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Minutes of Emneth Parish Council meeting held at on Tuesday 10th January 2012 in Emneth Central Hall, Emneth at 7.00pm.

In attendance: Cllr R. Waterfield (in the Chair)

Cllrs: - Mr S. Curtis, Mr J. Fleet, Mrs G. Harper, Mrs Y Howard,
Mr P. Oliver, Mr N Terrington, Mr R. Towler, Mr M. White & Mr M Wiles

Parish Clerk: Mrs M. Meyrick
County & Borough Council: Cllr H. Humphrey
Borough Council: Cllr C. Crofts

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399. Apologies & Reasons for Absence

399.1. Cllr Graham – holiday.

399.2. Cllr McCourt – work commitments.

400. Declarations of Interest

400.1. There were no declarations of interest.

401. Minutes

401.1. The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 6th December 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

There was no public session as there was no public in attendance.

402. Reports.

402.1. Police Report – There was no police present.

402.2. Borough Councillor Reports

Cllr Humphrey reported that the public should see more police on the ground as the response centres have moved the central location of King's Lynn to various sectors around the borough.

Cllr Croft reported – The LDF responses received have been high, over 1300 responses. These all have to be evaluated. A decision based on a point scoring system that has a number of criteria e.g. proximity to shops, schools, bus routes etc. will determine the outcome. Cllr Croft hopes to report more at the next meeting.

402.3. County Councillor Report – Cllr Humphrey reported that NCC are waiting to hear from the government regarding the free fares for pensioners. County are currently over £4million short due to lack of subsidy from the government. Free bus travel is a national scheme not a county one. Savings are being looked at by both borough and county. Information was supplied regarding how the drought is affecting the regions roads. County are still waiting to hear about the PFI credits for the energy from waste proposal. At the judicial review the judge ruled that there was no case to answer.

402.4. Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence – No report.

Chairman's Signature _____

403. Finance

403.1. Finances since last meeting.

NO	Name	Chq No	Description	Net	VAT	Total
159	Mrs Eady	102130	Salary Dec	145.92	0	145.92
160	Mrs Lane	102131	Salary Dec	145.92	0	145.92
161	Norse	102132	Grounds Maintenance	1066.37	213.28	1279.65
162	Norse	102132	Grounds Maintenance	1284.65	256.93	1541.58
			Total	2351.02	470.21	2821.23
163	CGM	102133	Play Area Project	1650.00	330.00	1980.00
164	CGM	102133	Play Area Project	2030.00	406.00	2436.00
165	CGM	102133	Litter Picking	57.50	11.50	69.00
			Total	3680.00	736.00	4416.00
166	Mr McCourt	102134	Reimburse computer equip	18.48	3.69	22.17
167	E-On	102135	Street Light Electric Dec	138.71	27.74	166.45
168	E-On	102135	Street Light Electric Jan	138.71	27.74	166.45
			Total	277.42	55.48	332.90
169	Norfolk ALC	102136	Autumn Conference	43.75	0.00	43.75
170	Mrs Meyrick	102137	Salary Jan	508.17	0.00	508.17
171	Mrs Meyrick	102137	Expenses	37.48	0.00	37.48
172	EPFC	102138	Grant 4th Instalment	625.00	0.00	625.00
173	Mark 1 Fencing	102139	Supply & Install Fencing Play Area	487.60	97.52	585.12
174	ECHMC	102140	Meeting Room Hire	252.00	0.00	252.00
175	ECHMC	102140	CAB Room Hire	246.00	0.00	246.00
			Total	498.00	0.00	498.00
176	CAB	102141	Outreach Sessions	85.50	0.00	85.50
177	MHB Services	102142	Street Light Maintenance Jan	76.96	15.39	92.35
Total				8981.22	1378.29	10359.51

It was agreed to pay the accounts for January as listed.

403.2. Income received & outstanding accounts.

AJ Coggles	Burial Fee	£200.00
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This amount is still outstanding but the Clerk is chasing this up. It was reported that allotments rent invoices will be produced between now and the next meeting.

403.3. Precept for 2012/2013.

Councillors were sent a copy of the budget and precept details prior to the meeting. The budget working party met in December to discuss the budget and agreed to recommend a precept figure of £27,000 which is an increase of £1000 (3.85%). There was a short discussion. Cllr Waterfield proposed for the precept to be £27,000 for the next financial year. Cllr Terrington requested a recorded vote.

It was agreed to set the precept for the year 2012/2013 to £27,000. The votes were recorded as follows: - Cllrs Waterfield, Curtis, Fleet, Harper, Howard, Oliver, Towler, White & Wiles voted for the proposal and Cllr Terrington voted against the proposal.

404. Planning

404.1. Planning Applications.

11/02044/F – Removal of condition four & variation of condition five of planning application 10/01502/F – The Peel Centre, Elm High Road It was agreed to SUPPORT this application.	11/02060/F – Convert existing garage to part of dwelling & extension to form new garage – 10 The Lovells. It was agreed to SUPPORT this application.
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404.2. Planning Decisions.

