

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Emneth that took place on Tuesday 28th September 2010 in the Central Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

- 155/10** **PRESENT** were Councillors Mr R Waterfield (Chairman), Mr M Wiles, Mr R Towler, Mr S Curtis, Mrs O Graham, Mr N Terrington, Mr A Green, Mrs G Harper, Mr J Fleet, Mr J McCourt, the Clerk Mrs M Sawyer and 2 members of the public.
- 156/10** **APOLOGIES** for absence.
Received from Councillors Mrs Y Howard, Mr M White, Borough Councillors Mr C Crofts and County/Borough Councillor Mr H Humphrey.
- 157/10** **COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AS REQUIRED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT 2007**
None declared.
- 158/10** **MINUTES** of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 31st August 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. Councillor N Terrington pointed out that he had not wished the whole of the final paragraph of Minute 125/10 to be deleted but only the final sentence. The Clerk agreed that this comment would be noted after which they were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 159/10** **REPORT OF PARISH/POLICE LIAISON OFFICER & OTHER POLICE MATTERS.**
There was no police officer present.
The Chairman gave a report on the proceedings of the first SNAP meeting that had been held at Downham Market. He said that there was little opportunity for public participation and issues for priority treatment were decided by the Borough Council reps and the police. There had been no public voting. He said that he had been unable to raise the subject of improper parking in the parish and he had since emailed the SNT. A list of the priorities arising from the meeting was circulated.
- 160/10** **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**
- The Chairman read out a letter that he had received from the Clerk giving notice of her resignation wef 30th November 2010. It was agreed that advertisements should be placed with the county associations of Norfolk & Cambridgeshire.
 - The Chairman read out a letter he had received from Councillor N Terrington challenging the accuracy of the final sentence of Minute 140/10 (see Minute 158/10). He also read out a letter from Councillor Terrington that stated his displeasure at not being permitted to stress his views on the consultation on Council Tax Referendum. He wished to know what action had been taken. The Chairman informed him that he and the Clerk had prepared and despatched a response as was agreed at the last meeting and was recorded as such in Minute 153/10. Councillor Terrington also stated that he was not satisfied that the Agenda allowed for Parishioners Forum at the commencement of the meeting whereas he wished it to be during the meeting. In the event there were no members of the public present who wished to raise any matters. Councillor Terrington further stated that he was concerned that the IDB had not responded to the council's request to investigate various drainage matters in the parish and he wished this subject to be included on the Agenda of all future meetings whether or not there is anything to report.
 - The Chairman read out a letter he had received from the CAB that advised him that the local sessions were still running well. He read out an article that had appeared in the local press stating that the Fenland CAB had lost its contract with the Legal Services Commission which could mean the loss of the services in Fenland. The matter is on-going.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- i) **Hagbeach Hall Close** – The Clerk reported a further contact from a resident of the close regarding provision of a waste bin. She said that following this contact she had contacted the Borough Council to voice displeasure at the misleading information the resident had been given. Council was informed that the resident was going to provide another bin at his own expense and he would make sure that it was emptied from time to time. The Clerk was asked to inform the Borough Council that the Parish Council supported this person's efforts to help preserve the area around his property and adjoining public open space.
- ii) **Trespass on Playing Field** – a letter from a parishioner enquiring about the cost of removal of the trespassers and subsequent clearing of the land was circulated. The Clerk was asked to respond to explain the situation regarding finance and the expected cost to the parish.
- iii) **Proposed Waste Incinerator in King's Lynn** – a letter from a West Norfolk Environmental Consultation Agency was circulated. This copy letter called on NCC to retract what was alleged to be misleading information regarding the proposed incinerator. The content was noted.
- iv) **Census 2011** – promotional material was circulated.
- v) **Plant Hire Operating Centre** – Hungate Road – details of a proposed amendment to the Operator's Licence was circulated for information only.
- vi) **NALC Members' Survey** - completed.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Bank Statements were made available for inspection.
- b) **Cash received since the last Meeting:**
 - i) Brit Insurance – payment of claim for demolished lamp standard at end of Church Road - £1021.00
 - ii) A Clingo – interment fees - £100.00 in respect of the late Margaret Fordham.
- c) **The following invoices were approved for payment:**
 - i) MHB Services - £84.02 monthly maintenance September/October
 - ii) CGM – grass cutting & other work – £721.58
 - iii) E.On – unmetered supply for month of August 2010 - £131.98
 - iv) Norse – playing field maintenance – 6 months charge - £2643.49
 - v) 1-2 Call Drainage – land clearance - £881.25
 - vi) Mrs M Sawyer – salary & expenses for September 2010 - £579.35
 - vii) Mr B Bailey – groundsman salary – September - £177.00
 - viii) Mrs J Eady – salary & expenses – September – £139.20
 - ix) Mr R Waterfield – reimburse cost of refuse sacks - £14.95
 - x) EPFC – maintenance grant - £625.00

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PLANNING MATTERS

- 1 **The following planning applications were discussed and determined:**
 - a) **10/01502/F** – The Peel Centre, Elm High Road – extension and reconfiguration of existing retail units – Moorgarth Ventures Ltd - supported
 - b) **10/01558/O** – 51 The Wroe – construction of 4 bungalows with semi-detached garages – Mr & Mrs J Goodale – supported
 - c) **10/01574/EXCU** – 242 Outwell Road – extension of time for application 05/01030/CU – Mr C Harrison – supported
 - d) **09/01654/O** – 72 Gaultree Square – residential development for maximum 5 dwellings – R Crofts – supported.
- 2 **The following Planning Authority Decisions were noted:**
 - a) **10/01212/F** – 26 Hungate Road – alterations to existing bungalow – Clients of Graham Seaton – approved.

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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:

Overgrown trees and grass reported in various places.

Outwell Road – old tram station grass becoming overgrown

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PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

The Representative Member was not at the meeting.

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FOOTWAY LIGHTING MATTERS

Outages – None

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AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS MATTERS

Nothing to report.

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CEMETERY MATTERS

Cemetery Extension

Nothing new to report at this time.

Exhumation Request

Nothing new to report at this time.

Re-Use of Old Graves

Research to be done to determine if Emneth Churchyard will be affected.

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MEETINGS/SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/ETC

Members were advised of the following and asked to contact the Clerk if interested:

- Think Green Conference Easton College – 10th November 2010

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CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

• **Parish Council Elections**

All members had previously received a copy of the consultation papers. The matter was discussed. It was agreed that if parish councils had to pay the full amount of elections and bye-elections it could act as a deterrent to prospective candidates. The question to ask is if Precepts are capped how would a parish council re-coup the cost of an election?

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as being Tuesday 26th October 2010, commencing at 7.00pm in the Emneth Central Hall.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

CHAIRMAN

Dated 26th October 2010