

# HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 7:30pm in The Mill Centre

### ACTION

#### Present

Chairman Mr Geoffrey Moulton, Mr David Hook, Mrs Liz Allen, Mrs Debbie Ashford, Kevin Cunningham, Mr Mike Turner, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

#### Members of the public present

Mr Roger Parker, Mr Ian Cundy, Mrs Sylvia Cundy, Mrs Janette Franks, Mrs Melanie Hook,  
Mrs Daphne Littleboy and Mr Ian Butler - to end of Flashing Speed Signs - Link with Woodton matter  
County Councillor Alison Thomas – to end of wind turbine matter.

#### Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor Michael Windridge, Mr David Pointer, Mr Richard Delf.

#### Declarations of Interest

Mr Moulton declared an interest in the wind turbine matter.

Mrs Allen declared a prejudicial interest in the Wind Turbine matters.

#### Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 were approved and signed.

#### Public Participation

Mr Ian Cundy commented that the parish council's meeting leaflet invited members of the public to both ask questions and make comments.

#### County/District Councillor updates

Mrs Thomas reported that she had written to Mr Pickles in support of the parish council's request to call in the application appeal.

Mr Pickles has delayed his decision re the Kings Lynn incinerator resulting in difficulties for NCC with their budget setting. This has regrettably meant that all of the proposed cuts in services will need to be made.

It is proposed that NCC will in future be committee rather than a cabinet structure.

The "Smithy Cottage white lining" has been reported to councillors previously and Mrs Thomas reported that it should take place when the weather improves.

#### Flashing Speed Signs - Link with Woodton

Two members of Woodton parish council and speed watch team, Mr Ian Butler and Mrs Daphne Littleboy explained the paper previously circulated by the clerk regarding a possible joint bid for funding for a SAM2 mobile vehicle activated sign. Mr Butler said that a third parish, Langley & Hardley, was interested in participating. The cost to Hempnall for the sign, brackets, computer support would be a one off charge of £822 if two parishes shared and £548 if three parishes shared. The bid has to be submitted by 30 January 2014 and Mr Ian Butler and Mrs Daphne Littleboy will deal with the application.

Mrs Ashford proposed, Mrs Allen seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the SAM2 sign and computer unit be purchased jointly with either Woodton or Woodton and Langley & Hardley.

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Mrs Thomas said that she would send an email of support to the parish partnership.

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## Wind Turbines - Application 2013/0105 - revised

Mr Hook took the chair.

Mrs Allen left the meeting.

### *General Update*

The clerk had requested that the parish council be allocated 10 minutes for the presentation to the planning committee and this had been granted.

Mr Hook will present the parish council's case to the Development Management Committee on 29 January 2014.

Mr Hook had liaised with John Goldsmith and Chris Vine re bats. The costs to prepare and present a case at public inquiry are likely to be in the region of £4,000 plus VAT. It was accepted that the actual figure could differ from this amount as the number of days the bat experts would need to attend the Inquiry is not yet known nor are other factors which could influence costs – e.g. a need to write an evidence rebuttal. Mr Hook proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Messrs Goldsmith and Vine should be engaged.

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DH

Mr Workman proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was agreed by 5 votes for, and 1 abstention that the budget for Mr Blackledge be extended by a sum likely to be in the region of £2,000. Once again it was accepted that the actual figure could differ from this amount as the number of days that Mr Blackledge would need to attend the Inquiry is not yet known nor are other factors which could influence costs – e.g. the need to write an evidence rebuttal.

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Mr Hook proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was agreed 5 votes for and 1 abstention that a sum of £1,000 be set aside for documentation, travel expenses, postage and other incidental expenses with regard to the planning inquiry.

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Mr Workman proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was agreed 5 votes for and 1 abstention that a further £2500 be set aside to cover future costs of the solicitor.

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The clerk had written to Saxlingham PC and thanked them for their support.

The clerk had written to PINS with the assistance of SHOWT & Saxlingham PC to add them to the Rule 6 Party and thus save the solicitor's costs in respect of this straightforward administrative task. Arrangement had also been made to allow SHOWT to share the barrister.

