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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Emneth that took place on Tuesday 29th July 2008 in the Central Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

- 120/08 PRESENT** were Councillors Mr R Waterfield (Chairman), Mrs O Graham, Mrs Y Howard, Mr M Wiles, Mr S Curtis, Mr R Towler. Mrs G Harper, Mr N Terrington, Mr F Blake, Mr M White, County/Borough Councillor Mr H Humphrey, Borough Councillor Mr C Crofts and the Clerk Mrs M Sawyer.
- 121/08 APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors Mr J McCourt and Mr A Green.
- 122/08 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AS REQUIRED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT 2001**
None declared.
- 123/08 MINUTES** of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 2008 had previously been distributed to all councillors with copies being made available for public perusal at the post office and the Central Hall notice board. They were taken as read and after making one amendment to the Heading, were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 124/08 REPORT OF PARISH/POLICE LIAISON OFFICER & OTHER POLICE MATTERS.**
There was no Police Officer present.
CAG/LAG Meetings
The Chairman reported that a 'Let's Talk' workshop had been arranged.
Training In Hand-Held Speed Monitoring Devices
The Chairman reported that Emneth and Upwell were collaborating and if enough volunteers could be persuaded they would seek more information although there is fear that volunteers would be subjected to abuse from the public.
Hagbeach Hall Close Recent problems in the area had been reported to the police but it seemed that no action had been taken as yet. County Councillor H Humphrey made a note of this.
Crime Statistics July 08 were circulated.
- 125/08 CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**
Playing Field AGM
The Chairman advised members that all councillors were invited to attend on 31st July 2008 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.
Publicity
Councillor N Terrington reminded the Chairman that he had agreed to write an article for the Messenger. He said the recent problems over the Precept would have been a good opportunity.
- 126/08 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
The following items were dealt with at the meeting:
- **Emergency Planning - Community Plans** - A letter from the Borough Council giving contact details was circulated. It was agreed to ask the Emergency Planning Officer to visit and speak to Councillors about the concept of local volunteers.
 - **Norfolk Annual Emergency Preparedness Study Day** - Details of an event due to take place at Norwich on 7th October 2008 were circulated. County Councillor Humphrey commented that it would be well worth attending.
 - **Various** - details and dates of events organised by the CPRE and by the Public Library were circulated.
 - **Great Crested Newts**
The Clerk reported that correspondence from the Planning Officer regarding the site in question stated that following a survey no evidence of the creatures had been found.

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126/08 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (contd)

The following items are in circulation:

- Norfolk Link May 166
- Standards Board Bulletin 39
- Clerks & Councils Direct 58
- Standards Committee Minutes of meetings
- Environmental Health Information
- Wash Week and Ponds Survey Details
- CPRE Voice
- NRCC Signpost Issue July 08
- Various advertising leaflets

127/08 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Balance of Accounts

Members were advised that the balance on all accounts at today's date was £73,422.76. Bank Statements were made available for perusal.

b) The following invoices were approved for payment:

- i) MHB Services Ltd – footway lights maintenance contract – July/August - £84.02 per month
- ii) CGM – grass cutting - £334.59
- iii) Eon – unmetered supply – June - £131.74
- iv) BCKLWN – waste disposal – dog bins - £81.72
- v) Mrs M Sawyer – salary & expenses – June/July - £950.72
- vi) Mrs J Eady – salary – July - £171.88. the Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Eady to inform her of the comments received from the public about the cleanliness of the village and to compliment her on her dedication to her job.
- vii) Mr D Melton – groundsman salary & expenses July - £57.50

128/08 PLANNING MATTERS

1 The following Planning Applications were discussed and determined:

- a) **08/01638/O** – Barton Nursery, 51 The Wroe – residential development for 5 two storey dwellings including road widening, lay by and landscaping of existing pond including demolition of redundant farm sheds – Mr J Goodale. Application supported. The Authority to be advised that there was a lot of glass buried on the site following demolition of greenhouses.
- b) **08/01805/F** – land r/o 2 Hawthorn Road – construction of three loose boxes and tack room and paddock fencing with gates – Mr W Harris – application supported.

