

**Minutes of Emneth Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 @ Emneth Central Hall, Emneth @ 7.00pm.**

In attendance: Cllr. R. Waterfield (in the Chair), Cllrs. Mr. N Terrington, Mr. M Wiles, Mr J Fleet,

Mr. R Towler, Mr. S Curtis, Mr. M White, Mrs. Y Howard, Mrs. O Graham,  
Mr P Oliver, Mr J McCourt

Apologies: Cllrs. Mrs. Harper, Mr. C. Crofts, Mr. H Humphrey.

Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett

Public: Mr David Howard, Mr Ted Green, Mr Paul & Mr Dave Collins (both First Fenland Scout Group).

**598. Apologies & Reasons for absence**

598.1 There were apologies for absence as listed above.

**599. Declarations of Interest**

599.1 Cllr. Howard declared an interest in Item 12.1 on the Agenda, Further enquiries for future burial ground, Cemetery Issues.

**600. Minutes**

600.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**The meeting was adjourned for the public session.**

Mr. Howard & Mr. Green did not wish to be addressed.

Mr. Dave Collins introduced himself as the Asst. Scout Leader from the First Fenland Scout Group who reside in Wales Bank, Elm and have done for nearly one year now. The group are trying to drum up financial support as well as recruit more leaders for the group and are looking for donations of paint & building materials in a bid to support the renovations currently going on at the camp. The group is attended by children from Elm & Fridaybridge as well as Emneth. Cllr. Waterfield agreed to ask the Playing Field Committee if they would be willing to offer a part of the field for a scouts' hiking & camping night. Cllr. Graham agreed to include a mention in the next issue of the Messenger. Mr. Collins explained that he would like to offer the scouts' help with any local fund raising events, summer fetes etc. Mr. Collins & Mr. Collins left the meeting.

**601. Reports**

601.1 Police Report – an email received from NCC regarding the Norfolk Police & Crime Plan was noted.

601.2 Borough Councillor Report – nothing to report this month.

601.3 County Councillor Report – nothing to report at this stage of the meeting.

601.4 Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence.

601.4.1 The build-up of stagnant water in DRN145PO133 at Hollycroft Road reported at the last meeting had been reported to the KLIDB but to date there had been no response.

601.4.2 The Minutes from the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

601.4.3 The date for the annual Parish Assembly was noted – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 @ 6.30 pm. Cllr. Graham gave her apologies.

601.4.4 An email from Sue Beel (Fenland District Council) regarding the Community Car Scheme to enable the residents of Emneth to get to doctor and hospital appointments was read out & noted. Cllr. Graham agreed to include an item in the next issue of the Messenger and also put a précis of the email on the noticeboard for residents' information.

**602. Finance**

602.1

Accounts for payment March 2013						
NO	Name	Chq No	Description	Net	VAT	Total
140	Emneth Design	102281	Website updates	37.50	0.00	37.50
141	Westcotec	102282	Street lighting maintenance March	74.50	14.90	89.40
142	E.on	102283	Street lighting for February	128.01	25.60	153.61
143	Kate Bennett	102284	Mileage, postage and ink	77.86	0.00	77.86
144	Nicola Lane	102285	18th Feb - 11th Mar 32 hours	198.08	0.00	198.08
145	Jean Eady	102286	27th Feb - 26th Mar 26 hours	160.94		160.94
<b>Total</b>				<b>676.89</b>	<b>40.50</b>	<b>717.39</b>

All were in favour to pay this month's invoices.

602.2 To receive a report of income received & outstanding accounts.

**Received**

Coates	£160.00
Kings Memorials	£80.00
Dignity Funerals	£575.00

602.3 All were in favour to appoint Emma Bateman, Clerk to West Walton Parish Council, the internal auditor for this year's accounts 2012/13. Her fee is £55.00.

**603. Planning**

603.1 To receive Planning Applications/Decisions.

No outstanding planning applications to be presented.	
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**604. Correspondence**

604.1 The weekly update from NorfolkALC was noted.

604.2 An email from Independent Age was noted. Cllr. Graham has already been in touch with them.

604.3 An email from Norfolk Citizens Advice Bureau requesting a donation was noted but not to be pursued.

604.4 An email from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service requesting a donation was noted but not to be pursued.

604.5 An email from Rex Eady regarding collection of blue trade bins was noted.

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

605.1 Nothing to report this month.

**606. Norfolk County Council issues.**

606.1 A letter from Norfolk Green regarding alterations to the bus times was noted.

606.2 Information regarding recent Partnership Working Seminars held by NCC Highways was noted.

606.3 Cllr. Terrington proposed that the Clerk ask Highways to erect a further sign notifying road users of the closure of the Welney Wash Road o/s Bloom & Wake's garage along the Outwell Road. It was generally felt that the signage for the closure of this road was pretty poor and further signs at more convenient locations were required. Cllr. Graham seconded this proposal. Cllr. Howard requested the Clerk make investigations into an 'app' available for Smart Phones regarding the closure of the causeway.

606.4 Cllr. Curtis reported the poor state of the verge by the new development at the bottom of Hawthorn Road. This should be reinstated before the developers leave. Clerk to action with Highways.

**607. Footway Lighting issues.**

607.1 2 lights needing repairing were reported at the meeting.

**608. Playing Field issues.**

608.1 PF Committee reported that there is a surplus of £205.80 still in hand with the PC left over from the sustainability grant. The BLF have confirmed that this can be retained and utilised for an approved purpose tba by the PF Committee.

608.2 Cllr. Waterfield has received the Deed of Dedication from the Playing Fields Trust to certify the Playing Field as a QE2 Field. This document to be sent to Bowser Solicitors for their consideration before the Chairman signs it. On a proposal from Cllr. Terrington, seconded by Cllr. White.

**609. Cemetery issues.**

609.1 Cllr. Howard left the meeting.

609.2 The letter from Maxey Grounds & Co confirming their hourly rates was signed by the Chairman for returning to them.

County Cllr. Humphrey joined the meeting @ 8.05 pm.

609.3 The quote from CGM for the turfing of 8 graves @ £334.00 + VAT was approved.

609.4 Cllr. Graham agreed to take a look at grave L11 Teresa D'Amico following a report that the grave had sunk and needed returfing. Clerk to obtain a quote for the turfing of 9 graves and not 8 and to proceed if the new quote is in line with the old.

County Cllr. Humphrey was asked to give a report on any current NCC issues. He reported on the £1m Parish Partnership fund available for small highways projects, gave an update on the incinerator inspection inquiry, gave details on the 5 year Strong & Well Project involving making adaptations to people's homes to encourage them to stay at home due to illness/disability, updated council on the Community Construction Fund and advised council of the resignation of the Chief Executive at NCC.

**610. Agricultural holdings.**

610.1 Nothing to report this month.

**611. Date of Next Meeting.**

611.1 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 @ 6.30pm – Parish Assembly. Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman's signature -----