance to be monitored by the Clerk.

566. Playing Field issues.

566.1 Cllr. Waterfield is collating all the required paperwork for the QE2 Nomination to be progressed. He has located a copy of the deeds from the purchase of the playing field land from Alexandrina Peckover in April 1950. Cllr. Waterfield to contact the planning department at BCKLWN for copies of the various planning permissions also required.

566.2 An email from Stuart Kierman regarding an incident with the swing and a little girl at the playing field was noted, The insurance company have conducted their own investigation and could not identify any problems/issues/concerns with either the site or the equipment.

567. Cemetery issues.

567.1 Cllr. Waterfield is still awaiting some paperwork from the Environment Agency and the BCKLWN before this matter can be progressed any further. On going.

567.2 CGM have now cleared the fallen branch from Mr & Mrs Howard's paddock. The invoice from CGM for £294 + VAT is awaited.

568. Agricultural holdings.

568.1 Invoices for 2011/12 land rent have now been sent out. To date, Mr. White, Mr. Adams & Mr. Claxton have settled their accounts.

569. Date of Next Meeting.

569.1 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th January 2013 @ 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman's signature -----