

SALHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on December 9th 2013, in Salhouse VC Primary School, Cheyney Avenue, Salhouse at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs. N. Ball, S. Heard and N.Taylor, Cllr. McCormick (arrived 7.40pm)

Officer: Mrs. D.R.Wyatt – Clerk

There were also 11 residents attending.

In the absence of both Chairman and Vice-Chairman, council members nominated Cllr. Taylor to be acting Chairman.

This Cllr. Taylor agreed to do and proceeded by welcoming all the public to the meeting and explaining where the exits were if they were needed.

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506 APOLOGIES RESIGNATIONS CO-OPTIONS AND ELECTIONS.

506.1. To consider and agree acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllrs. S. Blow and L. Fielder had forwarded written apologies.

Cllr. Dady (Chairman) had given verbal apologies .All were accepted.

506.2 Co-options

There were no co-options.

506.3 Resignations

There were no resignations.

507 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.

Note: Councillors now required to declare Disposable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) rather than prejudicial interests and non-pecuniary interests (NPI's) rather than personal interests.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

508 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

To confirm and agree the minutes of the Parish Council for 11th November 2013.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting were agreed as a true report.

Minutes of the Reading Room Charity were also agreed as a true report and both were signed by Vice Chairman at the end of the meeting. Proposed and seconded by Cllrs Ball and Heard.

509 MATTERS ARISING – from previous minutes

509.1. Minutes 437.1 & 488.1 -Toilet door at Recreation Ground has been repaired.

Minute 469.2 – Received verbal confirmation from N.C.C. for acceptance and approval of grant for clearance of harmful weed from Lower Street Village pond.

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

There was no report owing to the Chairman's absence.

511 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Standing Orders suspended)

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

511.1 . receive a report from County Councillor Tom Garrod

There was no report.

511.2 District Councillor S. Buckle, reported that he had informed Glen Beaumont that he would oppose the Solar Farm application when it came to Committee on February 5th, meeting starting at 9.30a.m.

Presented a "Have your say" leaflet to the Council, advertising meeting for Sat 14th December.

A possible contender for "Social Media" as this could be circulated more widely.

Reported that Belaugh had held a meeting with Keith Simpson MP and suggested that Salhouse also request a Q & A meeting.

Confirmed that the activity being carried out by Wherry Housing at Cheyney Avenue, was wholly funded through Govt: Eco money and European Funding.

Asked that public continue to report potholes and unpunctual buses.

Consider forwarding a donation to the Walcott Appeal to assist with the clear up from the water damage done to shops and homes.

Congratulations to Malcolm Prestwood and his Team on the coloured Salhouse Saga.

Cllr. McCormick arrived at 7.40pm and took over the Chair from Cllr. Taylor.

511.3 Norfolk Constabulary – Report received from P.C.S.O. R. Hall, for the month of November.

1. Domestic 12/11/2013.
2. Theft of motor vehicle 12/11/2013 Lower Street, motor bike involved in a collision and left at the roadside was subsequently stolen.
3. Domestic 23/11/2013.

511.4 Public submission relating to Planning applications (if any)
There were no comments.

511.5 Public submissions relating local issues

Mrs. L. Smith, recited the problems of Upper Street (as a resident) and asked that the Council consider requesting a Traffic Regulations Order, in respect of a one-way system being introduced.

Cllr McCormick stated that another possibility would be to close Upper Street between Broad Farm and Vicarage Farm.

Ms. P. Gallanders asked whether the Councillors should be declaring an interest in the Post Office and Shop?. Clerk replied No.

Ms. P. Gallanders asked for an explanation.

Clerk replied that she had checked this with BDC, who informed her that the councillors had nothing to declare, if they were not going to benefit personally.

Resume Standing Orders.

512. CORRESPONDENCE

512.1 Grit Bin request – Thieves Lane/Salhouse Rd junction.

Highways Ref.439800. Salhouse Rd/Norwich Road is on a P.1 gritting route, so therefore they would be unable to allow a Grit Bin at this location.

Council asked that the Clerk contact Highways again to request re-consideration for a grit bin placement in Thieves Lane only.

512.2 (Minute 491.2) Traffic priority- Cheyney Avenue.

Reference 439513.

Clarification of County Council's decision.

County has reasoned that the chicane imposes a certain amount of traffic calming. It forces drivers to consider their actions/speed at the junction. To make the priority one way is likely to increase vehicle speeds in that direction, therefore creating an additional hazard. It is felt that to impose priority would create more problems than it would solve.

512.3 Norfolk County Council - Parish Partnership Scheme 2014/15

(Minute 491.3) Suggestions of concrete pad for recycling bins at Recreation Ground, Trod for length of Station Road, Trod for whole length of Norwich Road from railway junction to Mill Road roundabout, Permissive path to Church and traffic calming on Norwich road, to be discussed briefly. Bids to be received by 30th January 2014.

After discussion, it was agreed that the concrete pad be rejected until the situation with the recycling bins is known in 2015.

Also the permissive path from the Church, as Mr. A. Cator had indicated that this was not likely to happen.

Cllr. Heard volunteered to draw up sketches of:- Trod for length of Station Road and Trod for whole length of Norwich Road (to be carried out in 2 phases)

Council agreed that the traffic calming designs, would be submitted by Chairman Dady as he had first broached this subject and was in possession of the facts.

512.4 Church request for help with an account received for footpath improvement.

This request was agreed and 50% offered as a donation.

512.5 Parish Precept for Financial Year 2014/2015 – form received from Broadland District Council for completion. Information only.

