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MINUTES of the meeting of Harling Parish Council, held in the Old School Hall, East Harling, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 1st November 2011.

PRESENT

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| 1. | Mrs E Mould | Mr G Jubb |
| | Mrs JD Denniss | Mrs PA Killaspy |
| | Mrs P Guise | Mr J Pearce |
| | Mr Ian Hattersley | Mr D Taylor |
2. Mrs KJ Fisher (DC) was also present.

APOLOGIES

3. Apologies were received from Mr P Edge, Mr DA Grunbaum and Mr DJB Galliford.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH SEPTEMBER 2011

4. These minutes were approved and signed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

5. Amongst other things, Mrs KJ Fisher reported that Flagship Housing is having difficulties finding the necessary funding for the proposed development off Jubilee Avenue and this might lead to the site being placed on the open market. She also stated that the merger with South Holland continues to go well, although it is likely to lead to staff redundancies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6. Mr D Taylor declared a prejudicial interest in the matters the subject of minutes 8 and 9 herein and duly left the meeting whilst they were debated.

PLANNING

7. There were no objections to the application by Mr D Pearson, for the change of use from agricultural to garden of land at 18, West Harling Road.
8. To Mr C Jenkins' application for retrospective permission to erect a 1.6m, close board, fence on the perimeter of his property at 50, White Hart Street, Council's response is -

“In principle, we have no objection to this proposal so long as the fencing does not exceed 1m in height.”

PLANNING (cont)

9. Mr D Taylor has applied for permission to erect eight further properties, to include affordable housing and open space, representing the third phase of the development of his site off Lopham Road. Council's response to that is -

“When the LDF process was introduced, with Breckland Council's support we favoured the development of a site off Kenninghall Road, not least because we felt that the village could absorb the proposed fifty properties; any more would have a prejudicial impact on its infrastructure. Because of this, and again with your support, we have resisted Mr Taylor's proposals for this site which, prior to this, have involved a total of twenty five properties.. In spite of him subsequently gaining approval for these through the appeal process, we cannot support this latest application, our reasons remaining the inability of the infrastructure to cope, in which connection we make specific reference to the lack of schooling places at both primary and secondary level and the lack of car parking facilities within the village centre.”

PLAY PROJECT

10. Mrs E Mould reported that this continues to make good progress and contact is now being made with suppliers with the development of phase one (the Recreation Ground site) in mind.

YOUTH CENTRE

11. Mr G Jubb was pleased to report that the Centre is now used on five evenings per week.
12. Quotes for the necessary plumbing work were received from -
- (a) Ryan Services, in the sum of £1214.60;
 - (b) Oaklands Plumbing and Heating, in the sum of £1397.60;
 - (c) Blue Sky Plumbing, in the sum of £3281.00.

After due consideration, the work was awarded to Oaklands Plumbing and Heating because a more comprehensive programme of work was offered.

Funding will come from the Town Improvement Fund.

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TREES ON MEMORIAL GREEN AND AT THE RECREATION GROUND

13. Reports and quotations were received from -

(a) Anglian Tree Solutions, in the sum of four hundred pounds (£400), for reducing the height of the tallest lime tree on Memorial Green, and in the sum of one thousand five hundred and fifty pounds (£1550), for various surgery work on the trees around the Recreation Ground, a total of £1950 + VAT;

(b) Eastern Landscapes, in the total sum of £1600 (without VAT), although this sum does not include the reduction in height of the Memorial Green lime tree because it was deemed unnecessary at this time.

14. The work was awarded to Eastern Landscapes.

15. A close watch is to be kept on the tall lime tree.

SHOULD COUNCIL PROVIDE SALT BINS AT THE SURGERY AND/OR THE SCHOOL?

16. Subject to the proviso that the surgery and the school will make their own arrangements for spreading the salt, bins will be provided at each site.

17. 12 cubic foot bins are to be supplied by Anglian Health and Safety Supplies, through their Grit Bins Promotion 2011, at £103.50 + VAT per bin.

ACCOUNTS

18. Norse Eastern Ltd, for grass cutting at The Poplars - £145.22

19. Eon, for energy for street lighting - £274.60

20. Serco, for collection of litter sacks from Recreation Ground - £66.00

21. Ricoh, for photocopier rental (£50.84) and copies (£8.17) - £59.01

22. TT Jones Electrical Ltd, for street light maintenance - £334.00

23. Berryman, for servicing of bottle banks - £51.50

TOWN IMPROVEMENT FUND

24. The cheque in the sum of £2946.00, payable to Andrew F Maguire, has

surprisingly been returned by the bank marked “No mandate”.

25. Approval was given for the temporary payment of that sum on Council’s account.
26. A new mandate is to be prepared on which, subject to the bank’s approval, any two of the following councillors may sign, namely Mr P Edge, Mrs E Mould, Mrs JD Denniss, Mr G Jubb and Mr I Hattersley.

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CEMETERY

27. A growing conifer is to be removed from the grave of Mr Sydney Kirby.

HIGHWAYS MATTER

28. A pothole in the entrance to Lopham Road from the B1111 is to be reported to Highways Department for attention.

INSTALLATION OF MOBILE CCTV CAMERA - RECREATION GROUND

29. This has now been installed and arrangements are to be made for councillors to see it in operation.
30. This is a s17, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 issue.

WHOLE COUNCIL TRAINING

31. This remains scheduled for the evening of 8th November 2011. However, with three apologies, enquiry is to be made of the trainers to confirm that they are still prepared to attend.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

32. This will take place in the Old School Hall, East Harling, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 22nd November 2011.