



TIVETSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Tivetshall Parish Council Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday 9 March, 2016, Tivetshall Village Hall

Present: Tony Jollans (Chair), Rita Land, Christopher Miller, Christopher Sadler, Dean Forbes
Lynn Jollans, (Clerk)
3 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Martin Wilby, who had another meeting to attend, and PCSO Isabelle Agrir, who is on a 'rest day'.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDER DISPENSATIONS

Cllr. Sadler declared an interest in item 7.1 the planning application for The Cottage, Ram Lane.

3. TO CONSIDER APPLICANTS FOR CO-OPTION

None.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and approved.

4.2 Matters arising from the minutes:

4.2.1 The clerk reported on the response from Saffron Housing about concerns about residents parking on the street. They were not prepared to create any more space for cars on the site.

4.2.2 The damaged play net has been sent away for repairs, the cost of which is expected to be around £155.

4.2.3 The clerk reported the dates CHT was able to provide the Defibrillator Seminar. Tuesday 26 April was selected.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5.1 Parishioner's forum

A parishioner reported that horses have been using a footpath near her home. The Chair said he would mention this in the Grapevine.

A parishioner reported that dog walkers had not been clearing up after their dogs when using footpaths and verges. He pointed out that anywhere that the public access is covered by the law requiring people to clear up after their dogs.

He also asked if steps could be cut into the bank by the new dog bin to make access easier.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

6.1 The Chair reported on a meeting called by members of the Norfolk ALC Executive he and the clerk attended. After a short presentation from Richard Bacon on forthcoming changes to the law to make self-build housing schemes easier, and one from Bev Spratt on the progress of plans for an Eastern Powerhouse, the remainder of the evening was

devoted to concerns about Norfolk ALC, in particular changes to the constitution and a potential pension deficit.

6.2 He had spoken to the Manager at the Ram who had been very obliging and had relocated the 'A' boards so that there is now better visibility for motorists exiting Ram Lane.

6.3 His letter of complaint to SNDC's Planning Department about their new paperless system, which had been copied to all South Norfolk clerks, has received numerous responses in support.

6.4 The planning application for The Maltings had been with SNDC's planning committee the previous week but no minutes were yet available.

7. PLANNING.

7.1 2015/2643 The Cottage Ram Lane. Cllr. Sadler explained the changes to his planning application, which were made due to neighbour's concerns about the new extension overlooking their property.

The Chair proposed that Standing Order 8 c be suspended for the duration of the discussion and vote on this item. This was seconded by Cllr. Land and agreed by all. This allowed Cllr. Sadler to remain in the room whilst the discussion and vote took place. The new plans were circulated and Council agreed to recommend approval. Cllr. Sadler did not take part in the discussion and did not vote.

8. TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A SKATE PARK.

The item was up for discussion as a young parishioner had written a letter to Richard Bacon. The Chair said that there was no question of the parish having a concrete skate park as the playing field is leased and no structure permitted according to the lease. The only land owned by the village is the village green and a skate park there was not considered appropriate. The Chair, who had met with the young man, said that he believed that he would be happy with a dirt BMX track. The Chair will put an article in the forthcoming parish magazine to see if there is support for this project.

In relation to this the clerk had contacted Willetts Solicitors of Bury who had kindly sent a copy of the lease for the playing field dated 7 April 1997. They said that there was an outstanding land registry fee of £40 that they had not invoiced for and asked if Council was able to pay this.

9. TO DISCUSS THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Council have no plans to mark this occasion. Should any parishioners come forward with a request this will be reconsidered.

10. TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A FURTHER DOG BIN

It was agreed that new dog bins would be sited at the junction of Ram Lane and Tinker's Lane and on Hall Road / Stony Road. These to be funded out of Capital Reserves.

11. TO DISCUSS THE USE OF TINKER'S LANE BY SCHOOL BUSES

Following a complaint by a parishioner the clerk had contacted Judith Powles at NCC, who deals with school bus routes, and received a reply saying that the school buses use Tinker's Lane as they picked up children on Ram Lane and Rectory Road. After investigation it was not thought that there are any children on Ram Lane that are picked up and there is therefore no justification to use this route. The clerk will reply asking for details of the family name of the child picked up on Ram Lane and a copy of the risk assessment of the route for both the Long Stratton and Harleston buses. The request to be copied to Martin Wilby and Bev Spratt.

12. TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT OF A CLERK

It was agreed to advertise the position on the Norfolk ALC website and in the forthcoming Grapevine. The position to be for 5 hours per week.

13. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

13.1 A letter of thanks had been received from Dickleburgh Sea Scouts for the recent donation, which will be used to purchase fluorescent tabards.

13.2 Street nameplate maintenance will be transferred to planning at SNDC. Future requests for repairs or replacements to be sent to lpg@s-norfolk.gov.uk

13.3 A letter has been received from the Norfolk Non-Native Species Initiative requesting completion of a survey at <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BiosecuritySurvey>. For any further information contact Tim.Foo@norfolk.gov.uk or on 01603 222 773.

13.4 A membership renewal was received from Community Action Norfolk (CAN, formerly the Rural Community Council). Council will issue a cheque for bronze membership for £20 at the next meeting. CAN run the oil buying scheme that currently has ten members.

13.5 Norfolk ALC has sent a copy of their newsletter and also a letter saying they are increasing the fees for the local association by 1% and also that the contribution to the National Association is increasing from 5.6p per elector to 6.6p.

13.6 NCC sent an invitation to make representation on the Local Lists for Validation of Planning Applications Consultation Draft. An overview of the National List is set out at <http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk>. The draft is available at: http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/Submit_an_application/Local_List/index.htm Email any comments to MaWP@norfolk.gov.uk or contact: Planning Services, CES Department, Norfolk County Council, County hall, Martineau lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH.

14. FINANCE

14.1 To receive the balance of accounts.

The balance of accounts was presented. Cheque number 200049 to Tivetshall Village Hall for £263.50 has been incorrectly debited as £265.50. The clerk will sort this out with the bank and / or Village Hall Committee.

14.2 No payments were made.

14.3 The clerk reported on the changes to audit arraignments for 2016/17. Council will opt-in to the scheme for the appointment of an external auditor proposed by the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd.

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

16. TO SET THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **7:30 pm on Wednesday 13 April 2016.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 P.M.