

SALHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Salhouse Parish Council meeting held in the Salhouse V.C. Primary School on Monday 21st January 2013 at 7.30pm.

13/236 WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING.

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

13/237 PRESENT

Cllr. C. Dady (Chairman) Cllrs: Heard (Vice Chairman) McCormick (Planning), Taylor (Finance) Blow, Kirby and Ball.

Also present, District Cllr. S. Buckle, Clerk, Mrs. D.R. Wyatt and twelve residents.

13/238 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No absences to report.

13/239 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. Declarations of interest, were reported by:-

Cllr. S. Heard- item 246c – Customer of Councillor.

Item 252 - Receiving cheque.

13/240 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- Cllr. C. Dady.

I would like to apologise for the change of meeting date and thank the councilors for helping in this instance.

Happy New Year!

We have a number of things that have been the focus for the PC over the past period- we are pleased to see work starting on the garage site at Mill Road, albeit we have had to raise some issues with the developers, discussions are taking place regarding future options of the post office for the village; thank you to those who are taking the reins of the Village Hall, and thank you very much to the outgoing committee members/Trustees.

Some of those issues will be discussed this evening.

Events nearby continue, we await future news regarding the NDR and Growth Triangle; the County have launched a consultation on the use of the ex RAF base at Coltishall which they have now purchased – although in statements they have ruled out any possibility of the relocation of the airport, and on the 17th we attended the Hopkins Homes presentation about 100 homes at this end of Wroxham and have requested that Wroxham PC seek a footpath that would safely link Salhouse and Wroxham.

Outside these issues, focus for the PC this year will be communications and seeking additional councillors to fill our vacancies---any volunteers would be made very welcome---as well as debating issues that are important to those in the village.

A key agenda item for this meeting is the budget discussion for 2013/2014 – thank you Daphne and Nick for preparing this for our consideration.

Finally tonight we are starting a three meeting trial, of the public forum time being halved and placed at either end of the meeting, giving attendees the opportunity to make comments at either (within the time allowed.) If it is a positive experience we will consider adopting this approach for all future meetings. Thank you.

13/241 CLERKS REPORT

241a Resident reported that the 30mph sign opposite No. 36 Thieves Lane was in a dangerous condition. This was forwarded to Highways immediately.
Clerk to chase Highways again as still not attended to.

241b Report received of full bottle banks, these had to be reported again as they had not been emptied within the week.
Bins now emptied.

241c **Salhouse Football Club** have asked for the mole hills to be removed. This is not the time to do more than brush away the top soil.-Information to be placed on Forward Agenda.

241d **Resident** reported tree felling and excessive noise coming from the Old Garage Site on Mill Road early on a Sunday morning. This was reported to the authorities who dealt with it on Monday and the tree felling is being investigated.
This site is now fully operational but weather has delayed work.

242e **Milestones psychiatric unit**, had contacted council with a request for grit bins on Stonehouse Road or support to Highways to be included in the gritting route as emergency vehicles come and go.
Council agreed to support the gritting of Stonehouse Road. Although council cannot supply a grit bin specifically for Milestones, the supply of further bins at each end will be considered at a further meeting.

13/242 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)

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

Suspended Standing orders.

Norfolk Constabulary

Report received from P.C.S.O. R. Hall, apologising for non attendance and reporting that no crimes has been listed for Salhouse.

Mr. J. Fielder asked the following questions:-

Is the Post Office is to be re located to the Bell Public House. I know we need the Bell Public House to be an effective and important part of Salhouse and I am sure the income would help in the running of the business, but is it the right place bearing in mind; I presume the Jubilee Hall has been considered as another option?

It would give a valuable source of income in maintaining this building etc and possibly keep Carol in employment after all her years of service to the village.

Has this location been put to Post office counters as an alternative?

Are the Parishioners going to be consulted or is a done deal already.

Chairman accepted the questions and stated that they would be discussed later, as the item was on the Agenda.

Mr. Fielder also requested grit bin at The Loke.

This item will be considered at a later date.

Mrs. J. Blake addressed the council regarding Gritting and Salting routes. Letter supplied as below:-

I appeal to the Parish Council to try and get Thieves Lane included in the Gritting and Salting routes. Since last Tuesday the majority of the buses serving the bus routes in Salhouse have been diverted, meaning that passengers must walk to Mill Road in order to get buses to Wroxham or Norwich, as the bus stops on Norwich Road.

Thieves Lane and The Bell, Lower Street have not been served. This is very inconvenient for many people, especially those from the Woodbastwick end of the Village.

It has been made worse by the odd bus attempting to keep to the regular route, which means that passengers do not know where to wait for the bus. I realise that it is too late for this season, but I would request that attempts are made to get Thieves Lane included before the routes are drawn up for next winter.

Chairman acknowledged this request which will also be placed on a later agenda.

Mr. S. Piper reported that the Grit Bin at Cheyney Avenue was 1/3rd full.

