

DRAFT MINUTES of the meeting of Harling Parish Council, held in the Old School Hall,
East Harling, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 22nd November 2011.

PRESENT

1. Mr P Edge
Mrs JD Denniss
Mr DJB Galliford
Mr DA Grunbaum
Mr I Hattersley
- Mr G Jubb
Mrs PA Killaspy
Mrs E Mould
Mr J Pearce
Mr D Taylor
2. There were two members of the public present, together with Mrs E Jolly (DC).

APOLOGIES

3. Apologies were received from Mrs P Guise and Mrs KJ Fisher (DC).

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER 2011

4. These minutes were approved and signed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

5. In her report, Mrs E Jolly made reference to Breckland's new "Empty Dwellings Scheme", the implementation of the Localism Act and its effect on planning matters and, at a local level, a forthcoming meeting with Rail-track, at Harling Road Crossing, aimed at addressing local concerns arising from its planned automation.

PUBLIC FORUM

6. The issue here was parking on the Market Place, especially by motorists who block access, but it was recognised that even if parking bays were marked out they would be unlikely to stop this problem.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

7. No declarations were made.
8. Mr D Taylor stated that he was no longer a tenant of Paul Rackham, as a result of which he would no longer declare a prejudicial interest in matters relating to any Rackham matter.

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PLANNING

9. There were no objections to the applications by -
- (a) Mr S Bain, for the proposed remodelling, rear extension, extension over existing garage, and erection of new double garage, at Oak Cottage, Garboldisham Road;
 - (b) Mr R Dyke and Miss M Williams, for a two bedroom side extension, at 49, Kerridges;
 - (c) Mr T Leonard and Miss E Croll, for one and two storey rear extensions, to replace an existing single storey rear extension, at Grey Dawn, 29, West Harling Road.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

10. Council had no comments to make at this stage concerning the possibility that Flagship Housing may be intending to place their Jubilee Avenue site for sale on the open market. One positive consequence of a sale might be that Council will be presented with an opportunity to secure an improvement in the site's presently approved design.
11. The conditional approval of the latest Camp Farm application for the change of use of four units to commercial storage has been referred back to the Planning Committee for it to consider whether or not its earlier decision was so defective that the *merits* of the application should again be considered. In case that should be the result, Council resolved to repeat and emphasise its response as recorded at minute 35/11/9 herein.

HARLING ROAD SIGNAL BOX

12. With the imminent automation of the crossing gates, the need for a signalman and his box will be removed. In principle, Council felt that it might be a good thing to ensure the preservation of the box by getting it listed and enquiries are to made of English Heritage with that in mind.

PLAY PROJECT

13. Mrs E Mould reported good progress, particularly in fund raising where approximately seven thousand pounds has been banked to date.
14. The request for a graffiti board on the Sk8Park was declined, not least because of its likely cost and its subsequent abuse.

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YOUTH CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

15. Mr G Jubb reported that fund raising was progressing well and that, as well as being used on five nights a week, the Centre is shortly to be used during the day.
16. Plumbing work is due to commence on 5th December 2011.
17. A vermin infestation in the roof space is being treated and the ivy by which it probably gains access is to be removed.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

18. Highways Department is considering improving the Memorial Green/ White Hart Street corner, to include the installation of bollards to protect foot passengers and housing. The offer of a site meeting was accepted.
19. It was reported that Norfolk County Council will fund a new VAS (vehicle activated sign) to be sited on the B1111 on the southern approach to the village.
20. Steps are to be taken to secure the removal of the shrub which overhangs the footway at the King Street/Gallants Lane junction.

ACCOUNTS

21. TT Jones Electrical Ltd, for street light maintenance - £212.60
22. Berryman, for servicing of bottle banks - £37.64
23. Ridgeons Ltd, for materials for construction of new tower ramp - £602.63
24. E-on, for street lighting energy - £274.60
25. Clerk, for ink cartridges - £97.13
26. KA Southwood, for wages/expenses - £809.62
27. Mills Stainless Steel Ltd, for steel for new tower ramp - £379.20
28. RBL, for Remembrance Day wreath - £17.50

COUNCIL'S WEB SITE

29. Following Mr DA Grunbaum's attendance on a training course, the web site is being updated and is ready to receive material for posting on it.
30. It's address is <harlingpc.norfolk.parishes.gov.uk>

STREET LIGHTING

31. Quotations from TT Jones Electrical Ltd, each in the sum of £195.89 + VAT,

outside for the replacement of the lanterns at (a) outside 60, Kerridges and (b) the Old School Hall, were accepted.

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COOPERATION AND CORDINATION BETWEEN PARISHES

32. Council felt that it would be most helpful to know what was going on in neighbouring parishes, and to know what decisions their councils are being asked to make, especially if the possible consequence of those decisions could/would have an impact on Harling. Traffic was cited as a good example, because a planning decision in a neighbouring parish could possibly have a significant impact on its volume on the B1111 through the village.
33. With the above in mind, neighbouring parishes are to be invited to provide a copy of the agenda for their meetings.

WHOLE COUNCIL TRAINING

34. Subject to the availability of the trainer(s), this event is to take place, in the FL Edge and Son unit, at Cloverfields, at 7pm, on Tuesday, 7th February 2012.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

35. The next scheduled meetings will be held in the Old School Hall, at 7.30pm on -
- (a) Tuesday, 6th December 2011, to fix the 2012/13 precept;
 - (b) Tuesday, 24th January 2012.
36. There will be an additional meeting in the Old School Hall, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 3rd January 2012 should that prove necessary.