# HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN: V TALLOWIN VICE CHAIRMAN: H PURNELL COUNCILLORS: M ELLIOTT, R COOK, M J ELLIOTT, N BAKER, K MOODY, L WEST, D BEALES, Clerk: Mrs S Sainsbury

#### **7.15PM** <u>Public Participation</u> – The Chairman welcomed 42 parishioners.

The following point(s) were raised:

Councillor Nick Baker took many questions on the issue of having a wind turbine in the village and on the parish meeting called on the 31<sup>st</sup> August for the same matter. A Question and Answer sheet is attached to these minutes.

# 8.23pm The Parish Council meeting commenced with no public participation -

- 1. APOLOGIES Cllr's D Pugh and I Watton
- 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING -These were approved as circulated.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING none
- 4. DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR'S INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING Cllr N Baker declares a personal interest in all planning applications from NNDC

# 5. CORRESPONDENCE -

- a) **NALC** Broads Authority Forum voting form, it was proposed by Vice Chairman H Purnell and seconded by Cllr K Moody and all were in agreement to vote for Mr M Flett, Ludham PC and Mr H May, Potter Heigham PC. Clerk to respond.
- b) Broads Authority Planning Forum on 29th Sept, due to our workload at the present time

no one is available to attend, but Clerk to reply and suggest Wind Turbines as a future topic on their agenda.

- c) NNDC New Housing Strategy for North Norfolk. Cllr N Baker suggested we write and support their views on affordable housing as this was a key issue in the strategy. Chairman and Clerk to respond by the deadline of 30 Sept.
- d) **NNDC** Dog Control Orders sites have been indentified but Hickling's sites have not been included. Clerk to follow up.
- e) Abbotts Countrywide Estate Agents Letter confirming completion of sale of the Community Hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 200.
- f) Mrs M Longbottom Resignation letter of Widow's Acre charity (see Confidential)
- g) Mrs K Moody Resignation letter of Widow's Acre charity (see Confidential)
- h) **Mr Tansley** Change of boat mooring, but as the mooring in question is still occupied this will deferred until such time one comes available.
- i) NNDC Grass verge cutting by NNDC will cease as from next year (see Item 10)
- j) **Mr Golby** concerns over disabled access from car park into Methodist Hall. It was agreed for a meeting with the Methodist Church to address this problem. Clerk to arrange.
- k) **Natural England -** European Habitats Directive: Natura 2000. This is to include the Lessor Whirlpool Ram's Horn Snail to the Broads SAC.

1) **Wind Turbine** – Letters have been received from parishioners stating their concerns on the issue of a wind turbine for the village hall project, as alot of the concerns had already

been mentioned in the public participation session it was felt unnecessary to read out the letters only to note who they were from – Mrs A Phelps, Mrs S Benjamin, Mrs D Scott, Mr Chinman, Mr Freeman, Mr P Berrie, Mrs s Clarke, B&J Aldridge and Mr Crabb. All these letters will be answered by the charity who are managing the new village hall project.

- m) **Mrs A Lambard -** Letter informing the parish council that she is calling a parish meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> August regarding the wind turbine issue.
- n) Norfolk Link booklet Item on Precept Consultation, it was felt that NALC are campaigning on our behalf as no definite answers are available as yet. The Election Costs to be included in our next precept figures.
- o) Town & Parish Area Forum Minutes from 6<sup>th</sup> July.
- p) **CPRE Green Buildings in Norfolk** Open days 23 & 26 Sep, but as the NBT have been in close contact with Neatishead it was felt unnecessary for anyone to attend.
- q) **Mr P Berrie** Letter regarding issue of communication & transparency by the parish council. Clerk to respond.
- r) Ms C Gray Letter outlining her concerns over the playing field usage.

The Parish Council Standing Orders were suspended -

Mrs D Scott asked why her letter had been included in all the others. See item l

Cllr N Baker suggested that some letters should be answered quicker depending on their content.

Standing Orders were resumed.

# 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

a) <i>Expenses</i>	Cheque no.		Income	B/ Slip No
*Methodist Hall (Water Usage)	101913	£ 400.00	£ 271.92	10
*CPS Fuels (mower fuel)	101914	£ 161.44	£ 1510.83	11
*N Hancox Solicitors (Com Hall Sale)	101916	£ 705.00	£ 183.92	12
*Abbotts Countrywide (Com Hall Sale)	101917	£ 2379.38		
*Scott Wilson (pd on behalf of charity)	101918	£ 1656.75		
S Sainsbury (Imprest)	101919	£ 78.20		
S Sainsbury (underpyt from Apr-Jun)	101920	£ 62.50		
Anglian Water (Com hall final inv)	101921	£ 25.07		
Strato Web Hosting (pd to B Sainsbury)	101922	£ 49.91		
Methodist Hall (hire 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	101923	£ 12.00		
EON (Com Hall final inv)	101924	£ 24.54		
EON (rec grd)	101925	£ 22.85	£ 1966.67	
Leisure Publishing (pd on behalf of charity)	101926	£ 145.79		
Mr A Nudd (revarnish of seats etc)	101927	£ 350.00		
Leisure Publishing ( pd on behalf of charity)	101928	£ 28.79		
*paid before this meeting Total		£ 6102.22		

