

**Minutes of Emneth Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 @ Emneth Central Hall, Emneth @ 7.00pm.**

In attendance: Cllr. R. Waterfield (in the Chair)  
Cllrs. Mrs. G Harper, Mr. N Terrington, Mr. P Oliver, Mrs. O Graham,  
Mr. M Wiles, Mr. R Towler, Mr. J Fleet, Mr. S Curtis, Mr. M White,  
Mrs. Y Howard, Borough Cllr. Crofts & County Cllr. Humphrey

Apologies: Cllr. McCourt

Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett

Public: None

**498. Apologies & Reasons for absence**

498.1 There were apologies for absence from Cllr. McCourt.

**499. Declarations of Interest**

499.1 There were no declarations of interest.

**500. Minutes**

500.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**There were no members of the public in attendance so no need to adjourn for the public session.**

**501. Reports**

501.1 Police Report – County Cllr. Humphrey advised that Norfolk is still the safest county in the country based on the amount of crimes reported per 1,000 residents.

501.2 Borough Councillor Report – Cllr. Crofts reported that all proposed sites for the LDF have now been assessed and the favoured sites for consideration for development will form part of a 3 month consultation in the early Autumn of this year. New sites can still be submitted.

501.3 County Councillor Report – County Cllr. Humphrey reported that the Environment Agency have granted an environmental permit to the Willows power & recycling centre to operate. He also reported on another new NCC funded apprenticeship initiative giving 30 Norfolk youngsters the opportunity to receive training for 12 months in areas such as IT, Business & Administration and Healthy & Social Care.

501.4 Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence.

501.4.1 Cllr. Terrington noted the new code of conduct now in place at the village school for visitors & parents. He had not been aware of a previous code of conduct and wanted to convey his general dismay that such a policy was necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school and its pupils and visitors. Cllr. White advised that such a policy had been in place for many years and the new head teacher had merely updated it.

**502. Finance**

502.1 Finances since last meeting.

Payments for July 2012						
NO	Name	Chq No	Description	Net	VAT	Total
71	Nicola Lane	102219	Salary	206.72	0.00	206.72
72	EPFC	102220	Play area grant	911.70		911.70
73	EPFC	102220	Skate park	231.87	0.00	231.87
74	EPFC	102220	Sustainability grant advance	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
75	Kate Bennett	102221	Salary	586.38	0.00	586.38
76	R Waterfield	102222	Outstanding from March's expenses	15.54	0.00	15.54
77	Kate Bennett	102221	Clerk's expenses for July	58.19	0.00	58.19
78	E.on	102223	June street lighting	164.59	0.00	164.59
79	Jean Eady	102224	Litter picking	182.40		182.40
80	CGM Landscapes	102225	Topsoil graves	350.00	70.00	420.00
81	CGM Landscapes	102225	Mowing & litter picking	460.50	92.10	552.60
<b>Total</b>				<b>4167.89</b>	<b>162.10</b>	<b>4329.99</b>

A proposal by Cllr. Harper, seconded by Cllr. Curtis & all were in favour to pay this month's invoices.

502.2 To receive report of income received & outstanding accounts.

Mr & Mrs Knight	Exclusive right of burial	£800.00 paid
Turner	Burial fee	£200.00 paid
Lankfer	Agricultural rent	£2610.00 paid

502.3 It was agreed to donate £100 to the Wisbech Tourism Group for the loan of their marquee to Hungate Rovers for their football gala weekend.

### Invoices Outstanding

Clingo	Ashes EROB, Interment & memorial	£280.00
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### 503. Planning

503.1 Planning Applications.

<b>12/00574/F</b> – Site visit by Planning Committee to 87 Elm High Road, Emneth – Modification to & retention of extensions to dwelling. <b>Refused by Planning Committee.</b>	<b>12/.....</b> – Application <b>withdrawn</b> The Orchard, Mill Road, Emneth – small holding including siting of a temporary mobile dwelling, polytunnels & wind turbine.
<b>12/00743/O</b> – Site visit by Planning Committee to Sunnyside, 105 Elm High Road – Outline application for the construction of 2 detached dwellings. <b>Approved by Planning Committee.</b>	<b>12/00637/O</b> – Referred to Planning Committee, 30 <sup>th</sup> July, Land North of Whiteacres, 54 Elmside, Emneth – Outline to build a bungalow. <b>Approved by Planning Committee.</b>
<b>12/01167/EXF</b> – Extension for time for the implementation of 09/00905/F Construction of 5 dwellings following demolition of existing buildings at Jpl Motors, 44 Gaultree Square, Emneth – Approve.	<b>12/01065/F</b> – New dwelling, 2 bedroom bungalow @ Two Ways, 2 Mill Road, Emneth – Refuse based on over-development for the plot size and not in keeping with the streetscene.