The division of responsibilities between the Rule 6 party and the solicitor had been agreed as follows:

#### Tasks for HPC Rule 6 Group

1. Add members to Rule 6 Party
2. Mike Haslam to write statement of case
3. Send document bundles to solicitor, indexed and grouped (and as far as possible in chronological order) – including relevant Enertrag application proofs of evidence.
4. Forward expert's proofs of evidence to solicitor
5. Advise solicitor of dates when our experts can attend the site visit.

#### Tasks for the solicitor

1. Review of statement of case
2. Review the document bundles to ensure suitable for passing on to Zack
3. Review proofs of evidence

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It was agreed that it may be necessary to vary these responsibilities, if required, in response to changing circumstances.

Mr Haslam had drafted the statement of case for the Rule 6 party following submission of material from experts and HPC. This will shortly be sent to the solicitor for review.

The clerk had written to County Councillor Alison Thomas, County Councillor Adrian Gunson, District Councillor Michael Windridge and Lord MacGregor to ask them to support the parish council's request for the application to be recovered by the Secretary of State. Each of the aforementioned, with the exception of Lord MacGregor letters, had sent copies of their letters to the clerk. The Secretary of State has not yet indicated if he will recover the application. However he had now been written to again highlighting the strength of local opposition. A response is awaited.

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The MOD has been granted rule 6 status and objects to the application on the grounds that the proposed development will have unacceptable impact upon the AD radar at RRH Trimmingham which is no longer deemed manageable. If the application were to be granted the MOD has requested that in the interest of air safety, the turbines are installed with MOD-accredited 25 candela omni-directional aviation lighting OR infra red warning lighting with an optimised flash pattern of 60 flashes per minute of 200ms to 500ms duration at the highest practicable point on the turbines.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Moulton seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the action list as prepared by the clerk be adopted.

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An informal coordination meeting will be held on 17 January at Mr Moulton's house between members of the Rule 6 Party. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that informal meetings will be held as required and Messrs Hook and Workman will attend when possible.

DH/PW

Mrs Allen returned to the meeting.

## **Planning Applications**

### **New applications since the last meeting:**

There were none.

### **Applications approved since the last meeting:**

Mr Richard Buck, Grange Farm Lundy Green Hempnall Norwich NR15 2NX - Two new poultry units.

## **Matters arising from previous parish council meetings – completed**

### **Smithy's Cottage / Church corner**

The clerk had written to NCC Highways to encourage them to investigate taking appropriate measures. The clerk had also written to Mr Rumsby.

### **D Cracknell**

The clerk had written to Mr Cracknell and paid the gratuity. Mr Cracknell had responded with a thank you letter.

### **Hedges**

The clerk had placed the article in the newsletter.

### **Village Hall Overflow Car Park Sign**

The Clerk had written to the village hall committee giving permission to erect the sign.

### **Springwood – Potential Traveller's Site**

The clerk had written to SNC to support John Goldsmith of the Norfolk Bat Group re his

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opposition to the planning application on ecological grounds.

## **Matters arising from previous parish council meetings – awaiting others**

None.

## **Matters arising from previous parish council meetings – for discussion**

### **Relocation of Queen's Head Recycling Unit**

In the absence of Mr Delf it was not known if SNC had confirmed that envelopes and glass would be allowed in the green wheelie bins from next spring. This was carried forward.

RD

### **Swan Meadow Footpath**

The clerk wrote to the landowner to see if they would be kind enough to level the path with a digger between the hedge and the fence to make the new route accessible by push and wheel chair users.

Mrs Allen said that to do this now would create a quagmire and that there is restricted access at both ends so that a wheelchair would not fit through. Mrs Allen will assess the situation later in the year.

LA

### **Footpath near Manor Farm and others**

In the previous meeting Mrs Battye had asked if there was a reason why the footpath opposite Manor Farm has been diverted from the route used over decades. Mrs Allen explained that the footpath was actually now in the correct place and had been fenced off for health and safety reasons due to water in the bottom of the pit.

