

HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6th November 2014 7.00pm in Ten Mile Bank village hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr G Carter, vice chair Cllr R Houghton, Cllr C Wills, Cllr P Bates, Cllr C Dawe, Cllr P Carter, Cllr D Appleby, Cllr R Martin, Cllr A Hall, Cllr E Hall, Cllr J Evans, Cllr K Scott, Cllr M Storey & Clerk.

Members of public: 1

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th October 2014 were discussed and agreed to be a true record of proceedings.

Proposer: Cllr C Wills

2nd: Cllr R Houghton.

Declarations of interest

Members are invited to declare personal or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda. It is a requirement that declarations from a member include the nature of the interest and whether it is personal or prejudicial.

None declared.

Chairman's reports/updates

Nothing to report.

Maintenance reports/updates

The waste land next to the cemetery needs clearing and football hut is in need of repair. Mr. A Dent and Mr. D Dent will look at the football hut with a view to making repairs if possible. Mr. B Dent has offered to clear the rubbish pile to one side ready to dispose.

The Parish Council has purchased a new salt/grit bin for Powers Place. The Highways will fill this at a cost of approx. £40.00 to the Parish Council. Council agreed to accept this cost. The bin should be filled and in place during the first week of December.

Most recyclable rubbish can now be placed in our own green bins; therefore the glass bank has been removed from the recycling area in Hilgay. Unfortunately people are still leaving all types of rubbish in this area. This is costing the Parish Council to pay the maintenance person to keep this area clear of rubbish. It was proposed by the Council that the recycling centre now be closed as it generates very little income compared to the costs of keeping it open.

Council voted to close the recycling centre in Hilgay: 10 Councilors voted for closure
2 voted to keep it open.

The recycling centre will therefore be closed and all recycling facilities removed. Council would urge people not to dump rubbish in this area as it will now be classed as fly tipping and will be reported to the authorities.

Cllr P Bates has now marked out and numbered all the allotment areas.

The public toilets on River Field are currently closed due to repairs to the pump. Requests have been made to keep the toilets open longer during the year. Council has decided to keep only one toilet open and it will be closed for December and January. The wash out facilities will be fitted with an automatic system so it is not constantly running therefore saving water.

Council discussed quotes received for a new lawn mower. Prices ranged from £2230 - £3050. The Council presented two proposals:

1. To purchase a new mower now and sell the old one whilst it is still in reasonable working order.
or
2. To use old mower until it breaks down and then purchase a new mower when necessary and set a maximum budget of £3000.00, ensure that the best price is obtained.

Council voted:

8 votes for option 2

2 votes for option 1

A new mower will be purchased once the old mower is no longer in working order with a maximum budget of £3000.00

A request has been made asking the Parish Council to trim or maintain the footpath running past allotments to old telephone box. Council deemed that this is unnecessary at the present time.

There is however a bramble growing near the village sign at the top of West End. Cllr Wills will clear this out and generally tidy the area.

The electric board will be trimming the tree from the overhead wires.

Cllr G Carter will be placing an old sleeper on top of the old Rocking horse posts.

Correspondence

Norfolk link booklet for all Councilors

The Clerk has written to Morrisons at Downham Market and Morrisons customer service address to outline the Parish Councils concerns with the current bus shelter at the Hollies Car park, responses have been received and ultimately the decision was made by Downham Town Council and they state that they are satisfied with the current arrangements.

Council requested that Clerk write to Town Council once again.

Concerns were raised by a resident who was unable to use the waterside properly as there were fishermen on the Quay, found it difficult to pass due to the fishing equipment on the quay.

Two complaints have been received regards to a broken flower vase and footprints on a grave at Hilgay cemetery. This has been investigated and is an unfortunate incident but the Council does have to maintain this area by cutting and strimming the grass. Great care is taken not to cause and damage to flowers or grave stones.

C Rooney is no longer able to produce the Riverside news, but would be happy to help with formatting.

