

SALHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Salhouse Parish Council meeting held in the Salhouse V.C. Primary School on Monday 11th February 2013 at 7.30pm.

13/260 WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING.

Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and informed them of the Fire exits and other facts should they be required

Chairman also welcomed our Guest Speaker, Mr. Peter Leggett (BDC) and asked the council's permission to move item 266 on the agenda, thus not detaining him longer than necessary.

Council agreed and Mr. Leggett took the floor.

Guest Speaker – Mr. Peter Leggett – BDC – Fly tipping in Muck Lane.

Mr. Leggett explained that Muck Lane had been earmarked for an experiment being carried out by BDC and the Police. Whilst Muck Lane was not at the top of the list for grot spots, it was regular and the costs of clearing debris was not acceptable to the landowner or BDC.

Parishioners urged to report anything suspicious to BDC or the Clerk.

13/261 PRESENT

Meeting was attended by Cllr. C. Dady (Chairman) Cllrs: Heard (Vice Chairman) McCormick (Planning), Taylor (Finance) Kirby and Ball.

Also present, District Cllrs. S. Buckle and B. McGilvray, Clerk, Mrs. D.R. Wyatt and four residents.

13/262 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Mrs. S. Blow.

13/263 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Agenda items only) –Members are invited to declare a personal, prejudicial or pecuniary Interest in items on the Agenda, requirement of Parish Council Model Code of Conduct Order 2008 s8 Form, revised 1st July 2012 and Localism Act. **No declarations declared.**

263a Forms circulated for updating were signed and returned where required.

13/264 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

I am pleased to welcome you to this particularly auspicious meeting - Salhouse Parish Council has just entered its 119th year! And I will reflect on the things that have, and have not, changed since that time.

In the late 1800's the village had a railway station, two churches (All Saints and the Baptist Church), a windmill (the Tower Mill, the Post Mill having fallen into disuse by this time), one school (the boarding school in Willow Bank had closed by this time), 2 pubs (Bell and Kings Head), 3 butchers, 3 shops, a baker, a Post office, Poultry and Cattle dealers, a basketmaker, a shoe maker, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a miller, poultry and cattle dealers, coal merchant, farmers and the Hall occupied by the Ward family one of the major landowners for salhouse and area.

If we compare that list to what we have today we can see the extent of change in the village over this period, despite the population more than doubling - change with our personal mobility and working patterns have given us the ability to turn elsewhere for the services we need. And one of those services, the Post Office, will be discussed this evening.

Annual Parish Meetings started in 1894 and are still held (we will be discussing the meeting this year on this agenda), and the Parish Council was formed in 1895, its first Chairman being the vicar, the

Rev. T F Boddington. There were six other councillors - the wheelwright Edward Winter being a close relative of one of my own ancestors! This evening I hope we will be able to welcome our eighth member!

If we look at the minutes from that first meeting, we find that not everything has changed!

A precept for a penny rate was issued

The footpath to the Station was to 'be graveled at once' and the local landowner was to be approached asking if a better pedestrian route to the station could be provided

A letter would be sent to the railway company asking them to provide drainage to deal with 'the dangerous and impassable condition of the road beneath the railway arches during wet weather' - something else on the agenda tonight!

In 1895 we did not have the massive proposals for development on our doorstep. Broadland agreed to press ahead submission of the Joint Core Strategy expansion plans for the area at their meeting on 21st January - thank you to all the residents who took time to be at that meeting, and to those who also were able to express their views to help the debate, although the outcome will be a disappointment for many and we await events.

Finally, a thank you to everyone in the village who visited and helped those who were unable to get out during the recent bad weather, and helped to keep the village operating including keeping the school open through to making deliveries and clearing snow and gritting - I hope that being neighbourly and having an active caring community is something that we can preserve in Salhouse, whatever the future holds.

13/265 CLERKS REPORT

265a Resident reported that the 30mph sign opposite No. 36 Thieves Lane was in a dangerous position. This was forwarded to Highways immediately. Work had not been carried out when checked recently.

265b Following our last meeting and the references to road gritting and further bins, Highways contacted (Ref: 385957). Reply received which was circulated to the council members and available from the Clerk by others if requested.

13/266 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)

-consider adjournment of meeting for Public Participation, inc: District and County Councillors and Norfolk Constabulary.

District Councillor S.Buckle reported that it was commendable the way the road gritting etc had been handled during the recent cold snap.

Gemma Buck is the person to contact at BDC regarding fly-tipping .

Solar Panel planning application withdrawn at Belaugh. A matter of time before being re submitted.

The Joint Core Strategy is where we are at.

