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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Emneth that took place on Tuesday 28th July 2009 in the Central Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

119/09 **PRESENT** were Councillors Mr R Waterfield (Chairman), Mr M Wiles, Mr S Curtis, Mr F Blake, Mr M White, Mrs O Graham, Mrs G Harper, the Clerk Mrs M Sawyer, County/Borough Councillor Mr H Humphrey, Borough Councillor Mr C Crofts and 3 members of the public.

120/09 **APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Y Howard, Mr R Towler, Mr J McCourt and Mr N Terrington. Retrospective apologies were received from Mr A Green.

121/09 **COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AS REQUIRED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT 2007**
Councillor M White declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 8/1/d (Minute Number 128/09/1/d). He signed the Register and left the room whilst the item was discussed and determined.

122/09 **MINUTES** of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th June 2009 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 signed by the Chairman as a true record.

123/09 At 7.05pm the Chairman suspended Standing Orders and asked the members of the public who were present if they wished to address the Council. One of them, Mrs Symons, asked if details of memorials for her late mother's and father's graves had been received. When advised that it had she explained her requirements to Council. The Chairman pointed out that the stonemason concerned had offered to meet members of the council on site to discuss the matter. It was decided that it would be advantageous to do so and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

Before re-instating Standing Orders the Chairman of the Playing Field committee gave an update on the Funding received for the proposed Skate Ramp.

124/09 At 7.46pm the Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.

125/09 **REPORT OF PARISH/POLICE LIAISON OFFICER & OTHER POLICE MATTERS.**

There was no Police Officer present.

Reports and circulars on various matters were circulated for information purposes only.

The Chairman reported that there were to be changes to the LAG format whereby Officers will be out and about more meeting people face-to-face. He said that most of the recent local problems had been solved and Emneth was no longer on the priority list although there were still a few 'boy racers' about.

County Councillor Humphrey reported that the constabulary was now up to strength and there had been an overall 3% drop in crime over the county and Norfolk had recently been quoted as the safest county in the country.

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126/09 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following items were dealt with at the meeting:

- The Chairman circulated a letter he had received from Councillor Y Howard that thanked members for their well-wishes.
- Letter from Deputy Mayor thanking council for arranging Civic Visit was circulated.
- Visit to Recycling Plant at Norwich. Members were advised that a meeting could take place. No date was fixed and the Chairman and Clerk will liaise.
- **Water Cycle Study Exhibition** – details of the exhibition to be held on Green Quay between 30th July and 2nd August 2009 were circulated.

The following documents are in circulation:

- CAG/LAG Minutes of meetings
- Standards Committee Minutes
- Southern Area Road Safety Committee Minutes
- Clerks & Councils Direct issue 64
- The Playing Field
- Wash & Tide Times
- CPRE Fieldwork
- Various reports and advertising literature.

127/09 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Members were advised that the balance of all accounts at 28th July 2009 was £75,069.87, of which £59,636.84 was the Claude Coates Fund
- b) **Cash received since the last Meeting:**
 - i) A Clingo – Interment fees in respect of the late Mrs Jean Thompson - £60.00
- c) **The following invoices were approved for payment:**
 - i) E.On – unmetered supply – June 2009 - £129.17
 - ii) MHB Services Ltd – footway lights maintenance contract – July/August - £82.24 & replacement lighting column after RTA - £1282.83
 - iii) CGM Ltd –extra work in the cemetery as requested - £227.70
 - iv) Mrs M Sawyer – salary & expenses – July - £732.13
 - v) Mrs J Eady – salary & expenses – July 2009 - £103.50
 - vi) Mr D Melton – salary & expenses – July - £57.50
 - vii) Emneth Methodist Church – Civic Visit expenses - £50.00
 - viii) Mr D Pickles – Civic Visit expenses - £80.00
 - ix) Mrs O Graham – Civic Visit expenses - £66.97
 - x) Emneth Playing Field Committee – quarter grant plus part of weed control costs - £925.00

128/09 PLANNING MATTERS

- 1 **The following Planning Applications were discussed & determined:**
 - a) **09/01118/F** – 47 The Wroe – conversion of garage to part dwelling and single storey extension to front of dwelling – Mr Phoenix & Miss P Watson – application supported but concerns passed to Planning Officer that the proposed extension will extend beyond the building line.
 - b) **09/01129/F** – 120 Hungate Road – conversion of existing outbuilding with extension to form indoor swimming pool – Mr M Ryan – application supported
 - c) **09/01163/O** – 3 The Wroe – erection of six dwellings involving the demolition of existing buildings – Mr N Gooch – application not supported in its present form on the grounds of highway safety and lack of parking for service vehicles.
 - d) **09/01302/F** – land to the west of Whiteacre, 54 Elmside – permanent retention of firework storage containers – Mr M White- application supported.

- 128/09 PLANNING MATTERS (contd)**
- 2 The following Decisions by the Planning Authority were noted:**
- a) **09/00674/F** – 85 Elm High Road – retrospective application to retain shed – Mr M Stratton – permission granted.
- b) **09/00905/F** – 44 Gaultree square – construction of five dwellings following demolition of existing buildings – JPL Motors – permission granted.
- 3 The following Appeal Decision was noted:**
09/00016/O – land south of Meadowgate House, Meadowgate Road – construction of dwelling – appeal dismissed.
- 4 E-Consultation**
Council was informed that a Planning Officer was willing to attend to give further instruction in the use of the equipment and the website. It was agreed to accept the offer on a date to be arranged.
- 129/09 HIGHWAY MATTERS**
- It was confirmed that all matters reported at the last meeting have been dealt with as appropriate. It was reported that despite an assurance from the Highways Officer that he would attend, the trees were still there and becoming more of a nuisance. The Clerk to chase once more.
- The Wroe and Elmside** – overgrown hedges. Still causing concern. The Chairman to identify the properties and inform the Clerk so that householders can be asked to take action.
- Betsys Pad Drain**
Nothing further to report at this time. Borough Councillor C Crofts agreed to take the matter personally to the Board.
- Junction Elmside/Hollycroft Road** – broken drain cover and road surface sunk.
- Church Road/Outwell Road Junction** – there was discussion on the road layout and number of accidents at the junction. It was decided to contact Highways Department with Council's concerns and ask for further improvements to be made.
- 130/09 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS**
- The representative member was not present.
- New matters to be reported:**
SKATE
The Chairman reported that he had signed the agreement between the Council and the Playing Field Committee regarding the funding for Skate. All monies will now be paid to the parish council.
- 131/09 FOOTWAY LIGHTING MATTERS**
- Outages**
None reported.
- RTA – Outwell Road**
It had previously been reported to the Clerk that a footway light had been damaged in the accident. Council was advised that enquiries were underway to identify the driver who would be advised that replacement costs would be claimed from him.
- 132/09 CEMETERY MATTERS**
- Cemetery Extension**
Nothing new to report at this time.

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133/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as being Tuesday 25th August 2009, commencing at 7.00pm in the Emneth Central Hall.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.03pm

CHAIRMAN

Dated 25th August 2009