



**Minutes of the meeting of Harling Parish Council,
held in the Old School Hall, East Harling on 26th March 2013**

PRESENT

Mr P Edge	Mr B Ravenhill	Mr D Grunbaum
Mr D Holden	Mr D Galliford	Mrs P Killaspy
Mr G Jubb	Mr I Hattersley	
Mrs L Mould	Mrs J Denniss	
Mrs K Filby (Clerk)		
Mr D Gee (Deputy Clerk)		

There were ten members of the public present and District Councillor Mrs E Jolly

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P Guise

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th February 2013

These minutes were approved and signed

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. FIRST PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Hales came forward and spoke on her planning application for West Harling Road (notes available)

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- Breckland must prepare a new Local Plan following the new National Planning Policy Framework and the Localism Act. The Local Plan will review and improve Breckland's Statement of Community Involvement (how we will consult on the production of the Local Plan, other planning documents and Planning Applications) and produce a timeline for the Local Plan (called a Local Development Scheme). The Local Plan will include housing needs assessment to 2031 and there needs to be good consultation with local communities. Breckland is also creating its policy on the Community Infrastructure Levy which is the new 'tax' charged to developers. This CIL will only be chargeable in areas where there it can be 'afforded'. It will not be charged on Affordable Homes or Charities. Breckland is required to evidence housing values, land values and development costs in order to determine which parts of the district can 'afford' to be in the CIL charging zone. The policy will be going out to consultation, but at present it would seem that Harling and Heathlands ward would fall into the zone where CIL would be chargeable, but Thetford would probably not. In areas where a CIL is charged it is proposed that the local community will receive 15% of the CIL with a cap of £100 per dwelling. Where there is a Neighbourhood Plan, this could rise to an uncapped 25% of the CIL. Section 106 payments will continue into the future but they will be 'ring fenced' for expenditure on infrastructure in the proposed development. At present, S106 payments can be used as a pool of funding for infrastructure within the District. In future it is the CIL money which will fund the broader 'pool' of infrastructure for roads, schools, etc and S106 will be specific to a particular development.
- Financial concerns meaning Flagship housing is still no further forward with Jubilee Avenue project.

6. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ANY AGENDA ITEMS

None declared

7. PLANNING

- a) Land adjacent to Furneaux, West Harling Road (3PL/2013/0214)

The following comments were made:

Council will only allow with an important *caveat* that this project is not to be used as a precedent for other such developments outside or within village guidelines, this being a special case due to its uniqueness'

There were no objections to the following applications:

- b) Extension and Conversion 51 White Hart Street (3PL/2013/0210)
c) Single story extension to Stonebridge House, West Harling Common (3PL/2013/0237)

8. RECEPTION OF REPORTS

a) HAPPY

- Plans were displayed for proposed play equipment and layout of phase 2 at a estimated costing of £90,000
- Recent bake sale raised £91.52 and quiz night £251.39 minus £18.64 expenses
- Committee meeting planned 27th March
- AGM 5th June
- Jumble sale planned for 6th July and 10k run 14th July
- Quiz treasure trail hunt currently running with tickets available from FL Edge
- £100 donation received from Aspect Roofing
- HMRC have agreed to Gift Aid application
- Three quotes received for fencing at rec – are Council happy for HAPPY committee to decide on best one? – No objections

b) YOUTH CENTRE

- Two new bookings
- New secretary required
- City College have been approved to carry out improvements to centre. Sponsors now needed to purchase material.

9. DAMAGED FENCING ON FORMER TENNIS COURTS

Repairs still not complete, to be carried out once weather improves

10. ACCOUNTS

- TT Jones Jan/Feb Maintenance -£480.45
- Breckland Hygiene for Grounds man - £55.22
- Ricoh for photocopier - £51.80
- Clerks wages March - £346.66
- St Johns Ambulance 1st aid course - £30.00
- Norfolk Association of Local Clerks subscription fees - £320.61
- Norfolk Trailers for new Trailer - £786.00
- Mr K Southwood wages - £333.08
- Old School Hall for rents - £176.00
- Deputy Clerk wages - £533.29
- BT for Clerks office - £36.00
- EON for Street lighting - £253.40
- Plus net for Dept Clerk office - £31.93

11. REPAYMENT OF CEMETERY FEES

No objection to this fee being paid from petty cash

12. REQUEST FOR CLOTHING BANK AT SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

This matter has been referred to the RUA for decision although no objections were raised.

13. PARKING ISSUES ON PEPPERS CORNER

It was discussed that a questionnaire out to all residents in the vicinity could be drafted, this is to be discussed further at the Annual Parish Meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Breckland Town & Parish Council Forum 21st May
- Breckland District Council empty properties letter
- K & M Lighting with invite to discuss Parish Partnerships scheme
- Be a road safety volunteer campaign poster

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr D Gee informed the meeting of a recent report from ROSPA who carry out inspections at the skate park. They do not like the new ramp and report that it is not up to national standard. Brian Raynor and Ken Southwood will be attending to the ramp and Mr B Ravenhill has volunteered to report on once completed
- The Chairman made comment on the Deputy Clerks gratuity plan, this plan was taken out in 1981 for the Clerks retirement. No more contributions were made after 1996, every penny of this plan is subject to income tax after 2003. A payment has been made to the Deputy Clerk from this fund and not public funds
His official start date was confirmed as 1st December and an annual salary of £2,000 was agreed.
- The Chairman felt it prudent to amend the job title for this role to ‘Deputy’ and for the Deputy Clerk to be available for holiday cover to the Clerk as and when required
- Any other items for the Annual Parish Meeting

16. SECOND PUBLIC FORUM

No matters raised

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23rd April at 7pm – Parish Council Meeting
Followed by at 7.45pm - Annual Parish Meeting