District Councillor B.McGilvray stated that he had attended members meetings referring to JCS.

Disappointing results but not the end of the matter. Will keep us informed.

Staff dismissal at BDC is a regrettable situation which cannot be allowed to continue.

Parishioner Jenny Blake reported on the state of the grass verges in Cheyney Avenue and the Car Park condition at the Recreation Ground. Clerk to advise PCSO Bob Hall as situation has not improved.

13/267 MINUTES OF MEETING 21.1.2013

Minutes were agreed as a true report and duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Kirby and seconded by Cllr. Taylor.

13/268 NEW COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION CONSIDERATION.

268a Application for co-option to the Council had been received from Mrs. Fielder. Considered by the members who agreed to welcome Mrs. Fielder as a councillor. Mrs. Fielder was in attendance, invited to sign the Acceptance of Office. Mrs. Fielder duly signed and took her place at the table.

13/269 PLANNING – Report by Chair of Planning Committee.

Planning Applications to be considered at this Meeting:

None

Planning Decisions from Broadland District Council:

P.A. 20121823 –Land adjacent to Vicarage Rd	AWAITING DECISION
PA 20121173 – 140 Lower Street	Appeal allowed
PA 20121044 – Norwich Road 20 dwellings	AWAITING DECISION

Investigation/Enforcement Cases Open

Old Garage Site, removal of trees from southern boundary, contrary to approved plans.

Investigation/Enforcement Cases Closed

None

13/270 CORRESPONDENCE.

270a **Broadland District Council - Tyre Mountain at Station Road, Rackheath**
No further replies. Ongoing.

270b **Environmental Agency – Tyre Mountain at Station Road, Rackheath.**
Copy of emergency plan in case of fire received, downloaded and passed to Chairman.

13/271 FLOODING UNDER RAILWAY BRIDGES

The instant thaw resulted in flooding at the bridge on Station Road and required pumping out. Thanks to be given to the Fire Brigade. Concerns expressed, as this forecasts problems in the future, and run offs will be required. No comments can be found for access water in the JCS plans. Clerk to ask for regular clean outs of gullies under bridge.

13/272 INFORMATION

Letters approved at last meeting regarding providing new footpaths, were forwarded to landowners. Replies had been received and Cllr. Ball updated the Council on their contents. Ongoing.

13/273 RISK ASSESSMENT

No report available.

Ground supporting front bench at Upper Pond is subsiding in an uneven way, resulting in a bench which is becoming increasingly uncomfortable to sit on.

13/274 FOOTPATHS

Dog owners must be reminded to keep their dogs under control when using the footpaths and to clear up, placing bag in the nearest bin at the end of their walk.

Clerk to notify the landowner of rabbit holes in Gun Carriage Way and also enquire at NCC for rules regarding placing gravel etc on footpaths to make them less muddy.

Loose fingerboard post at junction with FP8. Clerk to notify Norfolk County Council.

PCSO Bob Hall to be notified of bicycles being ridden on footpaths as reported by resident.

13/275 POST OFFICE Update by Cllr. Dady – report as below, circulated to all Councillors.

A number of developments since our last meeting.

The post office have negotiated with the Bell and a consultation has just started. I have copies for this meeting if you have not already picked one up. Copies of the code ... *(these should be available in the post office according to the form - I did not see them, so if you pop in could you check please ta)*

The Village Hall are considering the opportunity for them, and the charity commission do not seem opposed but would want evidence of business planning to show the viability.

Broadland Council Cabinet approved the mechanism for applying to have property registered as a 'community asset' which gives 6 months for the Parish Council to make a bid for that property - effectively it gives 'first refusal' to us.

It now transpires that the sorting office have also been told they cannot stay in the adjoining premises, contrary to what we were previously informed by the owner. I will have an update once I have spoken to Royal Mail (if they return my call).

I have also spoken to residents who talk about a community shop, and have advised them of the responses to this we have had. This is one option available, as is seeking another existing post office to run the premises as a satellite.

