

JULY 2012

DITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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by

The 2012 July meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> in the village hall at 7.30 p.m. with Cllr. Green in the Chair and the following present – Cllrs. M.C & M.P. Ankrett, Cossey, James, Kirkpatrick, Mison, Mulley and Weston together with clerk John Smith. Also present were county Cllr. Tomkinson and district Cllr. Allen. No members of the public were present.

1. Confirmation & adoption of the new Code of Conduct was unanimously agreed on Cllr. Mulley's proposal 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr. Kirkpatrick and the clerk confirmed that all present had handed him their Registration of Interest forms. JS

2. Apology for absence accepted from Cllr. Chadd and Cllr. Green reported the resignation of Cllr. Pegg for personal reasons. Steps would be taken to fill this vacancy. JS

3. No Members Interests were declared.

4. Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

5. No Matters Arising which were not covered on the agenda.

6. Reports

Police attendance had not been possible but information on crime last month reported just three, being all thefts from vehicles.

County Cllr Tomkinson reported that the Kings Lynn incineration plant was going ahead, as was NCC purchase of ex RAF Coltishall. The 4.5 million cost of the latter coming from council savings this year.

He took on board council reservations over the roundabout advertising and would represent these to the appropriate Officer and report back in writing. TT

District Cllr. Allen reported that the Neighbourhood Board questionnaire seeking residents' views on their spending preferences had produced just 40 replies from Ditchingham. Affordable Housing should see occupants very shortly and just the three shared ownership ones remained with no suitable takers. It would be necessary to widen the catchment area in all probability.

Local Development Framework proposals were being finalised today.

She agreed with Cllr. Green's comments on the need for the ERV Neighbourhood Board meetings to be much more focussed with a new title. SAM use in the village should be investigated further. JS

7. Finances

1<sup>st</sup> quarter figures and the bank reconciliation brought no comments. Cheques as per annex A were confirmed.

8. Planning & Highways Advisory Committee Chair, Cllr. Weston had no new applications to report on with SNC decisions listed as in annex C.



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The Belsey Bridge river problem had been satisfactorily dealt with. Roundabout advertising had been discussed earlier. Cllr. Weston would be writing to NCC as road signs needing attention did not receive any prompt action & councillors were asked to report any such signs to him prior to the next meeting.

A.L.L.

Long term/Overnight parking in Loddon Road would be investigated as would path obstruction.

J.S.

K.W.

Footpath obstruction by overgrown hedges would be dealt with through committee. Correspondence confirmed Maltings work to be imminent.

9. Local Development Chair, Cllr. Chadd's report was read by Cllr. Weston and spoke of the efforts to further support for young persons and among these were additions to the village green skate ramp, provision of goalposts (authorised up to £750), and youth shelter provision. Grants were being actively being pursued.

J.S./K.W.

J.C./R.M.

Yard Sales strategy would be progressed by Cllrs. Chadd & Mulley.

Maintenance & Environment Chair, Cllr. Kirkpatrick, reported on Play Area refurbishment with grants being sought and a petition, being prepared, which would support proof of needs.

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10. Policy regarding use of Assets was deemed necessary concerning the village green and following discussion a requested Boot Sale from the Friends of All Hallows would be allowed on 4th August at a cost of £30. This was proposed by Cllr. Weston, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr. Mulley and passed with just one councillor against.

J.S.

Councillors were asked to reflect on their attitude towards a scale of charges and inform the clerk, in writing, of them prior to the next meeting at which they would be debated.

A.L.L.

11. A draft Risk Assessment Policy was distributed by the Chair and with this being a statutory obligation councillors were requested to consider it and advise the clerk before the next meeting of their views.

A.L.L.

It was unanimously agreed to form a Finance & Resources Committee with 4 members but at present it would consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr. Cossey until the fourth was appointed.

Recognising it being 12 months since the introduction of "new ways of working", the Chair thanked committees for their sterling efforts since formation.

12. Cllr. Weston reported on correspondence from Hobart High School which is consulting on proposal to become an Academy. He read his reply to an E mail seeking answers to several pertinent questions as to the benefits. In order for the council to formulate a reply a questionnaire and more guidance would be circulated to Cllrs. Replies to Cllr. Weston prior to the September meeting.

K.W.

13. Urgent Other Business None was forthcoming.

14. Next scheduled meetings Council 17<sup>th</sup> Sept/Planning Ad. Committee 13<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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