

Mr Lambard remarked about being 'sick and tired' and we should all be working together. He also mentioned about a shop, but as Cllr N Baker explained at this moment in time it is not allowed in the objects of our charity or on charitable land and would it really work being Tesco's is so close ! It may be a possibility in the future but the finances would have to 'stack up' and it would have to be self sufficient.

7.50 The Parish Council meeting commenced with no public participation –

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs D Beales, I Watton & K Moody.
2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - These were approved as circulated.
3. **MATTERS ARISING** –
Item 8 Precept – It was agreed that the precept be raised by the RPI. this was checked by the Clerk who notified everyone that it was 4.6% resulting in a rise of £350.15p making a total of £7962.15p. The form was completed and returned accordingly.
4. **DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR'S INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING** – none
5. **PLANNING** –
NNDC – decisions
 1. Eastfield Farm, Eastfield Rd – Erection of replacement dwelling – permit
 2. Community Centre, The Street – Conversion to Dwelling - permit
6. **CORRESPONDENCE** -
 - a) **Broads Authority** – Governance Review Update.
 - b) **Citizens Advice North Walsham** – Annual Accounts and request for a donation. As 106 Hickling parishioners had used this service in 2010 it was felt that a donation of £100 would be appropriate. Cllr R Cook proposed and Vice Chairman seconded the motion and all agreed for the Clerk to raise a cheque accordingly.
 - c) **Stalham & Happing** - Minutes from 21st September.
 - d) **Unlock Democracy** – Email regarding an issue with The Sustainable Communities Act. No response to be given.
 - e) **NNDC** – Letter confirming we have entered (6 Nov) the 'six months rule' whereby if a vacancy occurs no election can take place although if necessary the vacancy can be filled by the co-option method.
 - f) **Mrs D Scott** – Letter about the method of displaying agenda's and minutes in the village. Clerk explained current procedure. See public participation session above.
 - g) **Mr K & Mrs T Elliott** – Letter regarding a planning application, to be revisited when application received.
 - h) **Mr M Scott** - Email requesting the 'Wish List' of activities requested in the last survey.
 - i) **Public Works Loan Board (PWLb)** – Confirmation that a loan would be available if required.
 - j) **NNDC** – Request for the Chairman & Clerk to meet with Legal Services to clarify what their office can offer the parish council on governance issues but other matters to be directed through our own solicitor Mr N Hancox.
 - k) **Upper Thurne Update** – Meeting on the 9th December. No one is available to attend.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

a) Expenses	Cheque no.		Income	B/ Slip No
S Sainsbury Imprest	101941	£ 38.48	£ 63.59	15
NNDC Parish Poll	101943	£ 558.10	£ 35.77	16
Methodist Hall Hire (Dec 6)	101946	£ 12.00		
S Sainsbury (Bonus)	101945	£ 500.00		
Total		£ 1108.58	£ 99.36	

- b) Budget to Date – Distributed July, Oct, Jan & March
- c) NWACTA Donation, it was proposed by Cllr N Baker and seconded by Cllr L West and all were in favour that a sum of £400 be forwarded due to it being such a valuable service to the village and 216 trips had been undertaken by Hickling parishioners in 2010. The cheque was raised and signed accordingly, (101944).

8. PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTY REPORTS

a) Staithe

1. The slipway adjustments and sandbags for the small dyke edge. The Clerk explained that 4 companies had been approached, one could not undertake the work until late May 2011 and no replies had been received from the others. Due to time running out for the work to be undertaken before the season begins, it was agreed that after consulting with councillors that a quote be accepted before the next meeting .

b) Chapel Pit

1. The bore hole is progressing well, with the bonus of a better more efficient reconditioned pump being donated by Mr F Page, the Control Panel is built, the fuse board and fuses are in place so should be operational by spring 2011.
2. The bus shelter repairs quotes were discussed, with Mr Hodgson being successful in securing the work. Clerk to respond.

9. CHAPEL PIT CAR PARK

Further to a meeting with H Gibbons regarding the disabled access to the chapel a quote was received of £515.06 or £581.06 for paving slabs and materials, but the labour would be provided free of charge. This was discussed and Cllr L West proposed and Cllr M Elliott seconded and all agreed that a sum of £150 be donated towards the costs. This would be for the area between the gravel edge and the chapel garden wall from the back of the new porch to where the disabled entrance is situated.

10. FOOTPATH MAPS

This is still outstanding as the RB3 footpath has not been resolved yet, so another meeting will be arranged with the footpath officer to discuss other anomalies on the draft map.

11. GRASS CUTTING

Cllr D Pugh gave notice that he will retire in May 2011 after 8 years of organising the mower and grass cutting rota's. In light of the new hall it was felt that the entire operation should be reassessed before the next season begins. Clerk to investigate other companies for quotes for reference and comparison against our costs.

12. NEW BUILD TEAM UPDATE

Cllr R Cook gave a brief update on recent events, the open day on the 13th November was well supported with over 70 people attending with many positive comments. The plans are displayed in the foyer of the Methodist hall with a box for comments. As we have been advised to have a separate solicitor to deal with the charity business separate from the parish council, 2 solicitors have been approached and the trustees will appoint one at their next meeting and Nicholas Hancox will be retained as the parish council's solicitors.

CONFIDENTIAL

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. The Chairman thanked the parishioners for their attendance as they left the meeting.

The Chairman Viv Tallowin explained that we had held a meeting with the trustees and others relating to the Widow's Acre charity and it transpired that it was a subsidiary of the Poor's Land charity. It had been agreed at that meeting that there were 3 options to take these charities forward;

- 1 – A member of the parish council should be appointed as an additional trustee to the Poor's Land, to administer Widow's Acre on behalf of the parent charity as historically the parish council always used to have members on the Poor's Land charity.
- 2 – Widow's Acre could be treated as a 'small accepted' charity and run by the parish council and would still have to publish accounts at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 3 – Widow's Acre set up as a separate charity with new trustees.

It was proposed by Cllr N Baker and seconded by Vice Chairman H Purnell that the Parish Council offer to take on the trusteeship of either or both of these charities as a 'corporate body'. This was put to the vote with 4 in favour 3 against, the Chairman Viv Tallowin abstained from voting due to having a personal interest, so the motion was carried. Clerk to write to all parties concerned.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 10th January 2011 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Hall.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

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Signature

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Dated