

EMNETH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Emneth Parish Council, Tuesday 26 April 2016 at 6.30pm at Emneth Central Hall

In attendance: Councillor Waterfield (Chair), Councillor Towler, Councillor Oliver, Councillor Graham, Councillor Howard, Councillor Fleet, Councillor Curtis, Councillor McCourt, Councillor Wiles, Councillor Harper, County Councillor Humphrey

Apologies: Borough Councillor Crofts

Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett

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MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies for absence were given as listed above and accepted.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made on this month's agenda.

3. Minutes

3.1 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tuesday 29 March 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman.

4. Public Forum

No report. There were no members of the public present.

5. Reports

5.1 Police Report

A report of calls made over the last year, supplied for the Parish Assembly, was noted. Fourteen anti-social behaviour calls, seven thefts, nine shed/garage break-ins, two burglaries and fourteen criminal damage.

5.2 Borough Councillor Report

5.2.1 A new leader to the Conservative party has been appointed and consequently to the Borough Council too, Councillor Brian Long. Councillor Long will take over discussions regarding 'devolution' which is not a popular topic. The various councils will announce by 27 June 2016 what they are recommending for public consultation in July.

5.3 County Councillor Report

No report.

5.4 Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence

5.4.1 The Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 14 March 2016 and 21 April 2016 were signed and agreed as a true record of the meeting.

5.4.2 The Report from the Parish Assembly was signed as a true record of the meeting.

5.4.3 It was noted that the parish council has now taken over payments from the Borough for the telephone line (01945 587578) at the village hall. The Borough has paid this since it was installed as an *Information Point* but no longer want to pay for it. British Telecom is now the supplier of the telephone line (£12.00pcm) and broadband services (£15.50pcm). This is a two year contract. A new *B.T. Business Hub 3* has been supplied at £79.00 + VAT which will be added to the next bill. The telephone socket has been damaged and needs repairing.

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6. Finance

<u>Payments - April 2016</u>					
Payee	Goods/ Services	VAT	TOTAL	dd/chq	Supplier/Service
Kate Bennett*	996.50	0.00	996.50	d/d	Monthly salary
Kate Bennett Expenses	48.67	5.49	54.16	102669	Stamps, mileage, photocopying
Jean Eady*	0.00	0.00	0.00	102670	25 hours 30 March to 26 April
Nicola Lane*	0.00	0.00	0.00	102671	44 hours
HM Revenue and Customs	120.60	0.00	120.60	102672	
Westcotec	87.66	17.53	105.19	102673	April maintenance
E.on	176.94	35.39	212.33	102674	March energy usage
R W Waterfield	17.50	3.50	21.00	102675	Black sacks for playing field
Glasdon	253.38	50.67	304.05	102676	x2 dog waste bins with fixings and posts
Came and Company	1,169.11	0.00	1,169.11	101677	Local council annual insurance renewal
King's Lynn Internal Drainage Board	287.99	0.00	287.99	100678	Agricultural drainage rates Lady's Drove and East Meadowgate and Hungate Road
Magpas Air Ambulance	50.00	0.00	50.00	100679	Donation
East Anglia's Children Hospice	25.00	0.00	25.00	100680	Donation
	3,233.35	112.58	3,345.93		
*salaries shown together					

6.2 Income since the last meeting was noted at £30,000.00 – annual precept monies received from the Borough.

7. Planning Applications

No report.

8. General Correspondence

No report.

9. Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk Issues

9.1 It was noted that the Borough Council now believe they have a five year land supply of deliverable housing sites across the Borough. This means that planning applications for housing development will once again be considered using local planning policies set out in the Local Development Framework (LDF)/Local Plan. The issue of five year supply will be thoroughly tested at the forthcoming Public Inquiry in Heacham, 17-24 May, with the Inspector due to produce his report in early-mid July. The position will be reassessed following the decision of the Inspector.

10. Norfolk County Council issues

10.1 Two dog waste bins have now been delivered for Elmside.

11. Norfolk County Council Highways Issues

11.1 Clerk report two large pot holes outside the Spar Shop.

11.2 It was noted that the grass verge at the junction of Church Road with the A1101 continues to be maintained in a pristine condition by a member of the public. The parish council is very grateful for the work carried out voluntarily by a parishioner.

12. Footway Lighting issues

No report.

13. Playing Field issues

13.1 Works to repair the old pavilion are on-going.

14. Cemetery issues

14.1 It was noted that following some recent works by an electrical contractor close to the church, the church gates are now in need of repair as they will not shut. Councillor Waterfield to action.

15. Agricultural holdings

15.1 The signed contract from Mr. Lankfer has now been returned. Now awaiting an invoice from Maxey & Son for drawing up the contract.

16. Date of Next Meeting

16.1 The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24 May 2016 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm

Chairman's signature -----