

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2013 at 7.30pm in The Mill Centre

ACTION

Present

Chairman Geoffrey Moulton, Vice Chairman David Hook, Liz Allen, Mike Turner, Peter Workman and the Clerk Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

Mr Roger Parker, Mr Ian Cundy.

Mrs Melanie Hook and Mrs Jannette Franks both until the end of the wind turbine matter.

Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Alison Thomas, District Councillor Windridge, Kevin Cunningham, Richard Delf, Debbie Ashford.

Declarations of Interest

Mrs Allen declared a prejudicial interest in the following matters:

GNDP consultation

GNDP Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation

GNDP / JCS Site Specific Allocations

Wind Turbine matters

Mrs Allen declared an interest in the following matters

Planning Application re the School and that of Mr M Burroughs

Diagonal footpaths across field adjacent graveyard (Footpaths 6 & 7)

Mr Workman declared an interest in Mr M Burroughs planning application.

Mr Moulton declared an interest in the Wind Turbine matters.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 11th December 2012 were approved and signed.

Public Participation

Mrs Franks asked for the wind turbine matters to be advanced on the agenda. It was agreed to take this matter next on the agenda.

Mr Cundy asked what "Wind Turbine Separation Policy" meant – It was agreed to explain this under the next agenda point.

Mrs Allen left the meeting.

Wind Turbines

Mr Hook took the chair

General Update

It was noted that TCI had resubmitted their planning application for the Pulham site despite it being turned down at appeal.

Response from John Hayes MP

The clerk had chased Mr Hayes for an urgent response and copied in Mr Bacon and Mr Windridge but as yet nothing had been received. The clerk to continue to chase.

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Wind Turbine Separation Policy

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Mr Hook reported that planning minister Nick Boles had suggested that wind farms should not be less than 1.4 miles (2km) from people's homes (The Telegraph 17th December 2012).

It was noted that a number of local authorities have adopted Wind Turbine Separation Policies in order to protect their residents from the most severe impacts of turbine noise and shadow flicker – these include Wiltshire Council, Lincolnshire County Council and Milton Keynes Council.

Mr Hook read an email from Lesley Oldfield a Hempnall resident who works as an Environmental Protection Officer for Norwich City Council and who has expertise in the field of noise pollution. She outlined the awful problems that 2 wind turbines at Kessingland had caused the residents of Kessingland and Gisleham – Waveney DC had received 236 complaints (up to 3/10/12) about noise generated by these turbines. She asks the parish council “how they may tackle this problem when trying to prevent these desperate circumstances from being repeated here in Hempnall.”

Ms. Oldfield states “I understand that TCI will be submitting a new planning application for the Streetwood Wind Farm site at Hempnall”. She also noted that the problems with the 2 Kessingland turbines have occurred even though they “met all Waveney District Council’s planning conditions” and complied with ETSU guidance. She attached some emails which are extracts of correspondence between exasperated local residents and Waveney District Council. It was noted that complaints had been received from residents living up to 1km from the turbine site.

Mr Hook said that several properties in Hempnall would be 1km or less from the Streetwood site, including those properties along the eastern boundary of Old Market Way, the church, the school and several properties in Bungay Road as well as some properties at Silver Green.

It was also noted that the problems at Kessingland resulted from the impact of 2 turbines and that 4 were proposed for Hempnall.

There was general agreement that Hempnall Parish Council owed a duty of care to its residents and should take action to attempt to prevent a potential noise problem from wind turbines adversely affecting the village.

Mr. Hook proposed, Mr. Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed with Mr. Moulton abstaining that the following policy, based on the policy operated by Wiltshire Council, be adopted by the parish council:

- 1) If the wind turbine height, to blade tip, is greater than 25 metres but does not exceed 50 metres, the minimum distance requirement between the turbine and the nearest residential property, is 1000 metres.
- 2) If the wind turbine height, to blade tip, is greater than 50 metres but does not exceed 100 metres the minimum distance requirement between the turbine and the nearest residential property is 1500 metres.
- 3) If the wind turbine height, to blade tip, is greater than 100 metres but does not exceed 150 metres the minimum distance requirement between the turbine and the nearest residential property is 2000 metres.
- 4) If the wind turbine height, to blade tip, is greater than 150 metres the minimum distance requirement between the turbine and the nearest residential property is 3000 metres.

It was reported that Wiltshire Council state that the maximum noise level that is consistent with the “preservation of amenity is between 28 and 33 dB(A), and nearer the former.” They also state that a turbine between 100 metres and 150 metres in height can produce a noise level of 31 dB at a separation distance of 2000 metres.

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It was also agreed that South Norfolk Council should be informed of the adoption of the separation policy. It was accepted that if Hempnall Parish Council informs SNC of its concerns regarding this matter then if a wind turbine application, that contravenes this policy, is then approved by SNC, and subsequently turbine noise problems result, then SNC would find it itself in an extremely awkward situation. **ACTION**

Mrs Allen returned to the meeting

Mr Moulton returned to the chair

County/District Councillor updates

No updates received.

Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

Hempnall Primary School, The Street, Hempnall - Proposed Construction of a new pedestrian footpath within the school site – Recommended approval on condition that the lighting is only on when required by users of the footpath and that the lighting type be LED as per the leaflet enclosed with the planning application. **IN**

Mr M Burroughs, Mon Abri Field Lane, Hempnall - Proposed Construction of single storey extensions to front and rear of property – Recommended approval. **IN**

Applications approved since the last meeting:

There had not been any.

GNDP Consultation

The response had been sent.

GNDP Community Infrastructure Levy

No further matters to report.

Matters arising from previous parish council meetings – completed

GNDP / JCS Site Specific Allocations

The clerk and Mr Hook had written to SNC.

Dispensations re Budgets

The clerk had registered the dispensations and diarised their expiry.

No smoking Sign in Bus Shelter

The sign has been erected.

Queen's Head

The clerk had sent the letter to Mr Ellis.

Precept

The clerk had informed SNC.

D Cracknell

The clerk had written a thank you letter, made payment and received a thank you letter back with an indication that Mr Cracknell would continue to serve the village.

Matters arising from previous parish council meetings – awaiting others

Jubilee Oak Tree

Mr Hook stated that the tree is still to be planted. A site meeting to be arranged to agree the exact location for the tree and bench. Mr Hook, Mr Nelson, Mr Youngman, Mr Medlar and Mr Norman to be invited to attend. **DH/IN**

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Heating Oil Buying group

The clerk had written an article to be published in the next newsletter.

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The clerk had responded to Mr Page.

General Power of Competence

The clerk had attended a course on 20th November and subsequently undertook the relevant module/exam. The results are awaited.

IN

Re-turf swing area

Carried forward in the absence of Mr Delf.

RD

Notice Boards

Mr Delf to arrange for Mr Cracknell to repair the notice board.

RD

Repair of Play Unit

Further work is required, so a quote for the work is to be obtained by Mr Delf, who will liaise with the clerk.

RD

Diagonal footpaths across field adjacent graveyard (Footpaths 6 & 7)

NCC Highways have still to respond to Mrs Allen. – Agreed to drop from the agenda.

Matters arising from previous parish council meetings – for discussion

Hempnall Post Office

The clerk reported that McColls had not responded to either of his letters, so a phone call was made to the area manager who had informed him that the post office function was to be moved to the front counter, but only as an additional service when the main existing post office was closed. Thus this is an additional facility rather than a closure of the old.

POSTSCRIPT – following the meeting a letter was received from Post Office Ltd stating that the old post office area could be closed – The clerk is making further enquiries.

Youth Shelter on playing field

The clerk had contacted Monster Play Systems to ask their advice on how best to repair the youth shelter. They visited the site on 15 November and informed the clerk that to attend site, fully strip all grey paintwork, remove all rust, prime and paint entire grey framework would cost £2880.00 plus VAT.

The clerk to research the minutes to determine responsibility for its upkeep.

IN

It was unanimously agreed that the matter be carried forward until spring.

Adoption of BT phone box at the Three Horseshoes

Messrs Moulton, Delf, Turner and Workman had inspected the box and reported that it was in need of repair. It was generally felt that this, together with other costs, would be too much on a continuing basis.

Mr Workman proposed, Mr Moulton seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the box not be adopted.

School presentation

Mrs Allen reported that the school were keen to learn more about the work of the parish council. She volunteered to liaise with Mrs Elston and report back.

LA

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SAMs

The clerk had asked for volunteers in the HPC Newsletter, none had come forward.

ACTION

Footpath Maintenance

We await Mr Pointer to obtain a quote for footpath cutting

DP

Road surfaces and drainage channels

The Clerk had written to Highways again and chased up, however no response had been received. The clerk to continue to chase.

IN

Ray Youngman 60 Years Service

The clerk had ordered the seat and the plaque and received both. It was agreed that Messrs Hook, Nelson, Youngman, Medlar and Bob Norman attend the site to agree the precise position of the bench and the oak tree.

DH/IN

Relocation of Queen's Head Recycling Unit

The clerk had written to the school and put an article in the next newsletter. The school had replied that they could not accommodate it. There had been no response to the newsletter article.

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk draft an article pointing out that it will be lost unless a site is found.

IN

Correspondence

Information Pack

The items placed in the information pack envelope circulated to all Councillors on 15th January

Tasburgh newsletter

CPRE Field work magazine Winter 2012

SNC Click & Connect This Holiday poster

CPRE Norfolk Voice Dec 2012

Clerks & Councils Direct issue 85

Norfolk Link issue 189

No further matters were raised from the above.

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

Request for assistance with South Norfolk's Rough Sleeper Count

Various Long Stratton crime summaries

NALC re cafe clusters

NALC Smaller Councils Committee

NALC re Scam Awareness Campaign for 2013

Biodiversity News In Norfolk issue 20 November 2012

NALC simple guide to changes re the changes to the Council Tax Support.