2 It was noted that the following applications have been

withdrawn:

08/01363/LB and 08/01364/F – The Great Barn, Meadowgate Lane – new access drive – Brand Associates

3 It was noted that the following Appeal has been lodged:

08/00789/O – land west of 73 Lady's Drove – construction of detached dwelling – A & D Hancock. The Chairman agreed to make a representation to the Appeal's Officer to uphold Council's views regarding the type of property proposed for the site.

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129/08 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Bus Shelters

- **Gaultree Square** – The quoted price for materials is £260.00 plus VAT from Priden Engineering. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that this should be ordered. Local arrangements will be made for installation.

New matters reported:

- **Potholes** – all along Elmside still not repaired.
- **Hedges** – overgrown along Hungate Road, Outwell Road, Meadowgate Lane and The Wroe. The Clerk was asked to request the Highways Officer to contact the Chairman before his next visit so that the Chairman can accompany him on his inspection.
- **Road Name Signs Missing** - Church Road.
- **Hollycroft Close** – request for 'No Through Road' sign to erected.
- **Fly Posting** – various locations
- **Church Road junction** – not yet finished.

Highways Grass Cutting

The Clerk was asked to thank Highways for making such a good job of cutting the bank at the old Tram Station.

130/08 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

The Representative Member reported an on-going problem with moles on the football pitches. In view of the health problems of the contracted pest controller, the Chairman agreed to make alternative arrangements.

Yearly Grant

It was reported that following the Playing Field AGM it is expected that new Officers will be in situ. As soon as possible after that date representatives will meet with the Parish Council Finance Committee as previously requested.

131/08 FOOTWAY LIGHTING MATTERS

Outages - None reported.

132/08 AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS MATTERS

Hungate Road Holdings

There was discussion regarding the on-going maintenance of the land. Councillor Mr M White said that he might be able to find someone to farm the land rent-free for a year, to crop it and leave in a good condition afterwards.

If this does not work out it was agreed to obtain a quotation for spraying. Councillor White will liaise with the Chairman.

133/08 CEMETERY MATTERS

1 Working Party Report

The Clerk reported that there had only been one objection to letters sent requesting removal of netting. The Chairman reported that one had already been removed and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks. Arrangements will be made to remove netting from the other graves within the next few days. This to be kept safely in case it is requested by next of kin.

It was reported that the soil mound has been removed and spread in a low part of the cemetery. It was suggested that another low area in the churchyard could also be used for spoil.

The chairman reported that work on a house next to the old cemetery has caused the fence to fall. It was agreed to ensure that the PCC are aware of the situation to safeguard boundaries if and when a new fence is put up.

Cemetery Extension

Borough Councillor Mr C Crofts agreed to make enquiries at the Borough Council to check that the Clerk had contacted the correct person.

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134/08 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

After discussion it was agreed to approach the person who manages the Tilney St Lawrence Parish Council site to get a current price.

135/08 COMMUNITY INFORMATION POINT

It was reported that the CIP is now open. Publicity is on-going to ensure as many residents as possible are aware of the facility.

136/08 CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/ETC

Members were advised of the following:

- Boundary Proposals for Norfolk & Suffolk Unitary Authorities – 4th August 2008 t King's Lynn Town Hall commencing at 7.00pm. Councillors Mrs O Graham, Mrs Y Howard, Mr N Terrington, Mr R Waterfield, Mr M White interest to attend. Places will be reserved for them.

137/08 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

The following Consultation Document is in circulation:

- Structural Review of Norfolk & Suffolk
- Review of East of England Plan

138/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as being Tuesday 26th August 2008, commencing at 7.00pm in the Emneth Central Hall.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.14pm

R Waterfield

**CHAIRMAN
2008**

Dated 26th August