

Minutes of Emneth Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2013 @ Emneth Central Hall, Emneth @ 7.00pm.

In attendance: Cllr. R. Waterfield (in the Chair), Cllr. Terrington, Cllr. Wiles, Cllr. Towler, Cllr. White, Cllr. Harper, Cllr. Graham, Cllr. McCourt, Cllr. Howard, Cllr. Curtis, Cllr. Oliver, Borough Cllr. Crofts, County Cllr. Humphrey.

Apologies: Cllr. Fleet.

Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett.

Public Alison Townsend, Michael Clayton, Sarah Coote, Bob Casey.

694. Apologies for absence

694.1 Apologies were given for absence as listed above.

695. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

695.1 Cllr. Howard declared a pecuniary interest in Item 13 on the agenda, Cemetery issues.

696. Minutes

696.1 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 27th August 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman.

There were 4 members of the public in attendance - the meeting was adjourned.

Alison Townsend (Head Teacher of Emneth Primary School) and Michael Clayton (Governor) addressed the Council seeking PC support for their plans to run a project within school from Jan '14 to June '14 based on the events of World War 1. This will be a community project encompassing 4 events for the children all aged between 4 years and 11 years old, 1) to research the fallen of WW1, 2) to put on an exhibition of Emneth in WW1, 3) design & construct a memorial garden in the churchyard dedicated to the fallen of WW1 and 4) the children will put on a play in June/July about what it was like to live in Emneth during WW1. The school intend to apply for funding for this project via the Heritage Lottery Fund, through their own school funds and would also be looking for modest funding from the PC. The PC confirmed their initial support for the principle of the project and awaits details on costings/funding details etc.

Alison & Michael remained in the meeting to hear Sarah Coote/Bob Casey.

Sarah Coote & Bob Casey, both representing Momentum Norfolk, a charity supporting people who are interested in setting up youth provision within their village/parish. They can provide a small set up grant and activity grants etc. It was agreed that Sarah would place an advert in the next Parish Magazine to advertise their service to see if there was any interest within the parish for another youth club/drop-in centre.

All 4 members of the public left the meeting at 7.45pm.

697. Reports

697.1 **Police Report** – nothing to report this month.

697.2 **Borough Councillor Report** – Cllr. Crofts reported that 400+ responses to the current Preferred Sites consultation had been received and were currently being considered. The consultation closes on Friday 4th October 2013.

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

697.4 **Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence** – the Minutes from the Planning Meeting held on 3rd September 2013 were read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

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697.4.2 The email sent to the BC in response to the Preferred Sites consultation was noted. Cllr. Waterfield reported that Green Drove, Emneth (Unit no. VG84 in the Land Register) is owned by EPC.

County Cllr. Humphrey joined the meeting at 7.56pm.

697.4.3 An email from Mr. Howard regarding the repair of his fence and removal of debris from his paddock was noted. Cllr. Waterfield agreed to meet with Terry Wiles to have the debris removed and the fence repaired.

698. Finance

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

Accounts for Payment September 2013						
No.	Name	Chq No.	Description	Net	VAT	Total
60	Clerk's expenses	102342	Postage, print cartridges, photocopying etc.	53.87	7.73	61.60
61	CGM Landscapes	102343	Churchyard/cemetery	126.00	25.20	151.20
			Litter picking & general grounds maintenance	79.75	15.95	95.70
62	E.on	102344	August street lighting	141.95	28.39	170.34
63	Nicola Lane*	102345	5th Aug to 30 Aug	309.50	0.00	309.50
64	Jean Eady*	102346	24 hours 28th Aug to 24th Sept	0.00	0.00	0.00
65	Norse	102347	Football pitches - 6 monthly charge	1124.68	224.94	1349.62
	Norse	102347	Play area - 6 monthly charge	1750.64	350.13	2100.77
66	Westcotec Ltd.	102348	Street light maintenance September	74.50	14.90	89.40
67	R Waterfield	102349	Black sacks	12.50	2.50	15.00
				3673.39	669.74	4343.13
	*salaries shown together for data protection					

