

NOVEMBER 2012

174

DITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Action by

The 2012 November meeting was held on the 19th in the village hall at 7.30p.m. with Cllr.Green in the Chair & the following present-Cllrs.M.C. & M.P.Ankrett, Chadd,James,Kirkpatrick,Mison,Mulley,Ogden & Weston together with clerk John Smith. Also present was Dis.Cllr.Allen but with no members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllr.Cossey(sickness) & the police.

2. No Members Interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the last meeting were gone through item by item by the Chair so as to enable their signing as a true record. However five points were raised, albeit by the Chair & Vice Chair, leading the clerk, and certainly some councillors, to believe that this was a follow on from the last meeting when a Minutes Protocol put forward by these two Officers had been heavily defeated. One councillor went so far as to say this might be construed as a vendetta against the clerk whilst another considered it nit picking. Consequently he felt his position was untenable unless he had the confidence of councillors. This was forthcoming on Cllr. M.P.Ankrett's proposal, seconded by Cllr.James.

This was denied and no one disagreed that minutes needed to be correct, consequently the amendments would be inserted at the end of the meeting so enabling them to be signed. That concerning the questionnaire from SNC concerning electoral registers for all councillors was confirmed by Dis.Cllr.Allen to have been sent in error.

4. Matters arising

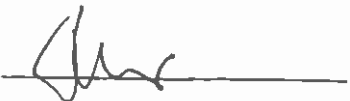
Heath Parking had proved to be out of the question as the Ecological Surveyor had advised the Estate that there was no way that SNC would sanction an Application. The clerk reported that following work by NCC vehicles were causing no more JS obstruction than on other stretches of Loddon Road but Cllr.Mulley's point that the "No Overnight Parking" signs be enforced by this being a condition on the fishing permits would be followed up. Periodic checks would monitor the situation.

Overgrown hedge opposite to the garage had finally been really cut back thanks to the intervention of NCC. who also had the Pavement restoration on the Dam in hand.

5 Reports

PC Farrow had kindly sent details of crimes during the period 1/10/12 to 19/11/12 being 8 burglary, 11 criminal damage & 1 theft. The former being actively investigated by Gt. Yarmouth CID.

Dis.Cllr.Allen's comprehensive report stated that an Environmental Best Practice Award had gone to Hastoe Housing for the affordable housing schemes in Broome & Ditchingham & the SNC Design Award was won for the new buildings.


24 Jan 2013

Happily the ERV NB - part of SNC – had awarded £5K towards the new skate park equipment

Cllr.Mulley's efforts to stop speeding by use of the SAM equipment had been excellent and was an item in the current edition of the Link magazine.

Halloween night had passed off with no problems and been supported by SNC.

The LDF consultation period finished in October with 11,000 responses.

6. Finances

Cheques as per Annex A were authorised & the 2nd qtr.internal audit Annex B confirmed.

Budget position to 30th Sept. & annual forecast Annex C brought no questions.

Precept needs for year 1/4/13 to 31/3/14 were detailed in information tabled which came from a meeting of the Finance & Resources committee. That meeting had the Chairs of the Planning & Highways/Local Development & Maint. & Environment Committees present, being Cllrs.Weston, Chadd & Kirkpatrick. The clerk attended and Cllr.Green accepted Cllr.Cossey's apology through sickness.

Having tabled this very detailed appraisal of the council finances Cllr.Weston proposed a five minute break to allow perusal.

Following discussion it was agreed that £18K was a necessary precept to enable the existing strategy being pursued by the council to continue. However if the support for the young people was to be furthered £2K more was requested. It was noted that some £15K from outside sources in the form of grants had come so it was reasonable to expect a contribution from residents.

Consequently a precept of £20K was commended to councillors and with Cllr. Chadd proposing acceptance, seconded by Cllr.Weston the motion was accepted with just one abstention.

7 Reports

Planning Committee Applications were detailed as per Annex D and were self-explanatory.

8. Advisory Committee Reports


Planning & Highways Chair, Cllr.Weston, intended an item in the Parishioner requesting that pavement parking be avoided whenever possible. KW

Advertising on the roundabout would be monitored & Dis.Cllr.Allen advised that both residents and council should complain when necessary.

Nothing had been heard officially about chicken statue siting at this time.

Local Development Chair, Cllr.Chadd presented a very detailed report on activities, including a recommendation that car parking be curtailed on the Dip/appreciation of the goalpost siting/awards of two grants totalling £15K for youth projects/possible use of the Sports Centre Gym.during the day/bringing of cultural events to the village. Stephen Read would be taking a look at our web site as he is familiar with Word Press.

Maintenance & Environment Chair, Cllr. Kirkpatrick reported that the Play Area



 21 Jan 2013

maintenance would go ahead and schools had been involved with the questionnaire to assist in obtaining a further grant on their behalf. RK
 Consideration would be given to a further seat in the cemetery.

Matters coming from the Finance & Resources Committee would be dealt with in Item 10

9. Items not decided by Committee

It was agreed that future parking on the Dip would be curtailed in so far as apart from All Hallows charity events, Black Dog & Godric cycling parking no further parking requests would be entertained. The existing users to be aware that parking areas need to be controlled.

Charges for charitable events to be free , non-charitable £7.50 per hour.

10. Council Working Practices

Council Terms of Reference & Council Policies(Draft) were distributed.

It was unanimously agreed, on Cllr. Weston's proposal, seconded by Cllr. Kirkpatrick, that the Finance & Resources Committee would consist of the council Chair, Vice Chair, Chairs of other committees and one other councillor.


11. Correspondence from the Chair of the Friends of All Hallows detailing results of the two Boot Sales was read (no more were intended)and the clerk instructed to reply that charges for these had been waived JS

12. A query on the new "No Dogs" signs around the Dip was answered on page 18 of the council policy document.

13. Dates of next meetings were confirmed as in the Attachment.

14. No items for the next agenda were received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.



 21 Jan 2013