

Minutes of meeting held on June 10th at Salhouse V.C.PrimarySchool at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillor C.Dady (Chairman)
Councillor C.McCormick– Vice Chairman
Councillor S. Heard
Councillor N.Ball
Councillor Mrs. L. Fielder
Councillor Mrs S. Blow
Councillor R. Rayson

Officer: Daphne Wyatt – Clerk

Visitors in Attendance: Mrs. Barbara Hornbrook – Broadland Conservation Officer.
District Councillors, S. Buckle and B.McGilvray.
Nine members of the public.

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358 APOLOGIES RESIGNATIONS CO-OPTIONS AND ELECTIONS.

358.1. To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Taylor – abroad.

358.2 Co-options

There were no co-options

358.3 Resignations

There were no resignations.

359 OTHER MATTERS

359.1. To allocate Councillor's responsibilities.

Cllr. Richard Rayson has volunteered to represent the Council at Salhouse United Charities, meetings.

Cllr. Shirley Blow has agreed to represent the Council at Jubilee Hall meetings.

Cllr.N. Ball volunteered to be Playing Fields co-ordinator for the P.C.

359.2 Clerk requested to download Complaints procedure from National Association of Local Clerks. See 373.

359.3 Questions of the Clerk by Members.

There were no questions but Clerk updated members on the various problems reported by residents – loose posts at Upper Pond (Wild fowl notice) and Recreation Ground (Dog sign at far side) plus Lower Street name plate by Pumping Station.

360 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda items only)

Members are invited to declare interests as required by Salhouse Parish Council Code of Conduct adopted on 2nd July 2012. – There were no declarations of interest.

361 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting for 13th May 2013 were agreed to be a true report, proposed by Cllr. McCormick, seconded by Cllr. Fielder and duly signed by the Chairman (Cllr. C. Dady)

362 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (not including items on Agenda)

Welcome to meeting.

Sadly we seem to be no further forward in reaching a conclusion to the Growth Triangle outcome whilst we await the process to reopen once the GDNP has submitted further supporting evidence - I am sure that if the ball were on the other foot those against the proposals would not have been given extra time! Many people have worked very hard to seek a more balanced (by this I mean reduced!) approach to development in this area, and we must thank them for what they are seeking to do on our behalf.

The consultation on the Area Action Plan for the Growth Triangle closes today - you can read comments made by the Parish Council and others on the GNDP website.

At our last meeting there was some heated discussion and comment, and whilst we welcome the opportunity to debate there is no reason it cannot be kept respectful - on many issues in fact there is much commonality of views.

It can be useful for members of the council to gain additional information during discussions of agenda items, but I would ask that if you wish to say anything related to any agenda item please do so in the next public participation slot, rather than seeking leave to comment when the item is reached. The purpose of that is to allow us to hear reports from for instance our county and district councillors, rather than for items to be reported such as broken signs as that can be done outside the meeting direct to the clerk.

363 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Standing Orders suspended)

Meeting will be adjourned for up to 15mins. Each speaker allowed a maximum of 3 mins:

Guest Speaker Barbara Hornbrook (Broadland District Council)

Dealing with Historic Buildings, Landscapes and Trees.

Barbara reported that they are responsible for re-viewing Conservation Areas and there are 19 at present. Public do value where they live and we look at these every three years, keeping them up to date. Broadland works closely with Broads Authority to obtain better input. English Heritage also wishes to look at the report and keep lines tight.

Residents pointed out variances and Barbara stated that there was no pressure, they would welcome responses and contact was always available at Broadland.

363.1 To receive a report from County Councillor Tom Garrod.

Apologies received. Nothing to report.

363.2 To receive reports from District Councillors S. Buckle and Ben McGilvray.

District Cllr. Buckle reported that the Postwick Hub report had been published last week. Warned that permission may not be given to cut down trees shading areas where you wish to install Solar Panels, in a Conservation area.

District Cllr. McGilvray reminded those present about the bus service cuts preventing people from getting home after 6.00pm.

This had been discussed at County who were hoping to restore next year some of the reductions made last year. Continue writing letters requesting this.

363.3 To receive a report from Norfolk Constabulary

P.C.S.O. Bob Hall forwarded the following report.

- 1- Attempted burglary dwelling, 18/05/2013 Lower Street, attempt made to force side window to property.
- 2- Burglary in a building other than a dwelling with intent, 16-20/5/2013 toilet block Salhouse Recreation Ground. Door forced nothing removed.
- 3- Burglary in a building other than a dwelling, 21-22/05/2013 Mill Road, storage container broken into at new development.
- 4- Possession of class B cannabis, 24/05/2013 Salhouse broad Car Park, police found occupants in possession of cannabis.
- 5- Theft in a dwelling, 23-34/05/2013 Farman Close.
- 6- Criminal damage, 24-30/05/2013 Jubilee Hall sheds and outbuilding doors damaged.