Clerk informed all that Highways had reported they were servicing the area either today or tomorrow.

District Councillor Steve Buckle.

Raised the importance of the BDC full council meeting being held on the 24th January 2013, when the leading Tory group, propose to vote on the JCS November 2nd 2012 submissions. Let us be clear that the JCS is alright in principle (we do not oppose housing) but we oppose being confronted with a fait accompli and being regarded as objectors.

The structure of the JCS is flawed and has been since day one. It is plainly unaccountable and unacceptable to follow a flawed brainwave that houses will be built in acceptable eco fashion, when the infrastructure remains in doubt and the quick fix of generating New Homes Bonus and the Community Infrastructure Levy are the preferred options.

Politically the GNDP is flawed, what is not flawed? \i cannot sit hear without drawing your attention chairman to the need for local democracy and the essential ingredient of the residents voices being heard.

I move that the JCS is opposed as unsuitable to the residents of this part of Broadland and must be thrown out. As I have already stated, I shall not be voting in favour at Thursdays Council meeting.

13/243 MINUTES OF MEETING 26.11.2012 & on the 10.12.2012

Minutes of 26th November were agreed as a true report, subject to the venue being corrected.

Minutes of 10th December were agreed as a true report subject to the venue being corrected and reporting that Cllr. N. Ball was not absent.

Both sets were proposed by Cllr. Dady, seconded by Cllr. McCormick and duly signed.

13/244 BUDGET & PRECEPT FOR 2013/2014.

244a The Finance committee had met on the 7th January and taking all the changes into account that had been forwarded by Broadland District Council, decided that it would be prudent to hold the precept as last year at £26120.00

Several adjustments had been made to our Budget listings for easier reading and to correspond with our ledger.

Responsible finance Office will forward a report of our standing at the half year to enable councillors to check our position.

After clarifying two points raised, council AGREED this proposal presented by Cllr. Taylor and the RFO and seconded by Cllr. Dady.

244b After discussing balance currently being held in our reserve account. It was agreed to maintain the reserve at the level of the precept.
Any funding left at the end of the year from our current account should immediately be transferred to this account when the first precept payment has been received.
Proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Heard.

13/245 PLANNING

245a **Planning report presented by Chair, of Planning Committee, Cllr. C.McCormick**
Brief explanation of Councils adoption of including planning applications within the meeting where possible.

Applications to be considered at this meeting.

Planning Application 20121823
Detached Dwelling & Outbuilding
Land Adj. Vicarage Road, Salhouse, NR13 6HE.

Planning Decisions from Broadland District Council.

PA 20121388 – 34, Norwich Road	Full Approval 11/12/12
PA20121669 – Old Garage Site, Mill road	(additional) Full Approval 27/12/12
PA20121173 – 140 Lower Street	Refused 11/12/12. Appeal 21/12/12
PA20121044 – Norwich Road 20 dwellings	AWAITING DECISION.

Investigation/Enforcement Cases Open None

Investigation/Enforcement Cases Closed. None

Meeting suspended to allow parishioners input regarding application to be considered.
Mr. J. Fielder stated that he as a near neighbor had no objections but would like to see a 30ml/pr/hr speed limited.

Ms P. Gallanders reminded those present that this property would be outside the development area (as it stands) and would the council consider putting this fact into the reply to Broadland District Council.

There being no further comments the meeting was resumed.

After consideration the Council had no objections to this application.

245b **Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr. Taylor reported that he had been in touch with Richard Squires (BDC), who stated that there was no problem with us lagging behind. Sprowston, Aylsham and Strumpshaw are proceeding with their plans.

After much discussion, it was agreed that all residents would be contacted with an official communication and notification of an Open Day would be forwarded. The council needs the opinion of the residents as it is their village. Most councillors supported this suggestion.

Cllr. S.Heard stated that he could not support this Neighbourhood Plan as there would be no benefit in it for the village. .

245c **APPEAL APP/K2610/D/12/2189598 – Land at: 140, Lower Street, Salhouse, NR13 6RX**
Confirmation of start date 21st December 2012.
Paperwork was received at this point, confirming that this appeal had been allowed,
decision made 17th January 2013.

13/246 CORRESPONDENCE.

246a **Broadland District Council - Tyre Mountain at Station Road, Rackheath.** CC
Reply received was circulated to all members and is available to others upon request.
Clerk was requested to ask for clarification of the word “ownerless” as council thought that
could not be so.

246b **Environmental Agency – Tyre Mountain at Station Road, Rackheath.** CC
Reply received was circulated to all members and is available to others upon request.
Clerk was requested to reply and request copy of the contingency plan in place in case of an
incident.

246c **NHS. North Norfolk Clinical Commissioning Group.**
Explanation on current level of Ambulance Service was given by Cllr. Heard in response to
“information only” letter received. CC

246d **Road naming – Old Garage Site.**
Council had received three names for consideration:- 1. Ron Fielder Close: 2. Robin Road and
3. Kingfisher Close.
After considering the reasons put forward for these selections, a vote was taken from all of
those present (both councillors and residents). Majority vote (11) was for Ron Fielder Close
and the Clerk was requested to forward this to the relevant authorities and thank those who had
forwarded names for consideration.

