

HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 13th October 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, IAN WATTON
 K MOODY, L WEST, D BEALES, RICHARD COOK, DAVID PUGH,
 Clerk: Mrs S Sainsbury

7.15PM Public Participation –

The Chairman welcomed District Councillor S Partridge, County Councillor P Rice and 18 parishioners and invited Cllr Richard Cook to speak. In his role as Chairman of the New Build Team he proceeded to read out a statement from the NBT regarding information on the recently held Parish Poll, this report is attached to these minutes, also to be included in the minute book and reported in the village next news sheet.

The following point(s) were raised:

Mr P Berrie wanted the position between the parish council and the Hickling Playing Field or Recreation Ground (HPFor RG) clarified ? A: They are the same people but as a 'corporate body trustee' of the charity.

Mr C Glass asked about the conflict of interest between the two parties ? A: We have 3 independent advisors to ensure that the interests of the charity are maintained.

Mr P Berrie felt there was a feeling of discomfort over this issue ? A: We have taken advice from the Charity Commissioners on this and they are happy with the situation.

Mr Burdett was reassured by the statement read out by Cllr R Cook at the beginning of the meeting.

Mrs A Glass asked if we were going to ask the village again what they wanted, as although she felt a village hall was required she didn't know why a sports hall ? A: The chairman explained the new hall must be multi functional to cater for everyone in the village and another more detailed survey is going to be undertaken shortly.

Mr Lambard asked if the wind turbine issue will be revisited ? A: The Chairman explained that you can never say never but at this moment in time we are concentrating on getting the hall built, including other green energy systems already agreed on, if and when the issue is raised in the future the village will be consulted.

Mr I Kemp stated that communication across the village has been bad in the last few months ! A: As explained we do put relevant information in the news sheet and all parish council meetings can be attended by parishioners and questions can be put to the council, there is also some information on the web site.

District Councillor S Partridge made a brief speech saying that as he is one of the independent advisors he can assure parishioners that all is being done correctly and the idea cannot be shelved completely but the parishioners must trust the council/charity who are working very hard for the village as a whole. Although he felt communication issues must be addressed. He then left the meeting. The chairman explained that as parish councillors the interest of the village is paramount then as corporate trustees the benefits of the charity are at the forefront, it was a situation we inherited and we have to do the best we can. If anyone had any ideas on how we can improve communications with the village please let us know.

7.45 The Parish Council meeting commenced with no public participation –

1. APOLOGIES – none

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING -
These were approved as circulated.

3. MATTERS ARISING –

Item 5j – The chairman and clerk met with Harvey Gibbons re the disabled access and he is going to look into some paving slabs to be placed between the church wall and gravel, he

asked if the parish council would contribute to some of the cost of the slabs and he will organise the labour for free. A quote should be provided by the next meeting.

4. DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR'S INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING –

CLlr N Baker declares a personal interest in all planning applications from NNDC
Chairman V Tallowin declared a personal interest in planning item 7.1

5. CORRESPONDENCE -

- a) NCC - Highway & Community Rangers new service online, for reporting faults and information on road works etc.
- b) NCC – New Pilot Interactive Digital TV service for accessing NCC information via the TV/Sky satellite as a pilot scheme to see if this would be a useful tool for the future. Information to be displayed in GAM board and in the news sheet.
- c) NCC – Norfolk Matters leaflet to be in electronic format to save on printing costs.
- d) **AJ & JM Knight** – Letter requesting to be added to the Wet Berth Waiting List. Clerk to respond.
- e) NCC – Norfolk Third Local Transport Plan & Road Safety consultation had not taken into account road safety issues, everyone agreed this should be included in the plan. Clerk to respond.
- f) **Mr S Doe** - Letter requesting to be added to the Wet Berth Waiting List. Clerk to respond.
- g) **Charity Commission** – Email concerning issues over the charity Widows Acre. A meeting to be arranged.
- h) **Open letter** - A letter from 13 parishioners regarding their issues with the new hall. The report from the NBT clarified some of the queries and the letter will be passed over to the charity trustees.
- i) **Active Norfolk** – The village games took place on 8th September at Sheringham High School and was well attended. This is a 3 year project to promote sports across Norfolk and it was felt we should keep this in mind when the new hall is being promoted.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

a) *Expenses* *Cheque no.* *Income* *B/ Slip No*

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Cheque no.</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>B/ Slip No</i>
S Sainsbury Imprest	101932	£ 32.51	£ 212.15 13
S Sainsbury	101933	£ 812.50	
Brown & Co (Allotment rent)	101935	£ 245.00	
Methodist Hall Hire (Oct 13['])	101934	£ 12.00	
Mazars (Audit Commission)	101935	£ 334.88	
St Mary's PCC (Grass Cutting)	101937	£ 300.00	
Cheques 101929/30/31 VOID			
Total		£ 1736.89	£ 212.15

- b) Budget to Date – Distributed July, Oct, Jan & March
- c) Mazars signed off Annual Return, relevant pages advertised in the GAM board.
- d) The Precept form return deadline 19th November.

7. PLANNING –

NNDC – new applications

1. Eastfield Farm, Eastfield Road – Erection of Replacement House – support
Chairman VT declared a personal interest in the above item and refrained from commenting.

Cllr N Baker declared a personal interest in the above application as he is a NNDC Officer.

NNDC – decisions

1. Grosvenor cottage, Stubb Road – Erection of single-Storey Side Ext – permit
2. Path Cottage, Staithe Road – Erection of Single-Storey Side Ext – permit

8.15pm At this point only 4 parishioners remained at the meeting.

8. PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTY REPORTS

a) Staithe

1. The quotes for the slipway adjustments and the sandbags for the small dyke edge are still outstanding. Clerk to respond.

b) Chapel Pit

1. The bore hole is still ongoing, but no update was available for tonight's meeting.
2. The bus shelter guttering quote is still outstanding. Clerk has asked for a quote today.

9. Footpath Maps - Clerk to arrange a meeting with the footpath officer to confirm details on boards etc. Cllr K Moody would like to attend as Cllr L West will be on holiday.

10. Parish Poll – The result was 433 voted – 247 against – 186 in favour. A statement was read out by Cllr R Cook at the beginning of this meeting and is attached to these minutes in full, and will be included in the next news sheet publication.

11. New Build Team Update - As per statement attached to these minutes.

Standing Orders were suspended – It was reported that the sign at the turning of Town Street pointing to the church required attention. CC Paul Rice offered to investigate.
Standing Orders were resumed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 1st November 2010 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Hall.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

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Signature

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Dated