

2011 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting commenced at 8.05 p.m. with all Declarations of Acceptance of Office forms signed and in the clerk's hands.

Julian Green asked for nominations for the new council chairman and on Maureen Ankrett's proposal, 2nd by Richard Mulley was unanimously elected.

Keith Weston was similarly elected as vice chairman on Reg Kirkpatrick's proposal, 2nd by Peter Bent.

At this point the chairman congratulated new councillors and paid tribute to Eric Earl Monica Potter and Russell Gorbell who had given sterling service over many years. The clerk would write to them accordingly.

It was also most pleasing that Pauline Allen would still be giving her ever ready support to parish matters.

Apologies were received and accepted from Frank James (out of the country) and Tony Tomkinson expected to have less onerous duties as leader of NCC shortly when he would be able to devote more time to his parishes.

Tribute was paid to the former by councillors and clerk who appreciated his tireless efforts on behalf of the village in his guise as chairman.

Minutes of the March meeting were confirmed and signed.

Business arising

Bypass tree culling was again deplored, by Maureen Ankrett, as was the state the area was left in.

Footpath light illumination would again be investigated.

Core Strategy had been agreed with Ditchingham due for 10-20 properties over the period, stated Pauline Allen, who advised councillors to be involved in sites although their feelings had been that normal development together with the maltings site could take care of that number.

Keith Weston suggested that this could be included in debate on the Parish Plan.


Traffic calming along Hollow Hill Road would not warrant the required accident investigation study with the current very low accident record was the NCC response.

County nameplate on leaving Bungay over the Dam requested but not yet actioned.

Skips had been well used but the clerk reported that some abuse of this service did occur and two large trees had been put in and in cases trailer loads had been brought, not in all cases by residents.

Clerk's tax payment, in agreement with chairman(Frank James), Julian Green & Vic Cossey was being dealt with by a professional at a mere cost of £25p.a.

School Governor's Report by Reg Kirkpatrick gave an indication of school affairs and highlighted difficulties caused by falling numbers although there would never be a question that these would reach unsustainable levels.



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Authorisation to change the council insurer was given as a large saving achievable.

Parish Plan would be developed & with Pauline Allen's help Broome, Hedenham & Thwaite would be invited to a meeting as soon as possible to agree actions to further the project. Recurring council matters could all be included in the plan. Norfolk RCC Good Neighbourhood Scheme could be considered while parishes were together

At this point Modernising this council suggestions were circulated by Julian Green who pointed out that he would have still done so if not chairman. He wished to see proactive action rather than reactive and meetings with more focus. Localism to be explored fully and communication modernised. (Doug Cheer expressed interest in a web-site). Councillors' would be able to consider these suggestions and the way ahead should be exciting with full discussion to implement those agreed necessary. Planning committee would continue to be chair, vice chair & Vic Cossey with their future brief looked at in the above modernisation.

Village Hall Committee rep. considered unnecessary with vice chair & clerk on it from other bodies.

Burial Fees would be kept in line with the Table of Parochial fees and in future any burials would be subject to an extra £50 charge for the deceased not having lived within the parish during the last 12 months.

Account details had been circulated and, apart from queries on Section 137 and assets, were adopted unanimously on the chair's proposal, 2nd by Reg Kirkpatrick. This allowed Section 1 Statement of Accounts and then Section 2 the Annual Governance Statement to be signed on behalf of councillors.


Planning applications 0573 & 0589 being for ext. 1 Lewis Close & rear conservatory 43 Hollow Hill Road respectively needed no council comment. Two approval decisions for new fencing at 14 Longrigg Road & garage & store 1 D. Dam received from SNC & Broads Authority..

Cheques approved & signed- Talk Talk 2 mths. £44.86/S. Fairhead bus shelter £52.50. Between meetings- Parishioner (sect. 137) £500/Loc. Councils sub. £244.23/RCC sub. £15/SNC Bin emptying 134.57/Norse 1st cuts £978.34/J.A. Smith 2mths. sal. nett + pc £738.21 (includes £52 D. Fairhead litter picking).

A.O.B. Richard Mulley drew attention to the missing light & vandalism on the Dam.

Public participation brought congratulations for skips but dismay at Maltings eyesore.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.


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