

ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Room, St. Remigius Church on Tuesday 29th September 2015 at 7.15 pm

Present:	David Bartrum	DB	
	Paul Curson	PC	Chairman
	Andrew Daniels	AD	
	David Goldson	DG	District Councillor
	Jenny Shorter	JS	
	Elizabeth Taylor	ET	
	John Taylor	JT	Vice Chair
In attendance	Jenny Chamberlin	JC	County Councillor
	Anne Panella	AP	Clerk

Action

Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- 162 The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting. Apologies were received from P Murton

Declarations of Interest

- 163 ET and JT declared in interest in Agenda Item 6.5.

Residents Forum

- 164 Footpath from Cricks Walk to the Green: it was noted that work has been carried out to this footpath to clear brambles and undergrowth.
- 165 Neighbourhood Plan: a resident who was involved in the creation of the Diss Plan has offered his time and experience to creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Roydon. He was thanked for the kind offer and it was reiterated that such a plan must have the support of, and be driven by, the local community not the Parish Council. It was suggested to wait until 2016 when the proposed Boundary Review has been completed.
- 166 The continuing impact on communities of house building was noted and agreed that a Position paper be prepared by the resident for consideration at the October meeting and inclusion in the Herald on the format of the proposed Plan and suggested timescales.
- 167 Allotments:
The disparity of size of plot to annual rental was raised. It was noted that this represents good value for money and very few complaints have been received over the years. The plots are offered 'as seen' and whilst the Waiting List has now significantly reduced it is expected to increase with the building of new homes in the area. There is currently one vacant plot. The annual rental for the plots are currently £30 for a full plot and £15 for a half-plot, representing good value for money. The cost of water is included with the annual rent.
- 168 High Hedge, near Cricks Walk: it is the responsibility of owners to ensure their hedges comply with legislation and do not impose on neighbours. Such

issues are generally regarded to be between neighbours but DG will check if the Community Officer at SNC can offer any advice or assistance.

- 169 Louie's Lane, Shelfanger Road, Old High Road: the footpaths are overgrown forcing pedestrians and pushchairs into the road, raising a safety issue.

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2015

- 170 Minute 142: should be £765.82
 Minute 145: '... the *Parish Council* believes'
 Minute 143: the Income and Expenditure Report for September has been adjusted following receipt of Bank Statements.

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman with the above amendments.

Matters Arising

- 171 Parish Boundary: AD stated that the ecclesiastical boundary of the Parish cannot be moved; neither the District nor County Council has the authority to do so. However, DG confirmed that for *administration* (Council Tax) purposes the boundary would appear to have been moved resulting in one/two houses being in Diss, rather than Roydon, where the original boundary would have been through the middle of a house.

Accounts for Payment

- 172 **Resolved:** to approve the payments. Proposed by PC, seconded by DG. All in agreement.

Pearce & Kemp	Street Lighting (Standing Order)	£474.78
Anne Panella	Salary: August and September	£640.46
HMRC	PAYE: August and September	£160.00
EON	Electricity (credit)	(534.48)
J Taylor Builders Ltd	Adjustments to water tank at allotments	£77.78
J M Crerar	Grass cutting/hedge trimming	£350.00
Anne Panella	Postage, Stationery, Printing, Annual Norton Subscription	£126.48
Norfolk County Council	Street Lights Survey	£456.00
	Sub Total	£2,285.50

- 173 In addition the following were received after dispatch and approved:

Pearce & Kemp	Street Lighting (Standing Order)	£158.26
Norse	Bi-annual grass cutting	£536.57
	GRANT TOTAL	£2,980.33

Monthly Income and Expenditure Report

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	Current	Deposit	Total
Bal B/F 02.07.15	£17,795.85	£7,825.70	£25,621.55
Receipts to 03.09.15	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£17,795.85	£7,825.70	£25,621.55
Outgoings to 03.09.15	£1,135.10	£0.00	£1,135.10
	£16,660.75	£7,825.70	£24,486.45
Inter Account Transfers July- Aug 2015	£0.00	£0.0	£0.00
Closing Bal 03.09.15	£16,660.75	£7,825.70	£24,486.45

