

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TITTLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TITTLESHALL VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2019 AT 5.30 P.M.

Present Councillor R Thompson (Chair)
Councillor A Corrigan
Councillor P Janning
Councillor L Kilbey

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris
District Councillor T Carter

Two members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Hills who was at a funeral and Colman who was at another meeting and these were accepted.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no DPs.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Kilbey proposed and Councillor Janning seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2018 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Public participation.

4.1 County and District Councillor Reports.

The County Councillor reported that Norfolk County Council has received a further £12.5 million to repair potholes. The road closure on B1145 from A1065 to the Great Massingham junction should be opened at weekends. Norfolk County Council has entered into a further £11 million contract for Better Broadband for Norfolk to improve speeds in many rural areas where it has not been possible to improve via new cabinets. The new contract will consider fibre to property and satellite if thought feasible. The Council Tax is not to be raised by the 3% allowed for Adult Social Care as the Government has released a further £4.2 million to the County Council. It has also received £29 million to provide 2800 extra care units. Norfolk County Council had agreed to change to a Cabinet system but since then the Managing Director has left to take up the post of Vice-Chancellor of a University and the Council will not replace the Managing Director and the Leader of the Council will become the Executive Leader of the Council, with a Cabinet system run with the senior management team. There will be 4 Scrutiny Committees under the Cabinet so that decisions can be called in by any Councillor and debated in public. The County Councillor had referred the matter of the flooding on Church Lane to the Highways Engineer but he felt that the problem was from the pond.

District Councillor Carter stated that the Silver Social has a new series of events starting with Glasshouse Dance from 21 to 23 January. There has been good feedback from these events. Breckland Council has launched a new forum for landlords. The Blueprint for Growth for Breckland intends to purchase more business units and shops where in many cases there is a possible accommodation above which can be utilised for flats and would be accessible to those who otherwise would not be able to have their own housing. Breckland Council together with Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council and North Norfolk District Council are combining for waste collection to share costs and save money. There was pile of tyres on Fakenham Road but these have disappeared.

4.2 Public Participation.

A parishioner raised the matter of the sports equipment and that the two parishioners who have been dealing with this wish to pass it back to the Parish Council. This will be put on the agenda for March. The parishioner also stated that she felt that the Parish Council could have kept the parishioner who suffered the flooding more up to date and it was agreed that a member of the Parish Council would visit him.

5. Matters to report.

5.1 Website.

The new administrator stated that all is in place on the new site but he would like more Photographs for the site. The domain name is to be changed to the Clerk and the previous administrator will then not have any input needed for the old site.

5.2 Emergency Plan.

Councillor Kilbey reported that all copies of the new plan are to be distributed by the Deputy Coordinator to the Area Volunteers and this will ensure that all are still willing to assist.

5.3 Matters to report not covered by the agenda.

There were no matters raised.

5.4 Report from the Millennium Green Sub-Committee.

The rubbish had been cleared and the bark ordered for the swings. It was agreed to just roll the area as the trustees are not keen to have the areas filled. There is still a little hedge cutting to be done.

5.5 World War 1 Beacon.

Councillor Janning reported that Tittleshall Parish Council had decided in 2017 to become involved in the nation-wide commemoration of the end of the dark years of World War One in 1918 by organising a commemoration evening and the lighting of a beacon to synchronise with the lighting of beacons throughout the length and breadth of the British Isles at 7pm on the 11th November.

The long and detailed planning phase took place over many months and as with all planning, was mostly invisible to those not directly involved. We were fortunate to be able to win the cooperation and enthusiasm of James Garner who allowed us to hold the evening's event in Godwick Great Barn.

On the 11 November we welcomed General the Lord Dannatt, former head of the British Army, Charles Watt, High Sheriff of Norfolk, the Right Reverend Jonathan Meyrick Bishop of Lynn, the author and historian Andrew Tatham and poet James Knox Whittet. The event was attended by over 200 parishioners from Tittleshall and surrounding villages. Many of those present bearing the names of the fallen whose names were read out after Thomas Fuller played the superbly delivered Last Post and Lord Dannatt lit the beacon.

An evening of remembrance and an evening of entertainment as flautist Sarah King and accompanying keyboard player Pippa Cook delighted us with their wonderful music. The Tittleshall Ladies' Male Voice Choir and the Village Green Ukulele Society splendidly encouraged everyone to join in the songs of WWI which are part of our cultural heritage.

Thank you to all those who helped make this evening a success. She added that there had been good feedback from all the participants

Councillor Corrigan said that it was a fantastic event and many links had been forged. The Chairman thanked Councillor Janning for leading the organisation. Councillor Kilbey said that £64.88 had been raised for Help for Heroes who had sent a thank you letter which was read out. A letter of commendation had been received from Whissonsett Parish Council and this was also read out.

5.6 Resignation of Councillor.

The Clerk informed the members that Jeff Blackwell had resigned from the Parish Council owing to work commitments. Breckland Council had been informed and as the vacancy is within 6 months of an election no election need be advertised and the Parish Council is free to co-opt. A new Vice- Chairman needs to be appointed and this will be done at the March meeting. A notice will be placed in the Church and Village regarding the vacancy.

