

Minutes of Emneth Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2013 @ Emneth Central Hall, Emneth @ 7.00pm.

In attendance: Cllr. R. Waterfield (in the Chair), Cllr. McCourt, Cllr. Terrington, Cllr. Wiles, Cllr. Towler, Cllr. Curtis, Cllr. White, Cllr. Howard, Cllr. Harper, Cllr. Fleet.

Apologies: Cllr. Graham, Cllr. Oliver, Borough Cllr. Crofts, County Cllr. Humphrey.

Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett.

Public PCSO Sophie Freeman.

649. Apologies for absence

649.1 Apologies were given for absence as listed above.

650. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

650.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

PCSO Sophie Freeman joined the meeting at 7.05pm.

651. Minutes

651.1 The amended minutes (amended at Page 187 Item 638.3 County Councillor report to read 'Labour 14' and 'there are proposals to change the cabinet system back to the 'committee' style system which allows more input by more members as well as outside parties/experts into decision making') of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 28th May 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

There were no members of the public in attendance so no need to adjourn the meeting for the public session.

652. Reports

652.1 **Police Report** – PCSO Sophie Freeman was in attendance and reported that she is based at the Downham office and temporarily helping out in Upwell, Outwell & Emneth. 29 incidents have been reported since 28th May 2013 being a mixture of road traffic collisions (3), domestic related issues (2), animal related issues (1), community safety issues (5), suspicious circumstances (9), Highways (1), violence (2), administrations (4), anti-social behaviour (2). She encouraged all councillors/residents to report ALL incidents on the 101 number to enable 'intelligence' to be drawn up for the area. If incidents are not reported then they assume everything is well within the parish. Cllr. Fleet reiterated the issues of youngsters hassling shop users outside the Spa Shop to buy them cigarettes and alcohol.

652.1.1 Cllr. Harper reported on an incident outside the Chinese take away along Hollycroft Road involving nuisance youngsters.

652.1.2 Cllr. Terrington requested the Clerk to notify PCSO Ross of his poor communication to the constabulary regarding anti-social behaviour generally within the parish. Clerk to ask PCSO Ross if he could speak with Mr. Tripp of The Wroe again regarding his overgrown hedge causing a danger on the highway.

652.1.3 An email from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk regarding the first Police & Crime Plan for 2013-17 was noted.

652.1.4 An email from NALC regarding organised meetings with the Police Commissioner was noted.

652.1.5 An email from PCSO Ross inviting any queries from the PC was noted.

652.2 **Borough Councillor Report** – nothing to report this month.

652.3 **County Councillor Report** – nothing to report this month.

653.4 **Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence.**

Committee for consideration with a recommendation of approval from the BCKLWN planning dept – it was refused by the Chairman.	
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656. Correspondence

- 656.1 An email requesting land for a metal detecting weekend was noted.
- 656.2 An email regarding a Village Screen event in Thetford was noted.

657. Borough Council of KL & WN issues.

- 657.1 An email regarding the provision of caddy liners for the new food waste service was noted. Deliveries are no longer being made to local suppliers, suppliers have to collect and the price for 50 has gone up to £1.30 from £1.15.

658. Norfolk County Council issues.

- 658.1 An email from NCC regarding the Scrutiny Committee’s recommendations to Cabinet regarding the proposed Willows energy from waste plant was noted. Cllr. Terrington provided a précis of the email explaining that efforts are being made into how to extract themselves from the contract whilst keeping costs as low as possible. There is a potential £80-90 million penalty for terminating the contract.
- 658.2 Cllr. Terrington requested that ‘Highways Issues’ be a separate agenda item on future agendas.
- 658.3 Pot holes in Elmside need attention.
- 658.4 The hedge on the left hand bend from Gaultree Square going into Church Road needs cutting back.
- 658.5 Peggy Foster’s briar hedge on the rhs needs cutting back.
- 658.6 Penny Stock’s hedge at the back of her property along Elmside needs cutting back.
- 658.7 Clerk to make enquiries with County Cllr. Humphrey to see if he has made any progress with the cutting back of the hedges at the back of the properties along The Wroe bordering Elmside. The hedges belong to the property owners but all of them require flail mowing if possible. NCC Highways to deal with if possible.

659. Footway Lighting issues.

- 659.1 Nothing to report this month.

660. Playing Field issues.

- 660.1 An email from Stuart Kierman advising of his resignation as Treasurer of the Playing Field Committee was noted. Cllr. Waterfield expressed his disappointment over this and reported how Stuart will be sorely missed after his lengthy service with the Playing Field Committee.
- 660.2 Cllr. Terrington suggested that the PC should be addressing the current position of the PF committee and the consequences to the PC if the PF Committee were to dissolve.
- 660.3 Cllr. Waterfield has been to see Brian Bowser regarding the deed for QE11 Status for the Playing Field and is awaiting his instruction.

661. Cemetery issues.

- 661.1 Cllr. Howard reported that the corner of her land where her fence was damaged when a tree from the cemetery fell over has still not been tidied up from wood etc nor has the fence been repaired to its original height. Cllr. Waterfield agreed to go and take a look
- 661.2 There had not been a response to date from John Maxey regarding the proposals to purchase further land for burials. Clerk to chase.

662. Agricultural holdings.

- 662.1 Nothing to report this month.

663. Date of Next Meeting.

- 663.1 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 30th July 2013 @ 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman’s signature -----