

EMNETH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Emneth Parish Council held on Tuesday 29 March 2016 at 6.30pm at Emneth Central Hall

In attendance: Cllr. Waterfield (Chair), Cllr. Towler, Cllr. White, Cllr. Green, Cllr. Oliver, Cllr. Graham, Cllr. Howard, Cllr. Fleet, Cllr. Curtis, Cllr. McCourt, Cllr. Wiles, Cllr. Harper, County Cllr. Humphrey

Apologies: Borough Cllr. Crofts

Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett

Public: 3

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies for absence were given as listed above and accepted.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made on this month's agenda.

3. Minutes

3.1 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tuesday 23 February 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum.

4. Public Forum

Three members of the public were present. Two representatives from Hungate Football Club put forward the case for the need for at least one defibrillator in the village costing circa £1200.00 each. The football club will donate £500.00 and a further £450.00 has been raised through sponsorship etc. A resident of the village had confirmed he would be willing to contribute the whole amount to purchase a defibrillator. It was resolved for this resident to purchase a defibrillator for the village to be situated at the Spar Shop and for a further defibrillator to be purchased for the school to which the parish council would make the final contribution necessary, up to £250.00.

The third member of the public present did not wish to address the council at this point. He was present to make a representation at Item 7. Planning, 16/00429/O Outline application for the construction of four dwellings at land South of 62 Outwell Road, Emneth.

5. Reports

5.1 Police Report

No report.

5.2 Borough Councillor Report

5.2.1 Budget has been the main concentration recently.

5.2.2 The Committee structure will be changing soon.

5.3 County Councillor Report

5.3.1 The Labour-led council had proposed to partially fill a projected budget gap of £42million for next year by cutting the fire service and recycling centres, as well as libraries, road maintenance, museums and a raft of front-line services. Although in opposition, the Conservatives remain, by far, the biggest Group on the council and, to protect the front-line services, went into negotiation with the Labour leader armed with a series of proposals aimed at making the budget stronger and more sustainable and restoring the front line services, removing the proposed closure of fire stations including Outwell and threat to West Walton, reducing cuts to highway maintenance, libraries, museums and recycling centres.

5.3.2 A new pot-hole and small projects fund of £1.5million has been created. This is to ensure not only good quality roads, but, crucially, a good standard of road safety. Cyclists and motorcyclists are especially vulnerable to pot holes.

5.3.3 All these proposals were agreed. This means that next year's net revenue budget for the county council will be £339million. A bigger proportion of this budget will be derived from council tax. The county council's

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share of this is being increased by 3.99% (including 2% specifically for adult social care services). This amounts to an increase of £45.72 a year for a Band D household.

5.3.4 Parish Partnership Scheme (March 2016) - Funding of £380,000 for 122 small scale highway projects across Norfolk was approved by councillors.

5.3.5 Devolution – As announced by the Chancellor in his budget, local council leaders in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have agreed a deal with the government, to devolve significant powers to local level. The deal includes the creation of a combined authority for East Anglia chaired by a directly elected Mayor supported by a cabinet made up from leaders from the partner authorities. Councils would still keep their sovereignty and deliver local services. It would see the transfer of significant resources and powers from central government to the region. Between now and the summer, each council in East Anglia will have the chance to debate the draft agreement. More details available on the NCC website.

5.4 Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence

5.4.1 The Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 14 March 2016 were signed and agreed as a true record of the meeting.

5.4.2 It was resolved to commit to a 36 month contract with E.on from end April 2016 at 10.165p/kWh and a daily standing charge of 57.8 pence.

5.4.3 It was resolved to purchase two dog waste bins for Elmside (two bins only, no posts and no fixings required). Circa £85.00 each.