Minutes of the last Tas Valley Neighbourhood Board meeting 20/11/12

NALC re LAIS 1345 Local Council Precepts

NALC re LAIS 1346 Improving Local Government Transparency

NCC re Delivering local highway improvements in partnership with Town and Parish Councils

Meet your local officers

Kickstart Newsletter issue 4

C01-12 NALC Communications Strategy

C01-12 (Attach) Implementation Plan

C01-12 (Attach) Corporate Communications Strategy

Police Pond access at Lundy Green

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Biodiversity News In Norfolk - December 2012
Parish Crime Statistics for December 2012
Notification of Submission of the Norfolk Waste Site Specific Allocations LDD and Minerals Site Specific Allocations LDD
Giving parish and town councils a voice in localism
Norfolk County Council's Community Construction Fund (Second Round) - January 2013
NCC Better Broadband for Norfolk Information Sheet 9
Police re Action Fraud Launch

ACTION

No further matters were raised form the above.

Items placed directly onto the parish notice boards were:

Notice/Agenda for 11th December 2012 meeting.
Notice/Agenda for 15th January 2013 meeting.
Hempnall Trust notice re Heating Grants

No further matters were raised form the above.

Website

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

Made Parish Council minutes of 8th October 2012 final.
Added Parish Council draft minutes of 13th November 2012.
Made Parish Council minutes of 13th November 2012 final.
Added Parish Council draft minutes of 11th December 2012.
Added Notice/Agenda for 11th December 2012 meeting.
Added Notice/Agenda for 15th January 2013 meeting.
Added various planning application details

No further matters were raised from the above.

Correspondence from Parishioners

None Received.

Financial Statements

Movements since last meeting

The clerk presented the financial statement attached to these minutes showing the movements from 12th December 2012 to 15th January 2013. The statement was in line with the annual budget. Mr Workman proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the statement be approved.

Playing field Users Association Report

Mr Workman reported that there had not been a meeting.

Play Area Report

This was carried forward in the absence of Mr Delf.

Parish Meeting

This will take place at 7pm on 19th March 2013. The clerk to send out notices etc

IN

Dogs on Playing Field

The clerk reported that he had been informed that a parishioner was persistently allowing his dogs to run lose on the playing field.

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Moulton seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk write to the individual and publish an article in the newsletter.

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Change of meeting dates

ACTION

The clerk asked if the following changes could take place:
12/03 to 19/03 and 14/05 to 21/05

It was unanimously agreed that the dates be changed. The clerk to book the hall and change the website accordingly.

IN

Items for Newsletter

The following items were identified for the newsletter:

- Dogs on playing field
- Oil buying group
- Recycling Centre

The clerk to draft and issue.

IN

Newsletter Rota

The rota that was circulated to councillors with instructions in the summer of 2011 is reproduced below.

Copy for the magazine has a deadline of the 15th each month and collation generally takes place about the 20th but this varies and councillors will need to co-ordinate with Yvonne Davy. The clerk informs Yvonne which councillor is on rota duty when he sends the copy.

Winter 2012	D Pointer
Spring 2013	M Turner
Summer 2013	P Workman
Autumn 2013	G Moulton
Winter 2013	L Allen
Spring 2014	D Ashford
Summer 2014	K Cunningham

ALL

If councillors are unable to attend their allocated session, they should make alternative arrangements with another councillor

Items for next meeting

- Parish Meeting

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Date of next meeting

The next planning meeting will be primarily planning on 12th February 2013.

The Parish meeting will take place at 7pm on 19th March 2013 followed by the next Main parish council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

Signed _____ Date 12th February 2013

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Presented to meeting on 11th January 2013

Current Account

(Payments)/Receipts since last meeting :		£
19/11/2012	Ian Smith - Grass cutting	(125.35)
23/11/2012	SNC land rental	125.00
11/12/2012	Eon Streetlight Electricity	(10.17)
12/11/2012	Eon Streetlight Electricity	(10.51)
05/12/2012	NSB Interest	5.94
18/12/2012	Tr BPA to C/a	1,000.00
18/12/2012	D Cracknell - Litter clearance	(580.00)
18/12/2012	Hempnall Group of Churches - magazine Ad	(50.00)
18/12/2012	Hempnall Youth Club - held on bare trust	627.09
09/01/2013	Bounced chq charge - covered by youth club fund	(2.00)
12/01/2013	Eon Streetlight Electricity	(10.17)
20/12/2012	Tr BPA to C/a	920.00
31/12/2012	I Nelson salary	(912.84)
07/01/2013	NSB Interest	6.14
		<u>983.13</u>
Closing Balance		<u>1,344.19</u>

Business Premium Account

(Payments)/Receipts since last meeting :		£
03/12/2012	Interest	3.66
18/12/2012	Tr BPA to C/a	(1,000.00)
20/12/2012	Tr BPA to C/a	(920.00)
		<u>(1,916.34)</u>
Closing Balance		<u>31,200.55</u>