

Minutes of Emneth Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 30th October 2012 @ Emneth Central Hall, Emneth @ 7.00pm.

In attendance: Cllr. R. Waterfield (in the Chair)
Cllrs. Mrs. G Harper, Mr. N Terrington, Mr. J McCourt, Mr. M Wiles,
Mr. R Towler, Mr. S Curtis, Mr. M White, Mrs. O Graham, Mrs. Y Howard,
Mr. C Crofts, Mr. H Humphrey, PCSO Tracy Millburn
Apologies: Cllrs. Mr. P Oliver, Mr. J Fleet
Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett
Public: Jane Scarrott from NorfolkALC, Mr. Grahame, Seaton, Mr. Philip Jones

542. Apologies & Reasons for absence

542.1 There were apologies for absence as listed above.

543. Declarations of Interest

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

544. Minutes

544.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 25th September 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned for the public session.

Mr. Grahame Seaton (agent) & Mr. Philip Jones (land owner) made a presentation regarding a proposed development for land at Tramways Garden Centre, Outwell Road, Emneth for x10 single storey houses for the over 55's. The land has been put forward to the BCKLWN to be included in the LDF, their ref 127 & 388 and both gentlemen wanted to discuss the proposals with the PC. Outline planning permission had been applied for a few years ago but refused as the land is just outside the development area, although just tucked in between development either side (no's. 62 & 80) & opposite (Inglethorpe Manor). Previous Highways concerns over this development have now been dismissed as a study has shown that the development of this land would actually *reduce* the amount of traffic currently turning right by 75%. In their opinion, the current access at the Downham Market end of the land is a hazard and the new proposals would enhance road safety. The new access would be at the Wisbech end of the plot. The development would provide work for 20-30 tradesmen for up to 2 years. Mr. Seaton & Mr. Jones left the meeting.

Jane Scarrott from NorfolkALC introduced herself as the new Parish Liaison Officer, gave a brief presentation on various forthcoming events hosted by NorfolkALC and encouraged all councillors to use their website as it is full of useful information.

545. Reports

545.1 Police Report – PCSO Millburn gave a brief report & advised on a burglary & vandalism to a dwelling & shed respectively. She reported that the anti-social behaviour along The Wroe has calmed down with very few calls regarding problems at the Playing Field. PCSO Millburn joined the meeting at 8.15pm and left the meeting at 8.25pm.

545.2 Borough Councillor Report – Cllr. Crofts advised that the LDF team are currently revisiting the preferred sites, getting ready for another public consultation, hopefully before Christmas. All proposed sites are assessed in exactly the same way using a point scoring system but the highest

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scoring sites are not necessarily those that are chosen – drainage issues, environmental issues all have to be taken into account. Any suitable sites can still be submitted for consideration.

545.3 County Councillor Report – County Cllr. Humphrey reported on a £2.5m Construction fund available for ‘shovel ready’ projects, 2m Apprenticeship fund, he reported on the need for NCC to make a £37m saving this financial year and the demands of subsidising bus fares, the Broadband contract has now been signed with B.T. and 95% of Norfolk are now getting 2MB of Broadband speed.

545.4 Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence –

545.4.1 The meeting dates for 2013 were distributed & agreed.

545.4.2 Clerk to write to Johnston Press to express the PC’s dismay with their decision to withdraw circulation of the Fenland Citizen to all Norfolk villages.

546. Finance

546.1 Finances since last meeting.

Accounts for payment October 2012						
NO	Name	Chq No	Description	Net	VAT	Total
101	Kate Bennett	102243	Postage, ink & mileage	£59.52	£7.10	£66.62
102	Cllr. Graham	102244	Flowers for Michelle Meyrick	£32.98	£0.00	£32.98
103	Rural Citizens Advice Bureau	102245	Outreach advice sessions	£85.50	£0.00	£85.50
104	Norse	102246	6 monthly grounds maintenance for Play Area	£1,874.60	£374.92	£2,249.52
105	Norse	102246	6 monthly grounds maintenance for football pitch	£1,102.63	£220.53	£1,323.16
*106	CGM	102247	Mowing (Sept), herbicide, litter pick	£216.22	£43.24	£259.47
107	Mazars	102248	External audit work	£550.00	£110.00	£660.00
108	Westcotec	102249	October street lighting maintenance	£74.50	£14.90	£89.40
109	E-on	102250	September street lighting	£137.16	£27.43	£164.59
110	Nicola Lane	102251	Caretaker hours for end September	inc. below		inc. below
111	Jean Eady	102252	Salary + £4.90 for ball of twine	£351.46	£0.00	£351.46
112	Terry Wiles	102253	Garden maintenance, Playing Field	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
Total				£4,524.57	£798.12	£5,322.70

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

546.2 To receive report of income received & outstanding accounts.

Clingo	£200.00	Cemetery paid
Coates	£40.00	Cemetery paid
King	£80.00	Cemetery paid

546.3 Mrs. Meyrick has returned the £1524.60 erroneously paid to her.

546.4 The monthly direct debit for the Clerk’s wages has now been set up.

546.5 On a proposal from Cllr. Terrington, seconded by Cllr. Curtis it was agreed that all wages payments would be amalgamated into one for the purposes of reporting. 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

547. Planning

547.1 To receive Planning Applications/Decisions.

None.

547.2 The Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 18th September and 16th October 2012 were both accepted as a true record of the meeting.

547.3 Details of planning training by BCKLWN at South Lynn Community Centre in February 2013 were reported. Thursday 7th Feb or Friday 8th Feb, 9.00am – 12.00pm.

548. Correspondence

548.1 Councillors agreed that Emneth PC would host the next Joint Parish Council Meeting on Monday 10th December 2012. Cllr. Waterfield to Chair the meeting.

548.2 Council agreed to donate £50 to Magpas.

548.3 The date for the next Emneth Nursery School Advisory Group Meeting was noted.

548.4 Cllr. Waterfield to progress the QE Nomination for Emneth Playing Field.

549. Borough Council of KL & WN issues.

549.1 All correspondence as listed on the Agenda was reported to Council & noted. No further action required on any item.

550. Norfolk County Council issues.

550.1 Highway Issues.

550.1.1 No highways issues were reported at the meeting.

550.2 All NCC correspondence listed on the Agenda was reported to Council & noted. No further action required on any item.

551. Footway Lighting issues.

551.1 Nothing reported at the meeting.

552. Playing Field issues.

552.1 Nothing reported at the meeting.

553. Cemetery issues.

553.1 Cllr. Waterfield has approached the Environment Agency and is awaiting some paperwork from them. He has also reignited discussions with James Nash, Property Services at BCKLWN regarding them purchasing the land on our behalf and us paying them back and is waiting for him to return his call to progress matters.

554. Agricultural holdings.

554.1 After discussions with Mr.Lankfer, Cllr. Waterfield confirmed that Mr. Lankfer proposes to under drain his land next August. He was advised that in another 2 years his rent will have to be increased to be more in line with other tenants – he was in agreement with this. When his contract is renewed he would like a minimum of another 2 years, preferably as long as possible.

555. Date of Next Meeting.

555.1 The next meeting will take place on the 4th December 2012 @ 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman's signature -----