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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.

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653.4.1 A review of the Standing Orders took place with just one adjustment to Item 14 to now read REGISTER OF MEMBERS' PECUNIARY INTERESTS rather than REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS. Chairman to sign a copy of the updated Standing Orders at July's meeting.

653.4.2 The Minutes from the Planning Meeting of 18th June 2013 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

653.4.2.1 A conversation ensued regarding the small number of councillors present at the most recent Planning Meeting and whether the structure of the planning meeting needed amending. Cllr. Howard proposed that for a 3 month trial period plans should be emailed to those with the internet and posted to those not to avoid having to convene an extra meeting each month. The motion was lost with no seconder. Cllr. Wiles proposed that the meeting structure was left as it is, all were in favour.

653.4.3 Cllr. Fleet completed a Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests form.

653.4.4 Council agreed for the Clerk to attend a NALC Clerk's training course in Swaffham in September at a cost of £105.00.

653.4.5 It was noted that the next Joint Parish Council meeting is to be held in Outwell, at the village hall on Tuesday 16th July @ 7.30pm.

654. Finance

654.1

<u>Account</u>	s for Payment June 2013						
No.	Name_	Chq No.	<u>Description</u>	Net	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>	
26	*Nicole Lane	102309	Wages 13 May - 09 June	0.00	0.00	0.00	
27	*Jean Eady			346.64			
28	Kate Bennett	102311	Clerk's expenses	54.02	7.93	61.95	
29	E.on	102312		141.95	28.39	170.34	
30	Terry Wiles	102313	Strimming/spraying at playing field	80.00	0.00	80.00	
31	R Waterfield/Fenland Hygiene	102314	Black sacks	12.95	2.59	15.54	
32	BCKLWN	102315	Premises Licence Emneth Playing Field	70.00	0.00	70.00	
33	Westcotec	102316	June street light maintenance	74.50	14.90	89.40	
34	CGM	102317	Litter pick Betsy Pad	9.75	1.95	11.70	
			Strim churchyard & Village sign (3 visits)	201.75	40.35	242.10	
			Mow lawned areas & strim rear of cemetery (3 visits)	69.00	13.80	82.80	
			Mow lawned areas & strim front of cemetery (3 visits)	120.00	24.00	144.00	
			Apply herbicide to cemetery & churchyard	45.00	9.00	54.00	534.60
				1,225.56	142.91	1,368.47	
	*salaries shown together for data protection						

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

654.2 Income received for the month was noted.

£3712.05 HMRC VAT Repayment 2012/13

655. Planning

655.1 To receive Planning Applications/Decisions.

Planning app 13/00501/F – Demolition of the existing unauthorised frontage building, erection of a part single storey and part two storey extension and retention of unauthorised extension/elevations to the rear, including the single storey conservatory @ 87 Elm High Road, Emneth.

This planning application went to the Planning

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

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.

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