Highways

- 175 Loan of Speed Monitoring equipment from Diss Town Council: agreed to request that Diss TC include the monitoring of traffic on the Old High Road, *towards* Diss. Cost will be £75.00 per occasion.
- 176 It was agreed that the building works to the school which will commence shortly will have an impact on the speed of traffic in this area and, therefore, to wait a few months before considering this area for speed monitoring. It is possible a crossing will be installed, subject to availability of funds.
- 177 Pot Holes: several are now evident in Darrow Lane. Clerk to inform JC and send photographs. **AP**
- 178 Footpath from School to Denmark Lane: this is totally inadequate and too narrow for level of pedestrian traffic although the bollards have been effective in ensuring HGVs do not present a danger.
- 179 Surface Water on new development: this continues to be of concern with garages on the new development being sandbagged during recent heavy rainfall. DG will pursue through the Planning Dept at SNC to ascertain which agency/organization is responsible for this issue.

Street Lights

- 180 A number of lights have been reported as not working: Pearce and Kemp have been informed.
- 181 It is hoped that the Survey, the cost of which has now been approved, will be carried out within the next two months.

Review Allotment Rents

- 182 Agreed to maintain annual rents as present: £30 per annum for full plot. £15 per annum for half-plot. **Proposed** by JT, seconded by PC. All in agreement.
- 183 The costs associated with the Allotments over the past few years were recorded:

Water: (ex VAT)

2014/15 £68.27
2013/14 £100.00
2012/13 £38.75

Rental Receipts

2014/15 £380
(6 full plots @ £30, 13 half plots @ £15, one half plot unpaid, one plot reduced rate)

2013/14 £375 (as above but one plot free)
2012/13 £286 (6 full plots @ £22, 14 half plots @£11, one plot free)

Other Expenditure			
Nov 2012	J Taylor	£112.99	Water lead
June 2012	Garrod Construction	£195.96	Drive material
Feb 2015		£470.80	Gate
Sept 2015	J Taylor	£77.78	Adjustment to water tank

- 184 Agreed to ask Mr Crerar to cut the grass in the Allotment area.
- 185 The hedge alongside the Allotments is overhanging a neighbouring property and it was noted that legislation entitles the neighbour to cut any overhanging branches.

Brewers Green

- 186 The Management Committee last met on 15th July. The Green will be cut shortly; the trees planted in the Spring are growing well; the drainage work at the fishpond will take place in early October

Planning

- 187 Nothing to report. One application has been passed to the Planning Sub-Committee for consideration.

Correspondence Outgoing

- 188 Highways and Street Lighting (emails)
Correspondence with Barclays
Agenda and Minutes
Letter/email to Allotment holders

Correspondence Incoming

- 189 Invoices (various)
Clerks & Councils Direct magazine
CIL: meeting in December with Diss TC and SNC

Report from District Councillor

- 190 There is an active debate for central government to delegate significant powers to local government. Cornwall has submitted proposals for consideration, including areas such as transport, employment, EU funding, energy, health and social care.
- 191 SNC has sought to protect the value of its reserved including development of council owned land by building homes and business units in Long Stratton and Poringland through a company owned by the council which achieves returns higher than investment in the market and helps to keep Council Tax rates lower.
- 192 The Gypsy and Traveller proposals will likely see approx 30 pitches identified over the next 30 years.
- 193 The reports in the local press that SNC will not replace social housing lost under the 'Right to Buy' legislation are misleading as all social housing is owned by separate companies, such as Saffron. In addition SNC has built a significant number of houses in recent years, in excess of all the other Norfolk councils combined, of which social housing represents a high percentage.
- 194 SNC is working closely with the County Council to offer what assistance may be required for refuges.
- 195 There have been two by-elections both won by the Conservatives.
- 196 The Local Plan will be adopted by SNC in October, following 12 years of planning and consultation. It enshrines open spaces between villages to prevent development causing discrete communities being joined and losing their separate identities.

Report from County Councillor

- 197 The Care Act seeks to ensure consistency of quality across the country, whilst shifting the balance to promoting wellbeing. Part two of the Act includes a cap on the costs of care and changes to the means testing procedure.
- 198 Significant additional costs to the Northern Distributor Road were accepted by the County Council.
- 199 The way of working of the senior management team is currently being reviewed in order to identify efficiencies and better ways of working.

Any Other Business

200 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Date and Time of Next Meeting

201 Tuesday 27th October, 7.15 pm in Parish Room, St. Remigius Church.

Items for Agenda:

- Notice Boards in village
- Village Sign
- Remembrance Day Wreath
- Parish Partnership
- War Memorial