

DITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The 2011 September meeting was held in the village hall at 7.30p.m. on the 5th with Cllr. Green in the Chair and the following present – Cllrs. M.C. & M.P. Ankrett, Bent, Chadd, Cossey, James, Kirkpatrick, Mulley, Pegg & Weston together with clerk John Smith. Also present were PCSO Nightingale, county councillor Tomkinson, district councillor Allen & five members of the public, being the Fairheads, Cheers, and Colin Mison.

Parishioner Question Time was agreed to include PCSO Nightingale's presentation which detailed recent activities the bulk of which appertained to eleven nuisance calls. The bus shelter abuse was supported by photographs from Cllr. Weston. Unsuppressed motor cycles were distorting T/V reception. In general it appeared that little solace would be forthcoming from police unless crimes were seen by them. Ample opportunity was given to put questions following which he left at 7.55p.m. Colin Mison complained of footpath inaccessibility at the bottom of Sandy Lane & was loathe to accept that the part complained of was not a public right of way. With the Chair not allowing further discussion on the matter Colin Mison departed. Items, (all of which prior notice had been given) relating to road safety, the bus shelter & this council going for Quality Status were raised by Sharon Cheer. With the likelihood of new committees which would deal with the first two and the latter being impossible unless the clerk gained qualifications which had come into being further debate did not take place.

1. With all councillors present there were no apologies.
2. No declarations of interest were forthcoming.
3. The minutes of the last meeting (18th July) were confirmed and signed.

4. Business arising

Training course for councillors was over subscribed & Cllrs. Green, Mulley, Pegg and Weston would be notified of the additional date when received.

Incinerator response from this council had brought forth a vitriolic E mail objecting to the opinion expressed and the clerk's answer was agreed to be most appropriate. ERNB Meeting had put our chairman on the board and Tony Tomkinson stressed that the next one at Loddon should be well attended so as to have Ditchingham matters prioritised.

Nfk. Safety Camera Partnership had received a large response and we would be able to participate as soon as possible. Tony Tomkinson advised that another look be taken at Speedwatch participation and clerk was instructed to follow this up.

Local Development Framework update had been received noting all sites applied for and once again dis. Cllr. Allen stressed that if this council kept to their original stance that none be accepted for future development an area could be forced upon it. With the deadline being 18th November for final views a unanimous decision agreed a fifteen minute slot at our 7th November meeting for further discussion.

Play Area equipment painting was imminent and Cllr. Weston reported on the positive steps he had undertaken to obtain a grant for a replacement see-saw.

5. Report Updates

Police taken earlier.

County Cllr. Tomkinson reported on the steps being taken by the Water Board at Broome to prevent Traveller occupation. It was expected that on 1st October the current police number would be replaced by 101 which would go through to a national centre. A query from Cllr. James on cessation of county footpath maintenance could not be answered

Dis. Cllr. Allen's input would come under item 8.

6 The clerk was able to report a completely satisfactory Audit Com. Annual Report. Cheques agreed & signed- J.A.Smith salary/petty cash £762.07/S.Fairhead £52.50. Between meetings Norse £978.34/Mazaars audit fee £162/J.A.Smith petty cash £96.33/P.Mobbs £75/Norse £978.34.

7. Planning

Approved between meetings – 1282 Condition variations on app. 200/1439 to accommodate amendments to house types & requirements for foul water drainage Affordable Housing/1283 floor ext. & internal alterations 38 Norwich Road. SNC decisions - both approvals 1099 9 The Loke & 0854 Hedge removal B1332. Broads decisions – both approvals 0144/5 12 D.Dam & 0196 11 Alma Cots. An invitation to attend a Broads Planning Forum was taken up by the Chair.

8. Good Neighbour Scheme/Community Local Planning had been furthered by a meeting convened by Dis. Cllr. Allen with the four chairmen (Ditchingham, Broome, Hedenham & Thwaite) and the current position was to organise an approach to all residents to ascertain their feelings following which a public meeting could result in a steering committee being formed.

9. Working Practice issues tabled at the July meeting had been put to all councillors and clerk in a questionnaire, the summary of which was distributed by Cllr. Weston. With the results strongly favourable three committees were formed with everyone participating. Cllr.Green would draw up Terms of Reference in a few weeks, probably meeting with Chairs first to agree procedures. From the clerk's detailing of his activities an interesting breakdown was provided as to how his time was spent. 20%admin/21% liaising with Chair & Councillors/7.6% liaising with County & District Councils/36% dealing with queries from residents & amenity issues/15% preparation & attendance at meetings(although in this particular period the maltings exhibition was included).

10. The French twinning invitation was passed to Cllr. Chadd to obtain more information and would be an agenda item at the November meeting.