698.2 Income received for the month was noted.
£140.00 Cemetery

699. Planning

699.1 To receive Planning Applications/Decisions.

<p>Planning app 13/01278/RM – Reserved Matters application for 10/01558/O for Approval of the details of the landscaping of the site at 51 The Wroe, Emneth. The planning application was approved on a proposal by Cllr. Towler, seconded by Cllr. Harper. All in favour.</p> <p>For info only:- Planning app 13/01045/EXF – Extension of time for alterations & extension to existing bungalow at 26 Hungate Road, Emneth – BC approved.</p>	<p>Planning app 13/01302/F - Proposed 3 bed 2 storey energy efficient dwelling with detached garage and associated works @ 97A Hollycroft Road, Emneth. The planning application was approved on a proposal by Cllr. Harper, seconded by Cllr. White. 10 were in favour, 1 against.</p> <p>Appeal 'dismissed' against Planning app 12/01200/O – Construction of one dwelling @ Land adjacent 68 Elmside, Emneth. Reason = 'would cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the surrounding area'.</p>
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699.2 The letter from Philip Jones regarding Tramways Farm Shop & Land, Outwell Road for consideration in the LDF Consultation & the subsequent response from the Chairman was noted.

700. General Correspondence

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700.1 The Rural Citizen's Advice Bureau's AGM date was noted.

700.2 It was agreed to renew Norfolk RCC Bronze membership at £20.00.

701. Borough Council of KL & WN issues.

701.1 County Cllr. Humphrey reported on a business rates pooling scheme that the BC might be joining with NCC and other districts. This would involve the 50% levy on business rate increase, which would normally go to Government, would be retained for use in the county. The BC estimate that their increase could be £860,000 with £430,000 retained in the borough and £430,000 pooled.

702. Norfolk County Council issues.

702.1 £144m savings have been made over the last 3 years but a further £189m needs to be saved over the coming 3 years. There is currently a 12 week NCC consultation regarding 'savings' – they are asking the public for their opinions on what/how/where they feel savings/cuts should be made.

703. Norfolk County Council Highways Issues.

703.1 Cllr. Curtis requested urgent assistance from County Cllr. Humphrey with the hedge along Hawthorn Road from one end of the terraced houses to the other which is so badly overgrown the fire engines attending a recent fire were unable to access the road.

703.2 Pot hole o/s the church in Gaultree Square, approx. 6" deep.

703.3 A new post mounting kit is required for the dog waste bin at Ladys Drove. A temporary repair has been made.

704. Footway Lighting issues.

704.1 Two faults reported this month.

705. Playing Field issues.

705.1 The zip wire recently installed is currently out of action.

705.2 The dyke needs clearing as is full of reeds 12ft high.

705.3 Cllr. McCourt reported on several issues he has concerns with regarding the Emneth Seniors/Emneth Reserves and the Hungate Youth participation at the Playing Field. It was agreed that Cllr. McCourt and Cllr. Waterfield would arrange a meeting with Alex Lane to iron out any misunderstandings.

705.4 The Legal Officer at Fields in Trust does not think that the land needs to be registered, advice is being sought from Brian Bowser. Just 2 endorsements need to go with the Deed, 1) to confirm that the field now has QE11 Status and 2) that the field is leased to the Playing Field Committee.

Cllr. Howard left the meeting.

706. Cemetery issues.

706.1 To date, John Maxey has not received a response from Mr & Mrs Howard.

706.2 Clerk to continue to try and locate the Claude Coates paperwork detailing the bequest to the Playing Field.

707. Agricultural holdings.

707.1 Cllr. White reported that he felt part of the agricultural holdings belonging to the PC would be a cheaper option for future burial ground.

708. Date of Next Meeting.

708.1 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd October 2013 @ 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.11pm

Chairman's signature -----