Mr Hook informed councillors that there was another PROW path that was not open for use. It is marked as diagonally crossing a field between GR 242956 and GR 244954 on the OS 1:25,000 map.

DH/LA

### **ROSPA report**

In the absence of Mr Delf this matter was carried forward.

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### **Re-turf swing area**

In the absence of Mr Delf this matter was carried forward.

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### **Youth Shelter on playing field**

In the absence of Mr Delf this matter was carried forward.

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### **Repair of the play unit**

In the absence of Mr Delf this matter was carried forward.

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### **Moles - Old Church Yard / Football pitches**

Mr Moulton had obtained quotations of £600 for an annual contract to cover the whole churchyard (6 visits pa)

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Hook seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk approach the PCC to be asked if they can contribute 25% of cost.

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### **Nobb's Lane Spur**

Mr Hook reported that the forms are now available. Mr Hook will liaise with Mr Rose (HPC footpath officer) to arrange for the forms to be completed.

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The clerk to send a copy of the map to Mrs Allen.

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### **Hempnall Village Hall Car Park**

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Councillors had inspected the car park.

Mr Moulton proposed, Mrs Allen seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the matter be reviewed in 12 months time unless a need arises in the meantime.

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## **CPRE Too Much Housing**

Mr Hook reported that CPRE are asking parish councils if they wish to join the Alliance of councils, organisations and CPRE that objects to the large JCS housing allocations in South Norfolk, Broadland and Norwich.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Moulton seconded and it was agreed votes 5 for, 2 against that the parish council joins the Alliance.

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## **Ray Youngman**

Mr Workman reported that Mr Youngman has officially retired from the PUA.

Mr Youngman had requested that he continue to control the moles and oversee the pitch maintenance and this had been agreed by Bob Norman from the PUA. He had also asked to continue to control the grass cutting with Norse during the summer and the clerk had welcomed this.

## **Bin near village sign**

Mr Workman reported that the bottom of the green bin needed repair. Mr Workman will ask Mr Delf to inspect with a view to repair.

PW/RD

Mr Moulton had written to the clerk to state that the PC notice board is looking very tired, the highways sign is rusted and the village sign is in urgent need of a revamp. It was agreed that look at the area and consider at the next meeting.

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## **Correspondence**

### ***Information Pack***

The items placed in the information pack envelope circulated to all Councillors on 14th January:

NALC Annual Report 2012/13  
CPRE Countryside Voice Autumn  
CPRE Countryside Voice Winter  
CPRE Field Work Winter  
Clerks and Council's Direct November  
Norfolk Link December 2013  
Clerks and Council's Direct January

No further matters were raised from the above.

### **Items given directly to Councillors or representatives since the last main meeting were:**

Various police crime summaries  
Relevant notices/agenda and minutes  
Request for assistance with South Norfolk's Rough Sleepers 2013 Count  
Temporary Road Closure in the Parish of Hempnall – Field Lane  
Hempnall - Drainage Works  
Planning Scheme of Delegation  
Message from South Norfolk Chief-Inspector Armes re Travellers

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Parish Partnership Scheme – Woodton/Hempnall SAM

No further matters were raised form the above.

***Items placed directly onto the parish notice boards were:***

Notice/Agenda for parish council meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013.  
Notice/Agenda for parish council meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013.  
Notice/Agenda for parish council meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

No further matters were raised form the above.

***Website***

The following changes had been made since the last main meeting:

Added Parish Council approved minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013.  
Added Parish Council draft minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013.  
Added Parish Council approved minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013.  
Added Parish Council draft minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013.  
Notice/Agenda for parish council meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013.  
Added Parish Council draft minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013.  
Notice/Agenda for parish council meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013.  
Added Parish Council draft minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013.  
Notice/Agenda for parish council meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013.  
Notice/Agenda for parish council meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014.  
Added various planning application details  
Updated David Pointers email address  
Added 2014 HPC Diary  
Added SNC 2014 Diary

No further matters were raised from the above.