11/01706/CU – Permission granted to change use from flat over public house into bed & breakfast rooms – The Blacksmiths Arms, 106 Elm High Road	11/01796/F – Permission granted for construction of new single storey extension & demolition of existing single storey extension – 26 Hollycroft Road.
11/01802/EXO – Permission granted for extension of time on planning permission 08/02477/O – 81 Church Road.	11/01809/F – Permission granted for solar photovoltaic installation on south facing roof – The Forge, Hungate Road.

404.3. An invitation to attend for Councillors to attend an update on planning was received. There are 2 sessions being offered for the 27th and 29th February in King's Lynn. If any Councillors wish to attend to inform the Clerk.

404.4. It was reported that a caravan is situated on land off Elm High Road which has the access gate covered to allow no visibility inside the site..

It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the planning enforcement at the borough to establish if planning permission has been sought for this.

405. Parish Council's website

405.1. The Chairman was tasked with sourcing and the organising of the parish council website at the last meeting. It is now up and running and encouraged all Councillors to take some time and have a look at it. There is a section that shows the history of the village which the webmaster did part of it himself.

406. General correspondence.

406.1. A thank you letter was received from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service for the recent grant received from the Parish Council.

406.2. A request was received from the West Norfolk Sports Council regarding the 1948 London Olympic Torch Trail. This is part of the borough wide 'Let's Get Active 2012' campaign and will take place over the weekend 2-5 June. Emneth is on the route of the relay event and the Sports Council are asking for help of the parish council by identifying and nominating 2 torchbearers to carry the Torch on foot, each stage is a approx. 1 mile long. There followed a discussion

It was agreed for an application form to be produced requesting nominations and for it to be advertised on the website and in the Messenger etc.

406.3. The Norfolk Link newsletter was received. It highlighted issues such as neighbourhood planning, general power of competence, and standards for parish councils etc.

406.4. The Norfolk RCC newsletter was received highlighting issues such as rural needs survey, members discount scheme, WISP – fast local broadband, & thinking fuel etc. Cllr Humphrey reported that Norfolk County Council is going to the next stage of the recent grant funding for better broadband in

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Norfolk. The EDP is helping to promote this to the wider public encouraging them to take part in the survey.

406.5. An invitation was received from the Norfolk Constabulary to attend the police budget meeting in Wymondham on the 19th January.

407. Borough Council of KL & WN issues.

407.1. There was no correspondence received.

408. Norfolk County Council issues.

408.1. Highway issues.

408.1.1. Pot holes near the chip shop in the village – Clerk to report to highways.

408.1.2. Hedge on Elmside still needs cutting back – Clerk to ask for response from highways and to write a letter to the owner of the property.

408.1.3. A number of pot holes on Hungate Road – Cllr Howard to give details to the Clerk.

408.1.4. Road dropped around man hole cover at the back of the village hall – Clerk to report to highways.

408.1.5. When it rains a large puddle forms on Church Road where Cake Lane crosses the footpath. Pedestrians have to walk out into the road – Clerk to report to highways.

408.2. The latest Norfolk Gritting Routes leaflet was received.

408.3. It was reported that the next Highway Rangers Visit will begin on week commencing 30th January. The Chairman reported that the footpath around the village sign still needs tidying up. This was reported previously to highways.

409. Footway Lighting issues.

409.1. Light out end of Chapel Lane – Number 9006.

409.2. Day burner on Church Road – Number 9018.

410. Playing Field issues.

410.1. Planting out in the play area project will commence this Saturday. Cllr Waterfield congratulated Tanya and all the volunteers involved for organising a Christmas party to raise funds for the playing field. They raised approximately £2000.

410.2. A complaint was received regarding the opening and closing of the playing field. It was felt that this complaint should be dealt with by the playing field committee as they deal with the management of the playing field. It was pointed out that the play area will be open during daylight hours.

411. Cemetery issues.

411.1. The Council will be receiving a request to exhume cremated remains. The deceased's family all live away and would like him interred into a cemetery close to them.

It was agreed to have no objection to the exhumation of the remains the interred ashes of Kenneth Reed.

411.2. The issue of a charge was discussed for dealing with the paperwork of exhumation.

It was agreed to establish a charge of £50 for dealing with exhumation requests.

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412. Royal Celebrations for 2012.

412.1. The next meeting will take place on the 7th February. The school will have the designs for the mug by the February half term.

413. Date of Next Meeting

413.1. The next meeting will be on the 28th February 2012.

414. Admission to Meetings Act (PUBLIC BODIES) 1960 – following the exclusion of the public and press:

414.1 Personnel issues – The employment of the caretaker for the playing field was discussed.

It was agreed to employ Mrs N. Lane for 28 hours per month. The employment period commenced on the 31st October 2011.

Meeting closed at 8.05p.m.

Chairman's Signature_____