363.4 Public submission relating to Planning applications

No public input.

363.5 Public submission relating to local issues

Team Salhouse

Jennie Blake reported Team Salhouse has been very busy over the last three weekends, cleaning signs and benches, lifting bulbs and winter plants and carrying out the summer planting. Usual litter picking has also been routinely carried out. It is hoped that there will be a good display of colour in the beds cared for by Team Salhouse over the summer months.

Two other items of which the Parish Council should be aware stemmed from the recent cutting of verges by NCC Highways Department. The wild flowers and oxeye daisies opposite the Post Office were decimated while still flowering and the village was left untidy with loose grass over pavements. Pavement edges were not cut cleanly.

It is understood that these matters have been reported and some clearing of loose grass has been done by members of Team Salhouse.

Peter Allies raised the issue of a footpath from Salhouse Village to All Saints church on the east side of Bell Lane. This item has been raised before, but he wishes to ascertain the status of this issue, to see what options are open to us.

When the Parish Plan was being formulated, Alby Cator kept options open.

Stephen Piper requested change in the position of the second public participation after councillors input.

Cllr. Stephen Heard left the meeting.

Resume Standing Orders.

364 CORRESPONDENCE

364.1 Norfolk Constabulary Reference No for break in at toilets on recreation Ground.
CR21959/13/5

365 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

365.1 To **AGREE** and **RESOLVE** the following payments and other matters:-
Cheques to the value of £3252.57 were agreed for payment.

365.2 Monthly balances as per ledger figures. – not submitted.

365.3 Statement balances as declared on cheque list were signed as being correct.

366 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & REPORT

366.1 AGREE and **RESOLVE** upon the following applications and/or matters:-

366.2 PA 20130702 – Land North of Stonehouse Road, application for a 5MWp solar farm on 15.3 hectares; a ‘Screening Opinion’ is requested to decide whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for the proposed development.

- Salhouse Parish Council RECOMMENDS that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for this proposal
- Salhouse Parish Council OBJECTS to the Planning Application as currently presented

The reasons for the Parish Council’s recommendation for an EIA and objections to the development are as follows:

- Statements made by the applicant regarding the topography of the site, the visual impact of the development, its effect on the surrounding landscape character, the likelihood of significant environmental effects and its failure to meet the required threshold criteria for an EIA are all incorrect.
- Contrary to statements in the submission, due to its exposed and highly visible location the solar farm will yield significant adverse impacts on the surrounding landscape character and visual quality. It is extremely unlikely that the proposed development will be absorbed into the existing landscape context as the submission tries to suggest.
- The proposed development will be visible from at least 500 metres in a southerly quadrant (SW, S & SE), and will be clearly visible from the Grade-I listed All Saints’ Church, Salhouse.
- The proposed development lies adjacent to the boundary of the village conservation area and close to an area of high landscape value and will be clearly visible from and have a negative visual impact on both.
- The proposed development lies a short distance from Hagg Wood, a recognized Ancient Woodland.
- The statement that the site is flat is totally inaccurate. The site has significant complex gradients, sloping gently downward from east to west, and dipping more steeply down from the southern boundary to the north into a depression adjacent to road, before ascending again towards the northern boundary. Total change in elevation over each half of the site is of the order of 5 to 10 metres (from OS maps).
- The site topography is the result of a former glacial drainage channel which in the present day drains the land from west to east towards Wroxham Broad a short distance away. (This drainage pattern can clearly be seen on the Google Earth photograph submitted

with the application). Drainage is normally sub-surface but becomes surficial at times of high rainfall. When runoff is highest (for example, when the site has been used for pig farming in recent years), this causes soil erosion and flooding of the B1140. The inevitable loss of vegetation and increased runoff created by a solar farm will exacerbate this problem. Runoff levels may increase further if extensive building development goes ahead on Rackheath former airfield, the northerly extension of which lies very close to the site.

- The visual impact of the proposed development will have a negative effect on tourism value, as the B1140 is one of the tourist routes into Wroxham, the capital of the Broads, and the environment of the adjacent Salhouse Lodge Country House Hotel and campsite will also be degraded.
- The visual aspect will have a road safety impact, due to the distractive effect of the solar farm on the B1140 at a junction on a deceptive bend which has a very high accident rate (including vehicles regularly leaving the road and coming to rest in the field where the development will take place).
- The installation of security cameras and fencing will be entirely out of keeping with the rural character of the area.
- The proposed development fails to meet the NPPF requirement to “recognize the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside....”