**Correspondence from Parishioners**

There was none not dealt with elsewhere.

**Financial Statements**

**Movements since last meeting**

The Clerk presented the financial statement attached to these minutes showing the movements from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013 to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The statement was in line with the annual budget. Mrs Ashford proposed, Mr Hook seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the statement be approved.

**Budget/Precept 2014/15**

The Clerk presented and updated budget for 2014/15 from the one previously circulated to Councillors.

The clerk reported that SNC had informed him that the grant attributable to Hempnall in order to compensate for Council Tax Support would be £2,119. The tax base is 440 properties.

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was agreed unanimously that the SAM2 expenditure voted on above be taken from the capital reserve so as not to increase the precept.

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Mr Turner proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was agreed unanimously that the precept be set at £28,000. The Clerk to inform SNC of the required precept.

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## **Play Area & Playing Field**

In the absence of Mr Delf this matter was carried forward.

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## **Resite Recycling Centre**

Mr Turner suggested that the mini recycling centre be placed on the hard standing at Alburgh Rd where it had formerly been. This matter will be considered again once SNC had informed us as to whether glass can be placed in the Green Bins.

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## **Parish Meeting**

This will take place at 7pm on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014. The clerk to send out notices etc

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## **Items for Newsletter**

The following items were suggested for the next newsletter:

- SAM2
- Parking on Old Market Way
- Hedges on Old Market Way
- Reduction in precept

The clerk to draft and issue.

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## **Items for next meeting**

No extra items raised.

## **Date of next meeting**

The following meeting (subject to receipt of applications) will be primarily planning at 7:30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – Mr Moulton, Mrs Allen and Mr Cunningham gave their apologies.

The next Parish Council main meeting will take place at 8.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014, preceded by the parish meeting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:40pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Presented to meeting on 14 January 2014

### Current Account

<b>(Payments)/Receipts since last meeting :</b>		<b>£</b>
03/11/2013	tr BPA to C/a	800.00
29/10/2013	D Cracknell - Litter clearance	(600.00)
29/10/2013	CGM (Norwich) Ltd - Grass cutting	(56.68)
03/11/2013	K&M Lighting Service - Streetlight Maintenance	(110.60)
06/11/2013	tr BPA to C/a	800.00
06/11/2013	Hempnall group of parishes - Outlook Advert	(50.00)
06/11/2013	SNC - Parish Poll	(707.00)
12/11/2013	Eon - Electricity	(10.51)
05/11/2013	NSIB Interest	5.31
25/11/2013	D Hook expenses re Turbine	(320.07)
26/11/2013	tr BPA to C/a	1,200.00
26/11/2013	Richard Buxton - lawyer re Turbines	(1,000.00)
26/11/2013	TMA Bark - play bark	(216.00)
02/12/2013	tr BPA to C/a	500.00
10/12/2013	CGM (Norwich) Ltd - Grass cutting	(56.68)
10/12/2013	Delf's Garage - Bark labour/transport	(104.40)
10/12/2013	Hempnall Village Hall	(6.90)
02/12/2013	SNC = Land rents	250.00
11/12/2013	Eon - Electricity	(10.17)
06/12/2013	NSIB Interest	5.14
12/01/2014	Eon - Electricity	(10.51)
06/01/2014	NSIB Interest	5.31
20/12/2013	tr BPA to C/a	950.00
30/12/2013	I Nelson salary and expenses	(942.65)
		<u>313.59</u>
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<u><u>712.53</u></u>

### Business Premium Account

<b>(Payments)/Receipts since last meeting :</b>		<b>£</b>
03/11/2013	tr BPA to C/a	(800.00)
06/11/2013	tr BPA to C/a	(800.00)
26/11/2013	tr BPA to C/a	(1,200.00)
02/12/2013	tr BPA to C/a	(500.00)
02/12/2013	interest	5.19
20/12/2013	tr BPA to C/a	(950.00)
		<u>(4,244.81)</u>
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<u><u>42,077.16</u></u>