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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, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2011.

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#### PRESENT

1. All councillors were present.
2. There were also two members of the public present, together with Mrs E Jolly (DC).

#### APOLOGIES

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

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2011

4. These minutes were approved and signed.

#### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

5. Mrs Jolly reported that she would attend a Community Network meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011, the purpose of which was to learn about community projects from the experiences of others. She said that the meeting was open to all, although a booking was required.
6. A change of use planning application for Camp Farm, Roudham, has been submitted. The change of use is from agricultural to commercial and Council may wish to obtain details and make comment.
7. Breckland Youth Meeting is looking for members, a fact which is advertised within the Parish.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

8. Mr I Hattersley declared a non-prejudicial interest in the matter the subject of minute 31/11/10 herein, and took no part in the discussion on it.

#### PLANNING

9. There were no objections to the applications by -
  - (a) Mr J Twite, for the change of use of a parcel of land to the east of 24, West Harling Road, from agricultural to domestic;
  - (b) Mr and Mrs N Harrington, for the construction of a detached garage, with loft, at Crown House, Garboldisham Road;
  - (c) Mr and Mrs Perry, for a single storey rear extension and front porch, at 11, West Harling Road.

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PLANNING (CONT)

10. Although technically not a planning application, Council was invited to comment on an application by AJ Edwards and Sons for the construction of a slurry lagoon on land to the east of Eccles Road. Council's comments are -

“We have concerns based on the potential for nuisance from odours and vectors. For these reasons, Environmental Health officers should be consulted during the decision making process. We have further concerns based on the proposed height of the safety fence, which we feel should be not less than 2 metres high.”

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

11. Breckland Council confirms that the container, as a temporary structure on the Post Office forecourt, is lawful as a storage facility whilst work is carried on within the old Post Office building. It is anticipated that it will be removed in early 2012.
12. Further details of activities at Oakwood Manor are required before Breckland can make a determination as to their lawfulness.

RECREATION USERS ASSOCIATION

13. Mr R Kemp having retired after many years service, Council's three representatives on the Association are to be -

Mr MRB Brown  
Mr G Jubb  
Mr Jeffrey Pearce

PLAY PROJECT

14. Mrs E Mould reported that members have been speaking with our older teenagers, who have expressed a wish to have some basic equipment, with a shelter, floodlighting and a CCTV camera. These wishes will be considered during the planning process. She also reported that fund raising activities continue.

YOUTH CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

15. Council confirmed that it will fund the required electrical work at the Centre, from the Town Improvement Fund. For this purpose, Andrew Maguire's quotation in the sum of £3153 was accepted.
16. Council further confirmed that it would fund the required plumbing work, although a further quote is to be obtained before that work can be awarded.

### HIGHWAY MATTERS

17. Council was invited to consider the installation of a VAS flashing speed indicator for installation on the B1111 on the south side of the village. This will cost in the region of eight thousand pounds, for which joint funding and grant aid may be available. However, the result of an application for grant aid is to be awaited before any decision is made.

### GROUNDSMAN'S WAGE

18. The increase agreed at Council's last meeting (see minute 26/11/20) is to be back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 and will involve the payment of back pay of £128.63.

### STREET LIGHTING

19. The TT Jones Electrical Ltd quotation in the sum of £387.50 + VAT for the repair of light 4 on the Poplars Footpath was approved.

### ACCOUNTS

20. Anglian Water, for allotment water supply - £66.34  
21. E.on, for street lighting energy supply - £274.60  
22. TT Jones Electrical Ltd, for street light maintenance - £327.60  
23. Berryman, for servicing of bottle banks - £117.25  
24. Mazars, for external audit - £480.00  
25. Clerk, for stationery (paper £33.80 and 4 x ink cartridges £82.23) - £116.03  
26. KA Southwood, for wages (including expenses and back pay) - £575.70

### BUNKALL BEQUEST

27. Following the sale of 31, Gallants Lane, a further £14000 has been received "on account".

### DEAD TREE IN GRIGSONS WOOD

28. The presence of a dead tree beside School Lane, in Grigsons Wood, is to be reported to Breckland Council for appropriate action.

### LITTER OUTSIDE THE SWAN PH

29. Mr D Taylor will speak with the licensee concerning the presence of litter in the form of cigarette ends on the footway, outside the Swan PH.

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BOTTLE BANKS

30. The bottle banks are frequently full, resulting in bottles being left around their bases, causing eyesore and a potential danger. With that in mind, enquiries are to be made with a view to arranging more frequent emptying or obtaining additional banks.

NEXT MEETING

31. This will take place in the Old School Hall, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

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