**504. General correspondence.**

504.1 Emails from Mrs. Carr of 42 Raceys Close & Mrs. Shreeve of 17 Church Road regarding a tree on Betsy's Pad. Both ladies are concerned with a tree overlooking their properties, near to the gas sub station. A large branch fell during high winds back in Feb 2012. The tree is on the lady's property although outside her fence, on a public footpath/dyke. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the drainage board via Mrs. Carr & Mrs. Shreeve themselves. Clerk to furnish both ladies with the drainage board contact details.

504.2 Cllrs. Waterfield & Graham signed the Barclays mandate form for the Clerk to take into the bank.

**505. Borough Council of KL & WN issues.**

505.1 Cllrs. Waterfield, Wiles & White to return their Register of Members' Interests to the Clerk at the August meeting. All other councillors have already returned theirs.

505.2 Hayley Kurt from BCKLWN to be furnished with October & December's meeting dates to discuss changes to refuse collections in Emneth.

**506. Norfolk County Council issues.**

506.1 Highway Issues.

506.1.1 The hedges to the rear of the properties on The Wroe that adjoin the un-metalled part of Elmside still need cutting back.

506.1.2 Mr. Tripp's hedge at 1 Hawthorn Road has been part-cut back.

506.1.3 The hedge at Mr. Wick's, 2 Church Road needs cutting back.

506.1.4 The hedge at Mrs. Swinden's at 34 The Wroe still needs cutting back.

506.1.5 The hedge at Mr. Quince's, 40 Gaultree Square still needs cutting back.

506.1.6 The briar hedge at Racey's Close needs cutting back by the Rangers if possible.

506.1.7 An elder bush between the road & dyke edge adjoining number 110 Hollycroft Road needs cutting back.

**507.** At 20.00hrs PCSO Tracy Milburn joined the meeting.

507.1. She reported of on going scrap & fuel thefts in our area, lead from churches & schools, copper lightning strips and an increase in the theft of caravans.

507.2 Cllr. Wiles reported that speeding is worse along Hollycroft Road than Church Road and PCSO Milburn suggested that Emneth report this at the next SNAP meeting.

**508. Footway Lighting issues.**

508.1 There were no lighting issues reported. Cllr. Waterfield advised that he will do a survey soon. Clerk to furnish Westcotec with a lighting inventory.

**509. Agricultural Holdings.**

509.1 Cllr. Terrington requested a Rent Review for all Agricultural Holdings. Proposed by Cllr. Terrington & seconded by Cllr. Howard it was agreed to include this on August's Agenda.

509.2 It was reported that Mr.Lankfer had requested permission to under drain his field at his own expense. This to be addressed after the rent review has taken place.

**510. Playing Field issues.**

510.1 Cllr. Waterfield reported that he had instructed Norse to cut the play area on a fortnightly rather than monthly basis for the time being. Clerk awaiting quote for such.

510.2 Cllr. Terrington proposed not to agree with the request from EPFC for the erection of a barbecue in the play area, seconded by Cllr. Wiles. 3 voted in favour, 6 against, the motion was lost. Cllr. Curtis proposed to agree with the request, seconded by Cllr. Harper. 6 in favour, 3 against, the motion was passed.

510.3 As Parish Council representative on the PF Committee, Cllr. Oliver wished to advise Council that he will only be able to attend roughly 6-7 meetings per annum.

510.4 Cllr. Oliver advised that the PF Committee are currently updating their constitution and increasing their trustees from 6 to 12.

**511. Cemetery issues.**

511.1 Cllr. White to ask David Chapman to oil the oak village sign and the gates both sides of the road if possible.

511.2 Cllr. Howard noted that the repairs to the church wall had not been done with reclaimed bricks.

511.3 Cllr. Waterfield & the Clerk to attend some training on the managing of churchyards & cemeteries on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at South Wootton.

**512. Jubilee Event.**

512.1 Cllr. Waterfield provided an account of his receipts & expenditure for the Jubilee event.

Receipts                    £475.60

Expenditure             £270.63

Balance left owing    £204.97 (£100 from Hungate Rovers £104.97 from Cllr. Waterfield)

**513. Date of Next Meeting.**

513.1 The next meeting will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman's signature -----