b) Budget to Date – Distributed July, Oct, Jan & March

- c) Insurance reimbursement of £1510.83 on deletion of community hall on insurance policy.
- d) Refund on rates of £147.07 on sale of community hall.

# 7. PLANNING -

# NNDC – decisions

1. Beaconsfield Farm, Ingham Road - Erection of Games Room/Annexe, Garage & Tractor

#### Shed – permit

2. Nether Hall, Ouse Lane – Erection of Detached 4 Berth Garage & Entrance Gate & Walls

### – permit

3. Land at Ouse Lane – Erection of Village Hall – permit *Cllr N Baker declared a personal interest in the above applications as he is a NNDC Officer.* 

**NNDC** – new applications

1. Grosvenor cottage, Stubb Road – Erection of single-Storey Side Ext – no objections Due to time restraint the above application was circulated before this

meeting

- 2. Path Cottage, Staithe Road Erection of Single-Storey Side Ext no objections *Chairman V Tallowin declared a personal interest in the above application*
- 3. Community Hall, The Street Conversion to Residential building no objections

# 8. PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTY REPORTS

#### a) Staithe

1. At the property walk it was agreed that the quay heading works was not priority at the moment but to obtain quotes for the re aligning of the slipways. Clerk to respond.

### b) Community Hall

1. The completion of sale was on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at the price of £135k, it was agreed to invest this money asap for at least 6 mths to accrue some interest. Cllr N Baker proposed and Cllr R Cook seconded and all were in agreement for the Clerk to invest in a safe haven.

#### c) Chapel Pond

1.No update was available, but it had been fully explained by D Skinner when councillors

visited the area on the property walk. Clerk to get an update for the next meeting.

It was suggested about the rainwater being harvested from the roof of the Methodist Hall for piping into the pond. Clerk to follow up with D Skinner and Methodist Hall wardens.

- **9. Footpath Maps** No update was available this month but was assured there will be one for the next meeting.
- **10. Grass Cutting of Verges** See item 5i, it was decided to defer this until the whole issue of grass cutting and rotas are looked at for next season.
- **11. Parish Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> August** See item 5m and minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010. As a letter from Mrs A Lambard informing the parish council that she was calling a parish meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> August had invoked the process of a referendum of the whole village, and as 10

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parishioners including Mrs Lambard supported the motion the process had to go ahead. The referendum was agreed by the Returning Officer at NNDC and would take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> October at a cost on the parish precept. There would be no postal or proxy voting and no polling cards. The count will be done directly after the poll closes at 9pm but the outcome is not binding.

It was agreed that a leaflet should be distributed to all residents of the village explaining the situation and answering some concerns over the wind turbine issue. Cllrs N Baker & R Cook will draft out a leaflet and the method of distributing to be discussed at the NBT meeting on the  $9^{\text{th}}$  Sept.

### 12. Property Walk

- **1a** To obtain 3 quotes for the slipway realignment and for sandbags filled with a loose mix of cement and sand for infilling/shoring up bank by the seat. Clerk to respond.
- **2b** A sign for the play area stating age range is not practical as difficult to enforce or monitor.
- **3d** The willow tree over bus shelter to be monitored as would be a shame to cut back.
- **3h** The guttering on the bus hselter requires some attention to stop the flooding of bus stop. Clerk to respond.
- **4.** The village sign requires a clean and some remedial attention to post and stand. Clerk to obtain quotes.

# **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

The Chairman asked for a proposal that a resolution be introduced, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public and the press in order to consider items in a confidential session. Cllr N Baker proposed, and Cllr L West seconded, such a motion. All were in approval.

As the meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> August had been in confidential due to sensitive information being discussed the approval of these were approved in this session – no matters arising.

The issue of the charity Widow's Acre and the resignations from the charity of Mrs M Longbottom and Mrs K Moody, was discussed but as a reply from the secretary had not been received it was agreed that no further progress could be made for the time being. The Clerk had written to Linda Ashby at the Charity Commissioners explaining the situation and was awaiting her reply and advice on the matter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Hall.

#### There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 10.20pm.

Signature

Dated