

EMNETH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Emneth Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th August 2015 at 7.00pm at Emneth Central Hall

In attendance: Cllr. Waterfield (Chair), Cllr. Curtis, Cllr. Howard, Cllr. Towler, Cllr. White, Cllr. McCourt, Cllr. Graham, Cllr. Harper, County Cllr. Humphrey
Apologies: Cllr. Fleet, Cllr. Oliver, Cllr. Wiles
Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett
Public: 3

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies were given for absence 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 & Extraordinary Meeting of Tuesday 28th July 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman.

4. Reports

4.1 Police Report –

4.1.1 No report.

4.2 Borough Councillor Report – No report.

4.3 County Councillor Report –

4.3.1 Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership is providing £10m towards the £30m savings needing to be made. The Government will provide £10m and NCC £10m.

4.3.2 The next council meeting is Tuesday 1st September.

4.4 Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence –

4.4.1 A briefing session held by BCKLWN on Wednesday 5th August provided information regarding the Government requiring local authorities to maintain a 5 year supply of deliverable housing sites. An Inspector has concluded that the BCKLWN do not have a 5 year land supply and therefore all housing applications are to be considered in the context of **sustainable** development and all normal housing supply policies are deemed to be out of date. There is no set methodology for calculating a 5 year supply but it was stressed that this will not mean 'anything goes' – all applications will be considered individually in the context of whether they are **sustainable** or not.

The adjournment of the examination into the Site Allocations & Development Management Policies Document has no relationship to the high court decision on the 5 year land supply. It is just unfortunate that both events have occurred at the same time. The examination has been adjourned due to concerns raised about the impact of housing proposed on sites of designated European wide importance, compliance with Habitat Regulations & Flooding. The examination is likely to resume end September/early October.

4.4.2 It was noted that a Casual Vacancy Notice had been advertised in the village on 31st July advertising the councillor vacancy and that no election will be necessary. Posters will be displayed on the website and around the village advertising the vacancy and interested parties will be invited to attend a council meeting to address the council.

4.4.3 It was noted that the NALC councillor training session will take place on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm at Emneth Central Hall.

4.4.4 The certified Annual Return 2014-15 has been received from Mazars and the 'Notice of Conclusion of the Audit' and the Annual Return have been displayed on the village noticeboard and website.

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5. Finance

5. All were in favour to pay the outstanding list of payments since the last meeting.

Payments for authorisation - August 2015					
Payee	Goods/ Services	VAT	TOTAL	dd/chq	Supplier/Service
Kate Bennett*	915.98	0.00	915.98	d/d	Monthly wages
Kate Bennett expenses	30.23	2.90	33.13	102576	Mileage, stamps, stationery
Nicola Lane*	0.00	0.00	0.00	102577	44 hours
Jean Eady	0.00	36.40	0.00	102578	28 hours
HMRC	36.80	0.00	36.80	102579	JE £36.40 KB £0.40
Westcotec	74.50	14.90	89.40	102580	August maintenance
E.on	176.94	35.39	212.33	102581	July energy
B.T.	47.35	9.47	56.82	102582	Aug-Oct rental charges
Emneth Design	26.25	0.00	26.25	102583	Website update service
Mazars	200.00	40.00	240.00	102584	External audit fee
Paul Bate Building Services	240.00	0.00	240.00	102585	Works to the old pavilion - to make safe
R Waterfield	92.58	9.60	102.18	102586	Purchase of embossing machine & seal labels & padlocks/keys
Terry Wiles	545.00	0.00	545.00	102587	Work in cemetery, Betsy Pad, Elmside, Playing Field
	£ 2,385.63	£ 148.66	£ 2,497.89		
*salaries shown together					

5.2 Income for the month was noted at £160.00 (cemetery).

6. Planning

6.1 To receive Planning Applications/Decisions

Applications

Planning app 15/01192/F Construction of retirement bungalow at 5 Gaultree Square, Emneth – on a proposal from Cllr. Harper, seconded by Cllr. White with all in favour it was resolved to approve the application.

Planning app 15/01105/F Proposed barn conversion to dwelling, creation of new access and erection of detached car port at Barn North of 84 Church Road, Emneth - on a proposal from Cllr. Harper, seconded by Cllr. Curtis with all in favour it was resolved to approve the application.

Planning app 15/01040/F Single storey extension at Bradshaw, 28 Gaultree Square, Emneth – on a proposal from Cllr. Curtis, seconded by Cllr. Harper with all in favour it was resolved to approve the application.

Decisions

15/00863/F – Extension & alterations to dwelling at 141B Elm High Road, Emneth – permitted. Noted.

15/01024/PAGPD – Prior approval for single storey rear extension Grenadier House, Fendyke Road, Emneth – prior approval not required. Noted.

15/01002/RM – Construction of a dwelling at Eagle House, Church Road, Emneth – permitted. Noted.

7. General Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence from a resident of Gaultree Square was noted concerning visitors to the village hall car park and the noise related with this.

7.2 Two other pieces of correspondence were noted.

8. Borough Council of KL&WN issues

8.1 Information regarding a public consultation on a review of the BCKLWN's Licensing & Gambling policies was noted.

9. Norfolk County Council issues

No report.

10. Norfolk County Council Highways Issues

10.1 Cllr. Humphrey agreed to follow up with NCC Highways the issue with the overgrown hedge at the top of Hawthorn Road.

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10.2 Clerk to write to a resident along The Wroe & Lady's Drove to request the hedges/ bushes are cut back.

10.3 Clerk to write to the resident of Meadowgate Lane who very kindly cut back the overgrowth on the verge opposite the junction of Church Road with the A1101.

10.4 The quote for the trod at Hungate Road is awaited.

11. Footway Lighting issues

11.1. No report.

12. Playing Field issues

12.1 Following further damage to the old pavilion and a subsequent meeting with a WPC, the building is now secure and the power has been turned off. Morton & Hall Structural Engineers have been appointed to provide a report before further works can be carried out.

12.2 A new CCTV system has been ordered for the playground.

12.3 The poplar trees and the shrubbery in the corner have been cut back.

12.4 It was noted that it was disappointing that the swings have not been replaced yet.

13. Cemetery issues

13.1 The new sign needs erecting in the cemetery.

13.2 The Cemetery Committee needs to convene a meeting to determine exactly how many more spaces are available in the cemetery.

14. Agricultural holdings

No report.

15. Date of Next Meeting

15.1 The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29th September 2015 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman's signature -----