366. PLANNING REPORT

366.3 BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning Decisions Received or Pending:

PA 20130491 - First floor extension over existing ground floor side extension, 41, Heron Close, Salhouse. APPROVED 29TH May 2013

PA 20130620 – Alterations to dormer roofs and convert garage, Owls Hatch, 84, Lower Street, Salhouse (within Conservation Area).AWAITING FINAL DECISION

PA 20121044 – Norwich Road 20 dwellings AWAITING FINAL DECISION

THE BROADS AUTHORITY

Planning Decisions Received:

BA/2012/0086/FUL - Salhouse spit - some minor additional erosion protection work. APPROVED

367 SALHOUSE POST OFFICE.

367.1 We still await news, but upon checking, the process continues.

368 COMMUNITY SHOP/ LAND OFFER

368.1 Community Shop - Chairman met with the economic development team at BDC who were extremely helpful.

There are a number of options subject to a suitable site being confirmed, for instance forming a community interest company or taking the idea forward as a social enterprise arrangement. Grant funding from both NCC and BDC is also currently still available, and we have already had a look at the Plunkett foundation that continues to assist.

In addition there is a new Leader Plus European funded scheme due to be announced, which would also be very helpful, but the exact boundaries of the scheme will not be announced until later this year.

Suggestion the Council forms a small group to look at the options, talk to the landowner and Woodbastwick PC, and that group could prepare a report that the PC can look at and decide whether it wishes to seek to continue with the initiative. The first step is likely to be a meeting with the group who undertook the White Horse Upton project.

The proposal is a working party of three to prepare a report back to the PC on which we can take some firmer decisions.

Agreed group – Chairman Cllr.Chris Dady, Vice Chairman, Cllr.Colin McCormick and Cllr. Stephen Heard.

369 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

369.1 Meeting has been arranged for 26th June with volunteers prepared to form a steering group.

370 CONSULTATIONS.

370.1 Site Allocations: Preferred Options Consultation – Parish Council Briefing.

BDC is running a briefing session at the Council Chamber at Thorpe Lodge on Tuesday 18th June, commencing at 6.30pm, for approximately one hour. Details circulated to councillors. Consultation will run from July 1st finishing on 2nd September. *Councillors unavailable*

370.2 Growth Area Action Plan.

There were no changes to the paper discussed at the previous meeting. *Chairman will forward. Suggested link placed on Salhouse P.C Website.*

371 POSTWICK HUB

371.1 Supporting letter of objection to Highways, requested by Cllr. Heard at last meeting. Cllr Heard was not available to comment. Not supported by Council.

372 DEFIBRILLATORS

372.1 To discuss various defibrillators and decide to purchase or not. Quotations collected were circulated to all councillors. Still undecided where one could be placed for maximum access. Clerk will be collecting information from First Responders, before a final decision is made.

373 COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE.

Adopt procedure as set out by National Association of Local Clerks.

Clerk to enquire about time scales as this was not clarified.

374 COMMITTEE REPORTS.

374.1 Footpaths

Report, circulated to councillors.

Ident	Description	Condition
FP11	Lower Street – FP7	Clear. Gap in hedge where it joins FP7 getting a bit overgrown but OK at present
FP7	Vicarage Lane - Church	Clear 2 Rabbit holes in centre of the path near churchyard – I filled both. Loose fingerboard post at junction with FP8.
FP8	FP7 – Vicarage Road	Clear
FP12	Church – Howletts Loke, past Salhouse Hall	Clear.
FP14	Hall Drive – Station Road	Clear
FP4	Howletts Loke, across railway	Field crops grown across footpath so not easy to identify route – had to walk through barley.
FP5	Howletts Loke – Bell Lane	Clear
FP1	Bell Lane to Vicarage Rd	Clear
BR3	Parallel to railway, North of Stonehouse Road	Clear

Whilst I would have had to report that some paths were beginning to become overgrown, I met the Norfolk County Council contractor whilst walking the paths and he was in the process of grass / nettle cutting and edge strimming – he showed me the map of the paths that he was doing and this actually included all those becoming overgrown so the problem should be solved for now.

374.2 Risk Assessment – General - None this month.

374.3 Jubilee Hall.

Report not available at this time.

375 CONSERVATION

Barbara Hornbrook attending meeting for discussion.

This item moved to 363.

At this point, Chairman asked Council if they would agree to Public Participation being moved to the end

of the meeting. All Agreed.

377 COUNCILLOR'S INPUT.

To report other matters and request items for further Agendas.

Speed Limits - Cllr Dady reported

Norwich road – reduce from 50 to 40 – NCC would probably support the change but would not fund, so if the village wanted the change it would need to come out of our budget. To be placed on next Agenda.

Honeycombe Road – 60 to 40 – for reasons of narrowness, housing and pedestrians on road – NCC will look at this and give their views.

Potential to create Quiet Lanes e.g. Vicarage Road, NCC unsure of procedure and will advise.

376 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Standing Orders suspended)

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There was no further participation.

Resume Standing Orders.

376.1 After discussion about positioning of this item, it was AGREED to move it permanently to after Councillors Input.

378 MISCELLANEOUS

377.1 Parish Pages – Issue No. 59 distributed to councillors.

377.2 Badcog News – Issue No. 165 received – available to councillors.

379 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

357.1 To note that our next meeting is on **8th July at 7.30p.m.**