At this stage I think it would be inappropriate for us to favour one option over another - it is for residents to decide - I recommend we consider the following:

- To have a shop with a post office is a desirable option according to all I have spoken to. We need to clarify the opportunity for this with the Bell, and encourage the Village Hall to see if they can come up with an alternative proposal, so the village has choice. *(update from Geoff)*
- We need to do all we can to ensure there are as many responses to the post office as possible to the consultation *(how should we do this?)*
- I would recommend we seek registration of both the shop and sorting office as 'community assets' so that there is a fall back position should no current option on the table prove viable *(is this agreed - it does not bind us to doing anything other than securing a fall back option?)*

13/276 FINANCE

- a) Cheques, in the sum of £1000.31 were agreed for payments. Proposed Cllr. Taylor and seconded Cllr. Heard.
- b) Balances were agreed by Cllr. Taylor and signed by Cllr. Dady.
- c) Contract figures/Rental and grants for Salhouse Church, Salhouse Rovers and Maintenance at Recreation Ground, as agreed during the Budget meeting were confirmed.
- d) Donation requests from Citizens Advice Bureau, Age UK, Vitalise, Norfolk & Suffolk 4 x 4 response, Magpas (Emergency Medical Charity), Nourishing Norfolk Together (H.Cator) Broadland Homewatch and Norfolk accident Rescue Service
Donations requests were placed on hold, whilst the Council decides a new approach, which may involve asking the parishioners for their views.

13/277 AON INSURANCE CONTRACT AT RECYCLING BANKS AT RECREATION GROUND, SALHOUSE AND FIDELITY AGREEMENT.

E-mail from AON confirmed computer security arrangements, which were previously agreed by council and part of our Financial Risk.

They would not commit to the BDC recycling document, issued for us to sign by Broadland DC. See Appendix 1.

Fidelity Insurance increased to £28,000 and an additional sum £9.84 was required for this year to cover this increase.

13/278 JUBILEE HALL.-UPDATE

Recent events have prompted call for a meeting on the 26th February and Cllr. Kirby will report back.

13/279 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

279a Inclusion of Neighbourhood Plan agreed at Open afternoon to sample the views of parishioners
This would take place on April 20th, time 2 – 5pm.

279b There is also the possibility of the extending of Conservation area being discussed if BDC can complete.
Parishioners/Group leaders etc, may have a table for advertising to make it a very interesting afternoon.

279c - It was agreed to start at 2pm finishing at 5pm. Annual Parish meeting to start at 6.00pm.
Invitations will be going out to all group leaders, associations etc as before and options will be given to speak at the meeting or offer paper reports to be included with the minutes.
Apart from discussing the Neighbourhood Plan and Conservation Area, residents will be encouraged to bring any matter to the attention of the council for future discussion.

13/280 SPEED LIMITS.- Read by C.Dady

I have been approached by various residents regarding speed limits in Salhouse.

My proposal is that this Council meeting agrees that I explore the following options with the highways authority, and I will bring back to the results of those discussions with a set of options for further consideration.

By publishing via the minutes of the meeting the suggestions for consideration, it will give you and residents the opportunity to feed in ideas and comments, and I hope that some of the public gallery here tonight will make comments in the open session at the end of the meeting. Between meetings you may be able to take more soundings.

I propose to discuss the following, with any additions/changes made at this meeting, with highways, as follows:

Norwich Road (50mph) - change to 40. This would be consistent with other local speed restrictions such as in Panxworth, and this road has a blind bend, busses stopping and schoolchildren being collected and dropped off

Honeycombe Road (60mph) - change speed limit to 50 or 40mph. Residents sought a permissive off road pedestrian route from the local landowner who felt unable to help, there are a number of accesses onto the narrow road which is heavily used by traffic cutting through to the bypass

Bell Lane B1140 towards Wroxham (60mph) - change to 50 or 40 mph - church access and crossroads by the Lodge are not designed for traffic to safely join a 60mph road. We should notify Wroxham PC of this discussion and seek their views.

Vicarage Road(60mph) - 30mph for whole length, can this be made a 'Quiet Lane'? - well used by walkers, footpaths emerge onto the road

Stonehouse Road, Howletts Loke (60mph)- no proposals (unless you disagree!)

13/281 COUNCILLORS INPUT Any other relevant matters

Cllr Heard reported on the NDR meeting and the BDC meeting – no debate.

Cllr Heard will produce a report on Buses and Trains for the next meeting as requested by the Chairman.

Cllr. Ball, who had attended the Waste Summit meeting on 7th February, reported that the Kings Lynn Incinerator talks were continuing and that there was no news on the Rackheath Processing scheme.

13/282 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)

-consider adjournment of meeting for Public Participation, inc: District and County Councillors and Norfolk Constabulary.

District Councillor Steve Buckle reported additional traffic and lorries carrying sugar beet travelling too fast.

Restrictions of 7.5tonnes being exceeded.

Resident S.Piper confirmed that Community Speedwatch could only operate in 30Mph and 40Mph areas and any new areas would need to be risk assessed before they were allowed to operate.

13/283 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Date of next meeting will be 11th March 2013

There being no further business, Chairman bid everyone good night and closed the meeting at 10.15pm.