Norfolk County Council has written to Parish Councils outlining the financial challenges that they are managing and the need to find additional budget savings for 2015/16. They would like to begin talking to residents and stakeholders about next year's budget and plan at the earliest opportunity – "to make sure that what we spend delivers positive impact for Norfolk". The Councils committees have been reviewing the financial forecasts and considering how best to meet a predicted shortfall in the budget for 2015/16. The outcome of these discussions through committees has resulted in the need to find savings of £12.9m for 2015/16.

The majority of these savings (£11.968m) will be achieved through further efficiencies but there are some proposals which involve changes to services. Details of the proposals have been published on the Norfolk County Council website and the Council is encouraging people to give their views.

The Consultation on the proposals is open until 19th December 2014. To find out more visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/budgetandservices.

Introductory letter from CGM.

Norfolk County Council is supporting the flu vaccination campaign. Flu jab is available free to anyone aged over 65, people with chronic illness and pregnant women. A free nasal spray vaccine is also available for children aged two – four years as well as children aged two to seventeen with a long-term health condition.

Norfolk County Council has allocated £200,000 on a 50/50 basis to fund schemes put forward by Town and Parish Councils to deliver projects that are priorities for local communities.

Planning applications

14/00037/PD : Hilgay Meadowside, Station Road, Ten Mile Bank - Single storey rear extension which extends beyond the rear wall by 8 metres with a maximum height of 4 metres and a height of 2.8 metres to the eaves CU Prior Approval – REFUSED, delegated decision

Application 14/01511/F: Demolition of four semi-detached dwellings known as Cross Drain Cottages and replacement with four new dwellings in an alternative location at Station Road at Martins Farm Station Road Ten Mile Bank.

Application 14/01513/F extension to dwelling at Honeysuckle Cottage, Station Road, Ten Mile Bank.

No objections raised by Council.

Payments for approval

C Wills (Sept)	£ 736.25
C Wills Expense	£ 41.14
Clerk (Sept)	£ 222.60
Clerks expenses	£ 68.47

Clerk (Oct)	£ 212.00
Clerk expenses	£ 35.63
C Wills (Oct)	£ 399.00
C Wills expenses	£ 16.19
E.on (Oct)	£ 155.77
E.on (Sept)	£ 160.97
K and M Lighting Sept – Oct	£ 119.33
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Dyno rod	£145.00
Lees Garden Machinery	£144.35
Norse	£832.58
Doubleday Waste Disposal	£96.00
Hilgay Village hall hire	£14.00
Maxey Grounds	£293.69
Norfolk County Council	£1610.00
Wicksteed	£108.00
Society of Local council clerks	
Membership	£50.50
Cllr P Bates	£7.50
FEOFFEE rent	£80.00

All payments approved for payment Proposer: Cllr R Houghton , 2nd: Cllr C Dawe.

Matters requiring attention

Council discuss precept requirement and agreed to apply a 1.5% increase to the precept for the coming year. All Councilors present agreed to this.

Council discussed the storage of Parish Council paper work in Hilgay village hall and the invoice for storage cabinet. Agreed not to pay invoice. Cllr G Carter will discuss with the village hall committee.

Cllr R Houghton reported that the trees are overgrown on Engine Road near Lavender Cottage making it difficult for two cars to pass. Urgent attention required.

Cllr E Hall reported a broken fence at Bridge Farm Lane.

Cllr D Appleby or Cllr G Carter will lay the poppy wreath on remembrance Sunday.

Cllr P Carter reported that lorries are parking on the grass at Manby Close. There are youngsters on quad and motor bikes once again. Cllr P Carter has received a complaint about speeding cars on Ely Road.

Matters requiring attention to be brought forward to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

These issues have been raised by the Council to be addressed at the next meeting of the Parish Council; no decisions will be made by the Council at this meeting.

Money is being raised to purchase a defibrillator; approx. £1200 has been raised so far. The cost of the equipment is £1395.00. Cllr G Carter requested a donation from the Parish Council and asked that they purchase the equipment on the parish's behalf.

Members of the Public comments and questions.

Council was very pleased to welcome one member of the public to the meeting.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Next meeting of the Council will held on 15th January 2015 at 7.00pm in Hilgay village hall.

Signed Chairman.....

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