

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th April 2010 at 7.30pm in The Nelson Suite of the Village Hall.

ACTION

Present

Chairman Geoffrey Moulton, Vice Chairman David Hook, Liz Allen, Richard Delf, Peter Workman and the Clerk - Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

County Councillor Alison Thomas, Mr I Cundy.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Debbie Ashford and David Pointer.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The parish council minutes of the meeting on 3rd March 2010 were approved and signed.

The parish meeting minutes of the 3rd March 2010 were approved for presentation to the next parish meeting subject to an amendment put forward by Mrs Allen.

Public Participation

Mrs Thomas apologised for non attendance at the last parish council meeting. She went on to state that she was having a meeting with the Mill Centre this week with Age Concern to make plans in case NCC do not renew their contract. She had also arranged for the estates officer to look into the problems at Hempnall school re the playing field. Mrs Thomas is now cabinet member for children's services.

Planning Applications

New application since the last meeting:

Mrs R Jones, Hempnall Mill, Mill Rd, Hempnall - Proposed replacement of brickwork, external redecoration and internal wall lining – Recommended approval.

IN

Mr Howe & Ms Waddington, Honeysuckle Cottage, Lundy Green, Hempnall - Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension to replace existing & internal alterations to domestic dwelling. – Recommended approval.

IN

Mr & Mrs S Burley, Bramber House Mill Rd, Hempnall - Proposed erection of conservatory to side of dwelling – Recommended approval.

IN

Applications approved since the last meeting:

Mrs B Jeffrey, Lime Tree Cottage, The Street, Hempnall - Renewal of permission 2006/2754/LB proposed rear 1st floor extension.

Claim for public rights over Back Lane

Mr Rose is holding the application forms for action.

HR

Volunteers for the application are: Janette Franks, Ian Nelson, David Hook, Geoffrey Moulton, Richard Delf, Liz Allen, Bobby Bennett, Sue & Peter Workman, Mr & Mrs I Cundy, Rev K James and Mrs K James. The clerk to follow up with Mr Rose.

IN/HR

Mrs Allen indicated that there was a lot of vermin (rabbits, rats etc) damage on Back Lane around their pond.

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Change of use of Queens Head

ACTION

The clerk had written to SNC re the lack of advertising.

Nobb's Lane

This had now been formally adopted unopposed as a Restricted Byway.

Hempnall School

Mr Hook reported that he had been shown around and it looked very good from the inside.

Mrs Allen declared a pecuniary interest in the next item.

A letter had been received from Paul Rudkin at NCC in relation to planning application 2006/7018 stating that the old Chestnut tree that they had originally agreed to keep would now have to be felled. Mr Hook read the full letter to the meeting.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Hook should follow this up with a view to still trying to preserve the tree.

DH

Churchyard Trees

Messrs Hook and Moulton had inspected the trees with Mr Don Smith, a tree surgeon. They recommended that the conifer, which was dead, should be felled and taken away. The yew should be trimmed and shaped. This work could be done for £200.

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the above quote be accepted.

IN

Playing field fence/hedge

Mr Hook stated that he had agreed with Mr Havens that the wire fence need not be repaired in the areas where the hedge was already thick and he awaited a revised quote. The season care work re the sticks, guards and weed control needed to be undertaken now.

Mr Delf proposed, Mrs Allen seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the seasonal care work be undertaken at a cost of £250+VAT.

IN

Items for next main meeting agenda

No extra items were identified.

Mrs Allen declared a pecuniary interest in the next items and left the meeting.

Mr Moulton declared an interest in the next items and Mr Hook chaired the meeting.

Funding Bats Survey

The clerk had obtained a quote for a bat survey from one expert, the other expert is due to visit the site tomorrow and will quote after that. The quote was read to the meeting (figures withheld from minutes as other quote not yet received). Mr Moulton outlined the result of his contact with the other expert.

Mr Delf proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Moulton meet with the other expert tomorrow and show him around on behalf of the parish council and request that the expert report to the clerk.

GM
/IN

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Wind Turbines

ACTION

At the last parish meeting the parish council had been requested to consider sending a letter to the landowners. Mr Delf proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk should send a letter to each land owner with the following wording:

IN

“Mrs Allen, G.H.Allen(Farms)Ltd / Mr Moore

We have been informed that it is Enertrag’s intention to submit a revised application for wind turbines on your land. At the recent Parish meeting we were requested by a parishioner to consider making enquiries of the land owners as to whether they would review their option agreements with Enertrag and if they were able to do so under those agreements, consider withdrawing permission to use their land.

We are currently seeking to obtain relevant information in preparation for consideration of the proposed application and would therefore welcome any comment you may wish to make in respect of the above. Our next main meeting is scheduled for 26th May 2010, I would be grateful for a response in time for this meeting as naturally, if it was your intension to withdraw permission, other information gathering could be made unnecessary.”

Mr Moulton re took the chair.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.38pm.

Signed _____ Date 26th May 2010