

MINUTES OF HAPPISBURGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN WENN EVANS CENTRE
ON MONDAY 16th MARCH, 2009 at 7-30pm.

1 ATTENDANCE

Present: Glenn Berry, David Mole, Peter Gore, Carol Palfrey, Clive Stockton & Jane Archer.
Apologies Cubitt Siely, Thomas Love
Members of Public Paul Morse, County Councillor, Malcolm Kerby CCAG

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Were declared a true record and signed

3 DECLARING AN INTEREST

None

MATTERS ARISING

4.1 PAVILLION REPAIRS & FUND RAISING

Nothing as yet had been heard regarding the materials for the pavillion. The cheque cleared our bank on 12th February so the materials should be arriving soon.

Of the £600-00 donation towards these materials by the Playingfield & Recreation Ground Trust, £200 was actually an interest free loan from The Lighthouse Inn. All agreed that this should have been mentioned to the Parish Council. Glenn Berry to look into this. The Playingfield Trust are holding another quiz night on 17th April.

4.2 SEA DEFENCES UPDATE

Malcolm Kerby gave an update on the situation , there had been a visit from the Royal Commission on 5th February, which went very well. Malcolm also went to Westminster for the All Party Parliamentary Group on Coastal Issues AGM. The new Defra Minister was there and when asked, said that assistance for communities and individuals was being looked into for those at risk from coastal erosion, where policy had been changed.

The leader of the adaptation board had recently changed & Malcolm had made contact with them.

There will be a public meeting on 15th May 09 in the village church to celebrate 10 years of CCAG. There will be visitors from other parts of the country who CCAG have worked with and helped & the opportunity to look at what has been achieved so far, and where CCAG go from here. Everyone is welcome, there will be refreshments, continued support will be much appreciated.

On 0 June there is a workshop/conference within Westminster jointly run by the APPG, CCAG and Coastnet

The Natural England report on Broadland is due to be published

27th March, there is a meeting at Cromer - Living in Coastal Villages - run by the Poppyland Partnership - it would be useful for someone from the parish council to attend.

4.3 RNLI RAMP/ROAD UPDATE

The ramp is now complete and the road and car park have been returned to their original condition. There have been complaints from residents regarding the road between the two ramps, Glenn will look into this.

The new lifeboat would be arriving in two weeks.

4.4 SITE SPECIFIC PROJECT UPDATE

Meeting on 16th March was attended by Glenn & Peter, Glenn put forward the views of the parish council. The preferred option will now go forward to the next stage. The document will be published in June for Public Consultation.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Paul Morse County Councillor - announced that the county council part of the council tax

will have an increase of 2.9%.

He had visited Clover Lodge to get a better understanding of the situation and suggested links to the Youth Service, he also suggested other local parish councils ought to get involved.

Carol Palfrey asked Clive Stockton if he had looked into getting another public telephone outside the pub, Clive is still trying to sort something out.

Mary Trett will be writing a letter of thanks to the Parish Council for her precept donation & Carol was going to ask if the Parish Council will be mentioned as a sponsor on the leaflet.

6. NEW ITEMS

6.1 RESIGNATIONS

Resignations had been received from 4 councillor & our minute secretary, Lee Walker had resigned for health reasons, David Pugh, Nicky Wyatt & Stuart Wyatt for personal reasons & Vic Gardiner as he wants to concentrate on Walcott matters.

Glenn was to send letters of thanks on behalf of the parish council for all the work they have done for the village. It was agreed that there wasn't any point electing a new chairman for just one meeting but to wait until our next meeting, the AGM. All agreed that Glenn Berry should continue holding the fort as Vice Chairman.

6.2 White Farm Barn Letter.

Everyone had received emails about the letter that was sent in error by Lee Walker. The parish Council had not discussed this item at the last meeting & therefore could not support the application. Glenn had rung NNDC to point this out before their planning meeting so that the letter could be withdrawn from the discussions, but unfortunately the officer concerned chose to ignore his request and the letter was still included. Glenn has since made a complaint & would be seeing the Chief Exec. NNDC, & will keep us informed of the outcome.

6.3 BANK SIGNATORIES

Nat West returned our cheque to Jewsons querying our signatures. When Jane contacted the bank they appear to have lost our bank mandate with all the signatories information on. We can still sign cheques but only Jane & Clive are recognised as signatories as they were on a previous mandate. So we have to agree a new mandate. It was agreed that Carol Palfrey, Glenn Berry, Clive Stockton & Jane Archer be signatories with any two signatures required for each transaction. The mandate was filled in & signed, it was agreed that we should also change the address of where the statements/correspondance are sent to at the same time, this will be the address of our new clerk - (see below 6.4) Jane will also request a refund of the extra £20-00 charged by Jewsons to clear our second cheque.

6.4 CLERK

It was agreed that the parish council needs a qualified clerk. Jane & Glenn had already spoken to a qualified clerk who was willing to accept this position, it was expected to cost the council approx £1400 per annum + postage/stationery. The clerk although highly qualified had little experience & Julie Chance a very experienced clerk would assist for the first few months. It was pointed out that if we hired this clerk we would have to change the date of our AGM because of prior commitments. It was agreed to hire the clerk & change the AGM to 13th May 09. Name & address of new clerk - Sally Gill, 23 Central Road, Cromer, NR27 9BW.

6.5 ALLOTMENTS

As Dave Pugh had resigned we needed to appoint a new councillor to oversee the allotments - It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting as only 6 councillors were present. Thanks were to be given to Cubitt for sorting out the allotment hedge. '

7. CORRESPONDANCE
Correspondance was circulated
8. FINANCE REPORT
RFO Report was circulated, see attached.
PLANNING
There was no planning
9. A.O.B.
Issues were raised regarding traffic/danger caused by parents dropping off children at Happisburgh Primary School. It was suggested that the parish council approach Amanda Sands, Chair of School Governors, to see if the carpark could be used as a safer option for dropping off the children.
10. NEXT MEETING - 13th May, 2009. AGM