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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Emneth that took place on Tuesday 27th July 2010 in the Central Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

- 120/10 PRESENT** were Councillors Mr R Waterfield (Chairman), Mr M Wiles, Mr R Towler, Mrs Y Howard, Mr S Curtis, Mrs O Graham, Mr N Terrington, Mr M White and the Clerk Mrs M Sawyer.
- 121/10 APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors Mr J McCourt, Mr J Fleet, Mr A Green, County/Borough Councillor Mr H Humphrey and Borough Councillor Mr C Crofts.
- 122/10 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AS REQUIRED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT 2007**
None declared.
- 123/10 MINUTES** of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th June 2010 had previously been distributed to all Councillors with copies being made available for public perusal at the post office, the Central Hall notice board and the parish council website. They were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 124/10 REPORT OF PARISH/POLICE LIAISON OFFICER & OTHER POLICE MATTERS.**
There was no police officer present.
Community Messaging System
Information and details of how to register to receive e-newsletters was circulated.
Local Delivery of Services
Letter from Chief Superintendent Hamlin detailing revised structure was circulated.
Local Policing Plan 2010
Copies of a summary of the plan were distributed with copies deposited at the Post Office and in the Central Hall magazine rack.
SNAP Meetings
Timetable of meetings during 2010/2011 circulated.
- It was reported that groups of youths have been seen gathering at empty premises on Elmside, climbing on the roof and leaving litter. The agent for the owners will be notified.
- 125/10 CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**
The Chairman had received a letter from Councillor N Terrington asking the Chairman if he had second thoughts about only accepting written rather than verbal correspondence. The Chairman informed him that he had not changed his previous ruling. With regard to Councillor Terrington's question concerning the teaching of a foreign language at the primary school, the current policy was explained to him.
The Chairman reported that he had received a late communication from Councillor Mrs Y Howard that he had not had opportunity to read. This matter was deferred until the next meeting.
- 126/10 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
- i) **The Butterpillar Club** - a letter from the club organiser explaining that due to poor take up the initiative had been cancelled. A cheque to return council's donation had been received. Councillors voiced their disappointment.
 - ii) **Community Emergency Planning** - correspondence from Borough asking that all parishes prepare a plan. Deferred until a future meeting.
 - iii) **Wash Week** - details of planned events during the week 7 - 15th August 2010 were circulated.
 - iv) **Fire Safety Checks** - Information for residents placed on notice boards.

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- 127/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS**
- a) Members were advised that the balance of all accounts on 27th July 2010 was

£73,660.27 of which £50,549.67 was the Claude Coates Fund.

- b) **Cash received since the last Meeting:**
- i) The Butterpillar Club – returned donation - £50.00 [see Minute 125/10/i]
 - ii) M Coates – memorial fees - £200.00 in respect of the late Pauline Jackson (£20), the late Graham Beckett (£20), the late John Sammons (£160)
 - iii) Hanchetts – memorial fees in respect of the late Walter Odams
 - iv) Richard King – memorial fees in respect of the late Derrick Melton - £80.00
- c) **The following invoices were approved for payment:**
- i) MHB Services - £84.02 monthly maintenance July/August
 - ii) CGM – grass cutting & cemetery maintenance – £387.23
 - iii) E.On – unmetered supply for month of June 2010 - £131.98
 - iv) Mrs M Sawyer – salary & expenses for July 2010 - £645.99
 - v) Mrs J Eady – salary & expenses – July – £139.20

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PLANNING MATTERS

- 1 **The following planning applications were discussed and determined:**
- a) **10/01212/F** – 26 Hungate Road – alterations and extension to existing bungalow – Clients of Graham Seaton – application supported
 - b) **10/01176/CM** – Emneth County Primary School – provision of pre-fabricated mono pitched canopy over existing play area – NCC – for information only.
- 2 **The following Planning Authority Decisions were noted:**
- a) **10/00721/RM** – land on the south east side of Chapel Lane – erection of bungalow and garage – Darren Hyde – application permitted
 - a) **10/00871/F & 10/00873/LB** – Banyer Hall, Ladys Drove – conversion of garage/workshop to form 4 bed dwelling with integral garage and garaging for plot 1 and existing cottage, conversion of games/store building to 4 bed dwelling with study/5th bedroom – Mr Coleman - approved.
 - c) **10/00907/EXO**– land north of 16-20 Church Road – extension of time for the implementation of planning permission ref: 07/00713/O outline application for construction of two dwellings following demolition of existing building – Mr P Garner – application approved.
- 3 **Development of Garden Land**
Briefing notes distributed.

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HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was confirmed that all matters reported at the last meeting have been dealt with as appropriate.

Hungate Road

Efforts to identify the landowner on-going.

New Matters Reported to be dealt with as appropriate:

The Wroe - Overgrown hedge.

Hagbeach Hall Close

Members received a report of a complaint by a resident of the Close concerning litter along the public footpath and a request for public seating to be placed in the vicinity. The request to be passed to the Borough Council for action.

Meadowgate Lane – junction warning sign down on Elm High Road.

Hollycroft Road – lorry parked at night without lights causing obstruction and danger.

Betsys Pad – a request received from occupier of adjoining land for permission to remove small trees growing out of the side of the dyke. Permission granted.

Elmside – overgrown hedges.

Meadowgate Lane – correspondence from Environmental Services re overgrown hedges impeding access of refuse lorry. Advised that they contact County Highways Department if property occupiers do not remedy the problems.

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PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

Council received a report from the Representative Member with update on current initiatives. The Chairman brought Members up to date with the travellers camping on the playing field. He reported that his contact with the Traveller Liaison Officers had not proved to be very helpful. The situation was being monitored by the police. It was agreed that the Chairman be given the

authority to take whatever legal measures might be needed to try to resolve the matter.
It was agreed that the entrance to the field must be made more secure to prevent any future occurrences of this sort.

Groundsman

Members were informed that a Groundsman/Caretaker had been appointed initially on a three months trial basis at an hourly rate of £6.00.

131/10 FOOTWAY LIGHTING MATTERS

Outages - None reported.

New Installation

It was reported that the two new lights are not yet working. MHB to be asked to find out why this is.

132/10 AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS MATTERS

Nothing to report.

133/10 CEMETERY MATTERS

Cemetery Extension

The Chairman gave a brief update on progress.

Exhumation Request

Nothing new to report at this time.

Trees

A quotation from CGM to carry out essential remedial work to some of the trees in the churchyard was discussed. It was agreed to accept the quotation totally £1395.00 for all work and ask for it to be carried out ASAP.

134/10 VARIOUS DRAINAGE MATTERS – COUNCILLOR N TERRINGTON

Councillor Terrington proposed 'That the Council contacts the Internal Drainage Board to urge them to inspect their drains in the parish and to ensure that they are maintained in a working order' Councillor Terrington explained his concerns that in the event of a flood situation the drains would not cope in their present condition. It was agreed that the IDB be asked to meet on site to inspect the drains in question.

135/10 MEETINGS/SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/ETC

Waste & Recycling – presentation on the proposed new plant – Lynnsport on 22nd July 2010. The Chairman reported that he had attended the presentation. He gave a resume proceedings.

136/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as being Tuesday 31st August 2010, commencing at 7.00pm in the Emneth Central Hall.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

CHAIRMAN

Dated 31st August 2010