13/247 INVITATIONS

247a **Thoughts requested** on “Fun Day” being arranged by Tobi Baker and Raft Race organisers
on August 25th.
Councillors were delighted that this was being arranged and entry was free.

247b **SLCC. Election of Chief Executive.**
Ballot papers to be received back by noon, 31st January 2013.
It was the councils wish not to participate.

247c **Norfolk County Council – Enterprise Waste Summit.**
Norwich City Football Club, 7th February 2013 8.45 – 12.30 (lunch provided)
Booking Essential.
Cllr. N.Ball volunteered to attend.

13/248 INFORMATION

248a **Norfolk Association of Local Councils**, introduction letter from new Parish Liaison
Officer, Jane Scarrott received. - Noted

248b **Fit Norfolk Road show.**
Details of future opportunities and available grants. (Members see marked items)
Noted

248c **Norfolk County Council**
Norwich Northern Distributor Road – February 2013 Exhibition dates on poster.
To be displayed on notice boards and website.

13/249 RISK ASSESSMENT

No report owing to inclement weather and icy conditions.
It was reported that the bench situated at Upper St. pond was sinking and needed moving to a higher spot.

13/250 FOOTPATHS

No report owing to inclement weather and icy conditions.

250a Norfolk County Council-
- letter regarding Unsafe Tree Limb overhanging Chicane Barrier.
Final work will be monitored by Cllr. N. Taylor.

13/251 POST OFFICE - Update by Cllr. Dady.

The current Trustees of the Village Hall have touched on this matter and agree in principle but this would have to be agreed by the new Trustees.
If in agreement, the new Trustess would have to contact the charity Commission to obtain permission as this would be a commercial proposition.
Clerk was requested to contact the Charity Commission, explaining the urgent facts to them for a provisional reply.

13/252 FINANCE

- a) Cheques to the value of £2866.60 were agreed for payment, proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Dady.
- b) Balances were agreed and signed by Cllr. Taylor.
- c) 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
This item to be placed on the next agenda.
- d) The Co-operative Bank confirmation of our Investment Bond at a figure of £49433.05 has been renewed. Maturity date 13th December 2013.
- e) Financial Assessment carried out on 14th January 2013 by our Council internal auditor, Cllr. C. McCormick. All found to be in order.

13/253 AON INSURANCE CONTRACT AT RECYCLING BANKS AT RECREATION GROUND, SALHOUSE AND FIDELITY AGREEMENT.

Copy reply from Aon distributed to all councillors.
To be finalised at the next meeting.

13/254 JUBILEE HALL.-UPDATE report from Cllr. G. Kirby.
Council were reminded that the doctors surgery was also held at Jubilee Hall.

Confirmed at this point that there were at least three residents willing to form a Committee for the Village Hall. A.G.M will be held on 29th January 2013.

13/255 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

It was suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan Open Day be held on the same day as the Parish meeting, which would give the residents the opportunity to attend and voice their opinions. To be considered and persons contacted to see if this was a viable suggestion.

13/256 REPRESENTATIVE FOR FRIENDS OF SALHOUSE BROAD.

Council was informed that the Friends of Salhouse Broad was no longer in existence.

13/257 COUNCILLORS INPUT Any other relevant matters

Cllr. Heard urged all to attend the BDC full council meeting on the 24th January to debate the Joint Core Strategy.

Cllr. Ball tabled a further suggestion of a footpath to enable safe passage for residents at the Honeycombe Rd end of the Village. This would take the form of a circular route across land between Honeycombe Road and Salhouse Hall. Clerk to contact landowners.

Also reported on the failings of the Anglian 124 service.

Council agreed that relevant letters should be forwarded by the Clerk to the responsible parties.

13/258 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)

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

Meeting suspended

Mr. S. Piper enquired why the VAT was taken into account as this should be a balancing figure and this was explained to his satisfaction.

Ms P. Gallanders suggested the Council consider renting the shop premises in the meantime and explore the possibilities of a Community Shop.

Also suggested that in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan, the Council has a Workshop with Richard Squires (BDC).

Points for observation: Previous Local Policy (Developers would have a freer hand) - Supplementary Planning document attached to current Local Plan - Options on land.

Requested also that figures be published referring to the cost of running the Recreation Ground.

Trish Bond wondered if the Council had considered nominating the Post Office (PO) as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). If this listing was achieved in time, it would cause considerable delay.

Question asked about what hours would be allowed if PO moved to The Bell.

Council had no knowledge of Post Office contracts.

All above items were noted by the Chairman and will be commented upon in due course.

Meeting resumed.

13/259 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Date of next meeting will be 11th February 2013

There being no further business, chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm and wished everyone a safe journey home.