



Draft Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Emneth Parish Council, Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 6.30pm, Emneth Central Hall

In attendance: Councillor Waterfield (Chair), Councillor Wiles, Councillor Graham, Councillor Curtis, Councillor Towler, Councillor McCourt, Councillor Groves, Councillor White, Councillor Oliver, County Councillor Humphrey, Borough Councillor Crofts

Apologies: Councillor Fleet, Councillor Harper, Councillor Howard

Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett

Public: 3

MINUTES

1 Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies were given as above and approved.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

2.1 No declarations of pecuniary interest were made on any item on this month's agenda.

3 Minutes

3.1 It was resolved to accept the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 30th January 2018 as a true record of the meeting. These were signed by the Chairman.

4 Public Forum¹

4.1 The meeting was suspended to hold the public forum.

Two of the members of public present representing *Fenland Flyers* addressed councillors on proposals for a new trampoline centre at the playing field at Hungate Road. Initial plans/drawings were presented for consideration and the parish council are in full support of the venture pending the provision of the total required funding for the project from the National Lottery, Sports England etc. The projected build costs are circa £1m.

The two members of public left the meeting.

5 Reports

5.1 Police Report

No report.

5.2 Borough Councillor Report

5.2.1 The first meeting of the *sifting panel* has taken place with five out of the six applications under consideration being referred to the Planning Committee. The sifting panel has been set up to consider planning applications which differ in decision between the parish council and the officer recommendation. This panel will be reviewed in one year.

5.2.2 Nine sites within Emneth are still under consideration in the *Call for Sites* to 2036.

5.2.3 It was noted that complaints to *Neighbourhood Nuisance* relating to illegal dog fouling are rarely followed through with a statement from the complainant. People will make an initial complaint but are then not prepared to make the official statement required to pursue it.²

5.3 County Councillor Report

5.3.1 The budget has now been approved with a 5.99% increase (3% ring-fenced for social services).

5.3.2 It was noted that it is within the Police and Crime Commissioner's remit to consider whether or not to take over the Fire Service. Headquarters and the control room are already shared.

5.3.4 It was noted that the bus service currently provided by Stagecoach might be handing back their franchise to Norfolk County Council in April 2018.

5.4 Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence

5.4.1 It was noted that British Telecom has attended the village hall this month to provide a new router. The download speed has been increased from 0.5MB to 2MB.

¹ The Public Forum is 15 minutes.

² Emneth Parish Council will be reviewing their position in relation to dogs on leads/fouling at the playing field/football pitches with the Borough Council later this year.

6 Finance

6.1 It was resolved, with all in favour, to approve the list of payments for the month.

Payments - February 2018					
Payee	Goods/ Services	VAT	TOTAL	dd/chq	Supplier/Service
Employment	1,249.20	0.00	1,249.20	d/d	Clerk's Monthly salary
Kate Bennett Expenses	55.77	7.07	62.84	102941	Stamps, mileage, photocopying, stationery, monthly allowance
Jean Eady	0.00	1.05	253.45	102942	40.5 hours plus hiviz hat
Nicola Lane	0.00	0.00	0.00	102943	66 hours
HM Revenue and Customs	156.80	0.00	156.80	102944	PAYE
E.on	153.21	30.64	183.85	102945	January energy charges
Glazewing	109.24	21.85	131.09	102946	Trade refuse collection 4/1/18 - 31/1/18 (5 weeks)
British Telecom	16.00	3.20	19.20	102947	Phone services 1-31 Jan
Westcotec	87.66	17.53	105.19	102948	February street lighting maintenance
Westcotec	4,410.00	882.00	5,292.00	102948	To convert 49 sodium lamps to LEDs
Information Commissioner	35.00	0.00	35.00	102949	Data protection registration renewal
Fenland Hygiene	20.04	4.01	24.05	102950	Black sacks
NorfolkALC	55.00	11.00	66.00	102951	Third share of training for Clerk - Role of the Clerk update
Upwell Parish Council	21.92	0.00	21.92	102952	Annual contribution to the filling of the grit bins at BCKLWN car park at Townley Close, Upwell
Fields in Trust	50.00	0.00	50.00	102953	Membership renewal - annual
Maxey Grounds	300.00	0.00	300.00	102954	Charges to draw map of future burial ground at allotment land Hungate Road
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*salaries shown together

6.1.1 Clerk to monitor charges from E.on. These should be reducing now with the changing of the footway lights from sodium bulbs to LED.

6.2 Income since the last meeting - £160.00.

7 Planning Applications

7.1 To receive and consider *Planning Applications* and *Decisions* since the last meeting

7.1.1 An appeal from Mr. G Crane of Three Lake Nurseries, Meadowgate Lane, removal of condition 3 of 15/01771/F. The appeal is against the decision of the BCKLWN to refuse planning permission, 17/00679/F was noted.

Decisions

17/02024/0 Palmar, 32 Hungate Road – Two single storey dwellings including the demolition of the existing bungalow. Refused. Noted.

17/02347/F Collyhurst, 15 Fendyke Road – Two storey rear extension to dwelling. Permitted. Noted.

7.2 Parish Update Sessions were noted - Monday 5th March and Tuesday 6th March at 6pm at the Town Hall, King's Lynn, noted. Topics covered the Local Plan, Street Naming and Numbering and Neighbourhood Plans.

8 General Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence from a resident concerning a grave in the cemetery was noted.

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

9.1 It was noted that the dog waste bins at The Wroe and Church Road both need lowering by 18 inches. Councillor Waterfield to action.

9.2 The Borough Council is collating a list of *Community Car Schemes* in West Norfolk. Councillor Wiles to action.

10 Norfolk County Council issues

10.1 It was noted that land at the canal which borders Emneth and Elm is currently *for sale*, being deemed surplus to use. Emneth Parish Council firmly believes that this should remain as dedicated land for community use. It was resolved with all in favour to pursue the acquisition of this land with Elm and Fridaybridge Parish Council to ensure its future use is retained for the communities of Emneth and Elm.

10.2 A sign on the A1101 needs relocating to allow for safe exit from Church Road onto the main road. County Councillor Humphrey to action.

11 Norfolk County Council Highways Issues

11.1 Clerk to report a pothole at The Wroe and some logs on the highway at Church Road.

12 Footway Lighting issues

No report.

13 Playing Field issues

13.1 Councillor Waterfield to arrange for a quote for the topping of some of the trees at the playing field.

14 Agricultural Holdings

No report.

15 Cemetery Issues

15.1 A revised plan of the proposed new cemetery land at Hungate Road showing a linear section of the land (i.e running from left to right) rather than a slice (from top to bottom) was approved.

15.2 Investigations with the Borough Council regarding planning permission need to be made.

15.3 It was resolved with 7 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention to instruct *Cemetery Development Services* of Bedford to carry out trial digs to test the water levels. Councillor Waterfield to action.

15.4 Clerk to instruct CGM Group Ltd. to build up and turf two graves in the cemetery.

16 Date of Next Meeting

16.1 The next meeting will be Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 6.30pm at Central Hall, Emneth.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm Chairman's signature

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