6. Finance

Payments for authorisation - March 2016					
Payee	Goods/ Services	VAT	TOTAL	dd/chq	Supplier/Service
Kate Bennett*	1,013.10	0.00	1,013.10	d/d	Monthly wages
Glazewing (already paid)	248.16	0.00	248.16	102655*	Collection and disposal of tyres at Ladys Drove allotments
Kate Bennett expenses	73.00	10.54	83.54	102656	Mileage, stamps, stationery & new wireless keyboard and mouse
Nicola Lane*		0.00	0.00	102657	44 hours, 15 February to 11 March inc.
Jean Eady*		0.00	0.00	102658	31 hours - 23 February to 29 March inclusive
HMRC	55.20	0.00	55.20	102659	
Westcotec	87.66	17.53	105.19	102660	March maintenance
E.on	165.52	33.10	198.62	102661	February energy charges
Upwell Parish Council	59.67	0.00	59.67	102662	SLCC membership for 2016/17 (total £179.00 divided by 3 councils)
Norfolk Association of Local Councils	408.97	0.00	408.97	102663	Annual subscription
Emneth Design	23.75	0.00	23.75	102664	Website update service
EPFC	750.00	0.00	750.00	102665	Quarterly grant payment
RW Waterfield	12.00	0.00	12.00	102666	Reimbursement for payment made for adjustments to sign for cemetery
Emneth Central Hall Management Cttee	10.57	0.00	10.57	102667	Insurance cover for computer equipment 2016-17
Warden & Son Ltd.	200.00	40.00	240.00	102668	Collection of 107 tyres from Ladys Drove allotments
	3,107.60	101.17	3,208.77		
*salaries shown together re data protection					

6.2 Income since the last meeting was noted at £320.00 – cemetery

7. Planning

Applications

7.1 To receive new Planning Applications & Decisions

Planning application 16/00476/O

Outline application, residential development at Banyer Hall, 121 Ladys Drove, Emneth

It was resolved to refuse the application. The proposed development is isolated from the village and its services, there is no access to the main sewer and it would impose on the Grade II listed building, Banyer Hall next door.

Planning application 16/00380/O

Outline application, construction of four dwellings at Land at Fendyke Road, Emneth

It was noted that the previous address given for this application of *Hollycroft Road* was incorrect and this has now been corrected to *Fendyke Road*.

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Planning application 16/00429/O

Outline application, construction of four dwellings, Land South of 62 Outwell Road, Emneth
It was resolved to *approve* the application.

Planning application 16/00460/O

Outline application, single building plot on land adjacent to existing dwelling at Jubilee Bungalow, 93 Elmside, Emneth.

It was resolved to *refuse* the application as over-intensive development and visibility from Elmside onto Hollycroft Road would be compromised.

Decisions

Planning Application 16/00039/F Gladstone Cottages, 48 Church Road, Emneth. **Approved.**

8. General Correspondence

8.1 It was resolved to donate £50.00 to Magpas.

8.2 It was resolved to donate £25.00 to East Anglia's Children's Hospices.

8.3 A thank you letter from Age UK Norfolk for the donation made was noted.

9. Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk Issues

9.1 It was resolved to contract Singh UK Ltd. for the hire and weekly empty of two 660 litre trade refuse bins at a total cost of £1040.00 + VAT per annum. A saving of £430.52 to be made from not renewing the contract with the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

10. Norfolk County Council issues

10.1 Clerk to report to Enforcement a partially erected fence at Terrington Close which appears to be too high.

10.2 Clerk to report two large pot holes at Outwell Road and one at Elmside.

10.3 Councillor Waterfield to arrange for the trees to be cut back that are overhanging the footpath and road at Church Road at the junction with Gaultree Square.

10.4 Overgrown trees and bushes reported again along Hawthorn Road. County Councillor Humphrey to follow up again with Norfolk County Council Highways Department.

11. Norfolk County Council Highways Issues

11.1 Clerk to notify Norfolk County Council that the successful bid for 50% funding via the Parish Partnership Scheme for a proposed trod at Hungate Road is no longer required.

11.2 It was noted that the average speed recorded from the SAM2 along Lady's Drove was 40mph (in a 30mph limit). The maximum speed recorded was 74mph.

12. Footway Lighting issues

No report.

13. Playing Field issues

No report.

14. Cemetery issues

14.1 Cllr. Waterfield & Cllr. Green to measure the dyke that requires piping and filling to determine the quantity of soil & pipes required.

14.2 It was resolved for the Clerk to amend the 2011 2012 Cemetery Regulations and to ensure a copy is sent to stonemasons/undertakers. The maximum height for a burial memorial is to be amended to 3 foot.

15. Agricultural holdings

No report.

16. Date of Next Meeting

16.1 The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Assembly at Emneth Primary School on Tuesday 19 April 2016 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman's signature -----