5.7 Courtney House.

Councillor Janning informed the meeting that she had spoken to the person who is residing at Courtney House who informed her that it is still to be a nursing home in the future but with less beds and accommodation for staff. He apologised for having spoken to the Chairman aggressively but he had been subjected to some aggressive questioning by villagers and was feeling angry himself. There is at present no time scale for the renovations but a contractor has been appointed for the gardens. The company is based in Norwich and there has not been a change of use applied for. The County Councillor had contacted Adult Social Services but no answer had been received prior to the meeting.

6. Highways.

6.1 Report on Matters raised at the last meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had reported the potholes on Clay Hill and these had been repaired. The Clerk had stated that he believes that the problem is with the water running down Clay Hill from the pond and the washing of the coaches. He had contacted Norfolk County Council regarding the cattle signs on Litcham Road and had sent as well the original e-mail from the Highways Engineer. The flooding of Church Lane had been reported by the County Councillor and the Clerk had sent the photographs at the time. The County Councillor had requested that the Highways Engineer contact the resident. The footway outside Casa Mia has not been sided out and the Clerk will chase the gates at each end of the village.

6.2 New Problems.

There are potholes near to the War Memorial and on Fakenham Road just past the road to Godwick. The finger post at the Godwick junction needs replacing. The footway between Peakhall Road and Fakenham Road needs clearing.

6.3 Footpaths.

Councillor Janning had circulated her report as follows: -

During the given time-span there were less footpath inspections carried out; holidays being the main reason for this.

In November FP1 was walked. This route is popular – especially as there is access to the English Heritage site of Godwick Medieval Village and this attracts walkers from outside of the village. However, a walker needs to negotiate 3 gates along the footpath which are heavily chained and often overgrown. It is not clear that this is the route of the footpath. In November there were no turkeys in the fields, which made the walking easier but it was difficult for myself and another lady to get the gates open. Just past the 3rd gate is the newly constructed bridge over the stream (thanks to NCC). It is regretful that walkers are discouraged from walking this footpath which is their statutory right to walk.

Recommendation: the Clerk writes to the landowner to ask for some collaboration to make this walk easier.

December FP6 was walked. Although still an uneven walk, it is much improved.

7. Planning.

7.1 Applications.

7.1.1 3PL/2018/1347/HOU- Wicken Farm Stanfield Road-Summer House and Boundary Wall by existing Access.

No objection was raised to the application provided there is adequate visibility splay onto the road. This was passed by a unanimous decision.

7.1.2 3PL/2018/1503/F- Wicken Farm Stanfield Road- proposed barn conversion to residential use (2 dwellings).

No objection was raised to the application which was passed by a unanimous decision.

7.2 Decisions

7.2.1 3PL/2018/1158/HOU- Holly House 51 High Street-erection of two storey rear extension to include Juliet balcony and 1.5 storey side extensions (existing conservatory to be demolished) Approved.

8. Finance.

8.1 Budgets.

The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated and Councillor Kilbey proposed and Councillor Corrigan seconded the resolution that these be approved. All were in favour.

8.2 Balances and Cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Janning proposed and Councillor Kilbey seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation be approved. All were in favour.

Balances :-

Community Account

Balance at 30 09 18	3310.73
Plus Profit from Sunflower Saturday	<u>170.57</u>
	3481.30
Less Cheques authorised 04 09 18 -124.80	
Cheques authorised 06 11 18 -1406.61	<u>1531.41</u>
Balance at 30 11 18	1949.89
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 06 11 18-	<u>192.00</u>
Balance at 30 11 18	1757.89

Business Saver Account

Balance at 30 09 18	3010.17
Interest	<u>1.50</u>
Balance at 30 09 18	3011.67

Amount available for Section 137 : 328x£7.57 =£ 2482.96

Spend to Date : £0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

991	B J Leigh	Contract November and December 624.62 Less PAYE 125.00	499.62
992	Tittleshall Village hall	Hall hire	12.00
993	HMRC	PAYE	125.00
994	Godwick Hall	50% of cost of Bullfinch Gas Beacon for Battles Over	216.00
995	S A Norris	Photography for Battles Over	75.00
996	P Hands	New Posts for Gates at Allotments.	56.38
987	Beetley Parish Council	25% of Membership of SLCC	43.75

8.3 Precept 2019/20.

The draft precept had been circulated and this was discussed at length. The Clerk had stated at the previous meeting that serious thought should be given to the precept as there is a possibility of running out of money.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not continue to pay for the cutting of the Churchyard and the saving of £1400 would enable the Parish Council not to have to increase the precept.

Councillor Kilbey proposed and Councillor Janning seconded that the precept be set at £5250. All were in favour.

8.4 Pay Increase for the Clerk.

Following last year's two year pay agreement the rates of pay had been circulated. The Clerk's pay would increase from £12.012 per hour to £12.39 per hour from 1 April.

8.5 Photocopying Charges.

These would increase to 5p re single sided copy and 6p per double sided copy.

9. Correspondence.

The following correspondence would be circulated.

9.1 Clerks and Councils Direct January.

10 Matters for next meeting.

10.1 Repair to the notice board at the Methodist Church.

11. Date of Next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 5 March 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at Tittleshall Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 1900.