512.6 Donation request from Age U.K.

Clerk to reply reporting that our donations are now decided by the parish at their May meeting.

512.7 Norfolk County Council - Statement of Common Ground. Contact required.

It was agreed that the contact would be Cllr. Dady.

513 COMMUNITY ASSETS.

513.1 Discuss valuable Community assets.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Council should apply for an ACV for the Bell P.H.

514 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

514.1 To AGREE and RESOLVE the following payments and other matters:-

514.2 Cheque payments as per list.

To be supplied at a later date.

514.3 Monthly balances as per ledger figures.

To be supplied at a later date.

514.4 Statement balances as declared on cheque list

Bank Statements produced for checking.

515 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & REPORT

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

PA 20131408 - 15.3 hectares (37.8 acres) of land to north of Stonehouse Road, 5MWp solar farm

CLOSED FOR COMMENTS 25/11/2013

The application is expected to be 'called in' to the Planning Committee and a final decision is not expected before February.

PA 20131541 - 20 Thieves Lane, for a single storey front extension.

FULL APPROVAL 3/12/2013

Applications Received

P.A. 20131557 - 8, Mill Close, Salhouse, for 1. Side Extension.2.Front Extension. 3. Detached Garage at Rear.

Correspondence Received

Acknowledgement and request for minor clarifications on SPC response to PA 20131408 Solar Farm from Glen Beaumont at SPC.

Investigation/Enforcement Cases Open

None

Investigation/Enforcement Cases Closed

None

THE BROADS AUTHORITY

Planning Decisions Received:

Broads Authority recorded No Objections to PA 20131408 Solar Farm

515.2 P.A. 20131557 - 8, Mill Close, Salhouse.

1. Side Extension.2.Front Extension. 3. Detached Garage at Rear.

Parish Council had no objections.

516 SALHOUSE POST OFFICE - Updated report.

516.1 Valuation requested, no report received at present.

516.2 No further communication received from owner of ex Sorting Office building.

517 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

517.1 Following the meeting with Mr. H. Cator on the 6th November a meeting was held with Mr. A. Cator on the 18th November. Cllr. Taylor will be attending a meeting at BDC and DCLG on Friday 13th December and would welcome any questions requiring answers, from the public. There will be another working party meeting early in January 2014 after which we will be contacting the residents again.

518 CONSULTATIONS.

518.1. (Minutes 462 & 497.1 - Greater Norwich Development Partnership. Suggested Main Modifications.

Inspector S. Vickery has declared the J.C.S "sound" **subject to conditions.**

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519 COMMITTEE & REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.

519.1 Footpaths

Most of the footpaths have been walked. Reported trip hazard has been investigated and will be attended to. Also fingerpost at FP8 has been renewed.

519.2 Risk Assessment – General -
None required this month.

519.3 Jubilee Hall.
No report was received

519.4 Recreation Ground.
No report received.

519.5 Cllr McCormick reports on Accounts/Finance scrutiny carried out on 21st October 2013. Reported at 498.5 – November minutes.

520. SOCIAL MEDIA

Discussion paper presented to members, resulted in the forming of a Working Party, consisting of Cllrs. Heard, McCormick and Dady, plus outside source Toby Baker, active member of Salhouse Youth Club. Cllr. McCormick to contact Toby for confirmation of acceptance.

Dates will be set by Committee (informing the Clerk) and the paper will be returned to the Council for further discussion in January.

521 CLERKS REPORT

521.1 Information received regarding two birch trees in Redell Close. BDC checking out reported facts.

Broadland District Council has confirmed that this area is not registered at Land Registry and suggested that the Council contact a solicitor to set about taking it over, if they so wished.

521.2 (500.2) Reflector posts down, in Thieves Lane will be replaced at the very latest 30th December 2013. (436857)

521.3 (500.3) Footpath indicator post down at Station Rd end Howletts Loke, not yet acknowledged by N.C.C Highways quoting reference Number.
Clerk to inform them again.

521.4 (469.1).(500.4) 100th Anniversary of the Great War.
Team Salhouse has scattered seeds as promised.

522 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Standing Orders suspended)

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District Councillor Steve Buckle reported that a request had been received for a further 20ml pr hr sign be placed on Cheyney Avenue to remind people that there is a restriction.

Also confirmed that Twitter is an ideal vehicle for passing on information.

Resume Standing Orders.

523 READING ROOM CHARITY BOND

Change of signatories completed. Cheque signatories Cllrs. McCormick and Taylor.

524 COUNCILLORS INPUT -receive comments from councillors or items for next Agenda.
Cllr. Heard reminded all that the consultation period for “Norfolk Putting People First” finishes on

the 12th December 2013. Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/puttingpeoplefirst

Also suggested that all present read the full report on Agenda item 518.1, as it is not all as reported by authorities and media.

Reminded councillors that Salhouse Parish Council had supported the C.P.R.E. Alliance, who is now including opposition to the N.D.R.

525 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

525.1 To note that our next P.C. meeting is at 7.30p.m. on Monday January 13th 2014 in Salhouse V.C Primary School.

Public left the meeting at 9.0pm.

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is proposed that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the remaining matters.

526 CONFIDENTIAL

SHOP AND POSTOFFICE PURCHASE.

Councillors felt unable to commit to making an offer at the suggested level at the present time, due to this being very close to the limit of available funds. It was felt that the potential for legal costs and building repair costs would very likely take total expenditure over budget. It was also resolved not to pursue an additional valuation or structural survey at this time. It was resolved to approach Mr. Palmer to discuss the options available.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm.