

HOCKWOLD-CUM-WILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST SCHOOLROOM
ON TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.30 pm

Present:	Mrs P Raburn) Chairman
	Mr T Fothergill) Hockwold-cum-Wilton Parish Council
	Mr T Gossage)
	Mr M Denney)
	Mrs M Eade)
	Mrs T Sismey)
	Mrs L Arbour)
	Miss R Johns)
	Mr M Storey) District Councillor
	Squadron Leader J Neild) RAF Lakenheath
	Mrs Rachel Stewart) NCC Waste Reduction Officer

Apologies for absence have been received from Parish Councillor Mrs D Barrett and District Councillor Mr A Lawrence.

Mrs Raburn introduced Mrs Stewart the Waste Reduction Officer for NCC to give a presentation to the Council, unfortunately no members of the public has come, although the matter had been widely publicised in the village magazine and on the notice boards.

Mrs Stewart explained she has been working with schools, community groups and parish councils to publicise the three 'R's', Reducing, Reusing and Recycling. They have held a 'Waste Buster Week' which has just finished, so she has brought with her some Waste Buster Packs to hand out. Mrs Stewart knew that Hockwold already has a Salvation Army Clothes Bank in the village hall car park, which brings in money to the Village Hall and reduces materials from landfill, we also have a bottle bank within the village. Mrs Sismey asked regarding recycling meat packaging and yoguet pots etc, which at present we cannot recycle, where as Suffolk can. Mrs Stewart explained that all County Councils have different rules regarding what can be recycled and what cannot. Many homes have compost bins in their garden, but it could be possible to have a community compost plot, especially on allotments.

Hockwold's nearest recycling centre is in Thetford, but it is understood that a new centre is due to open at some point next year. Mrs Sismey said that the people manning this centre can sometimes be very unhelpful, especially when it come to large items like a freezer, they just stood and watched as her sister struggled to get it off her vehicle. Mrs Stewart said she would pass on such comments, as they should help to get heavy loads off, and she will find out when the new centre is due to open.

Mr Denney and Mr Storey brought up the matter of the King's Lynn Incinerator which NCC are trying to get set up, 65,000 residents voted against such a plant, but NCC seem to be hell bent on going though with it. Mrs Stewart said this was being dealt with by the Waste Management Team at County Hall, and she has been advised not to discuss it at present.

Mrs Raburn thanked Mrs Stewart for coming all this way to speak to the council, and said we would give out the Waste Buster Packs she had brought with her.

1. MINUTES

Miss Johns asked if anything had been done about the seats on the Cross Hill, the clerk said she had not done so as yet.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11 October 2011 previously circulated and amended as above be approved and signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Mr Denney and seconded by Mrs Arbour.

2. MATTERS ARISING AND CORRESPONDENCE

RAF Lakenheath: Squadron Leader Jerry Neild who was present at the meeting said that the Elvis entrance is going well and could be finished a little earlier than anticipated. Contrary to what people say they do give preference to the A1065 with the traffic lights.

Squadrons have returned from overseas so there will be an increase in flying times.

Mrs. Raburn offered condolences to Squadron Leader Neild for the death of the Red Arrow Pilot earlier today.

Chestnut Tree: Councillor Mrs Eade and the clerk Mrs Taylor visited Barcham Trees plc and explained what we were looking for. They only had one Indian Horse Chestnut Tree left this year, which was not a very good specimen, they did have a selection of Sweet Chestnut which were better. We left it that we let them know tomorrow what the Parish Council decide. The new trees arrive about March 2012 we could go and choose one in May and have it delivered in October. After some discussion it was proposed by Mrs Arbour and seconded by Mr Gossage that we should have an Indian Horse Chestnut Tree that has a red blossom. Everyone agreed. The clerk will contact Barcham tomorrow. Two parishioners have rung the clerk with offers of donations. She will let them know the council's decision.

Station Road – Speed Checks: On Saturday 22 October a speed check was carried out in the morning. The clerk has received an e-mail regarding the results, two drivers were reported for speed awareness courses and words of advice were given to two other drivers. They think their presence proved to be more of a deterrent than anything else. They intend to revisit a few more times leading up to Xmas adopting a few different positions along the road. They said how friendly and welcoming our community was, people came out to see how they were getting on and to offer them tea. The clerk will reply thanking them for coming out, and saying that weekdays at 7.00 to 9.00 am would be a better time.

Allotments: There is only one allotment left unaccounted for. Mrs Raburn will put this in the Village Magazine and ask if anyone would like to take it on, to contact the clerk.

Site Specific: The clerk has received an e-mail from our MP Elizabeth Truss following on from her letter regarding the Stone Curlew. Miss Truss said she too shares our concerns in relation to the Stone Curlew. She has met with Natural England and has urged them to review their position in relation to the buffer zone. They are now formulating a new policy and she awaits to see what the outcome is. DEFRA Minister Richard Benyon wants to see a more 'common sense' approach to the European Habitats Directive and buffer zone. Miss Truss will keep us informed on developments. Mr Storey said he is pushing for a change but things move extremely slowly.

NCC Delivering Local Highway Improvements: A copy of this letter was given to Councillors at the last meeting for them to read and bring their comments this month. The Parish Councillors do not feel they wish to submit any bids regarding small improvements in our area.

Proposed Power & Recycling Centre at Saddlebow, King's Lynn: Councillors were given a copy of the e-mail from Mr Knights at our last meeting, for discussion tonight. Mr Denney said he did not think we could use public money to support a private initiative. Everyone agreed the clerk should e mail Mr Knights to this effect.

Norfolk Accident Rescue Service: A letter has been received from this charity asking the Council if they could make a further donation this year. It was agreed that the clerk should write and explain that the Parish Council will be making no donations to charities this year due to the present financial position, but will consider the situation next year.

Norfolk RCC: Details of a Free Training workshop on Cloud Computing – Cloud Control (Information, Communications and Technology Workshops). The clerk has further information if anyone is interested.

Norfolk Association of Local Councillors: There are still two vacancies to be filled on this associations executive committee. If anyone is interested the clerk has further details.
NALC Autumn Seminar Thurs. Nov 17 2011 10am to 3 pm Sandringham Visitor Centre – cost £35.00 incl. Lunch – The clerk has the booking form.
NALC – East of England Conference On Landscape Architecture, Urban Design The clerk has further details.
Initial Training for Councillors – Evening and Daytime Sessions at different venues, cost £35 or £40 Clerk has the dates and further details.

Vitalise: Another letter has been received from this charity that support local disabled people and carers. We have already said we are not giving any donations this year.

Power Networks: Mr Tim Matthews from Power Networks has contacted and called on the clerk informing her that they will be tree trimming within the village on trees that are growing into power lines. On trees that has a TPO on them they are allowed to take off one meter if more is needed they have to get planning permission. Some of the trees concerned are Cherry Trees and the Chestnut tree in Pearces Close.

BCKLWN – Planning Scheme of Delegation – Parish Council Update: There have been two changes to Parish Council call-in rights. Copy of this letter given to councillors.

Side Table: Details of CGM Landscape Group (Keep on File). West Norfolk Community Transport AGM 18 November 2011 Invitation. Eco Services Printers for Parish Magazines and anything requiring printing. Norwich & District Carers Forum Poster put on Notice Board. Clerks and Councils Direct Nov. 2011. Signpost Norfolk NRCC copy given to Councillors. Sports Development Update Autumn 2011. Breckland Council LDF Site Specific Policies and Proposals – Inspectors require changes – not our area. Norfolk LINK October 2011.

3. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS/PERMISSIONS/REFUSALS**

Ref: 11/01793/F

Name: Ms T Clark

Twelve Acre Farm

Location – Twelve Acre Farm, Moor Drove, Hockwold.

Moor Drove East, Hockwold

Details – Retrospective application for the increase in

Height of machinery/feed store previous applic. 08/02714/F

Hockwold Parish Council objected to this application. After referral to original plans 2008/09, this building has been built twice the approved height, and is out of character for the area 'a blot on the landscape'! To many retrospective plans are coming through making a mockery of the planning rules and guidelines. All of Hockwold-cum-Wilton councillors are against this application. This was proposed by Mr Gossage and seconded by Mrs Eade.

Plans Ref: 11/01459/F change of use and extens. Of existing cattery to dwelling and change of use of existing barn and cattery at White Dyke Farm, Blackdyke Road Hockwold have been withdrawn.

4. **BILLS OF ACCOUNTS**

<u>Payments:</u>	8.11.2011	MHB Services Ltd – Lighting Maintn. Oct	£106.72
		Mrs G M Taylor – Wages Nov.	£397.64
		Mr M Moore – Bus Shelter	£ 22.00
	24.11.2011	E.On – DD Street Lighting Oct	£202.30
<u>Receipts</u>	8.10.2011	Allotment Rents (Part 1)	£290.00

It was proposed by Mrs Arbour and seconded by Mr Gossage that these accounts be paid.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Highways: Mr Gossage reported that the entrance from Cowles Drove on the Hockwold side still have the bad dip in the road which needs to be made up. The clerk will report this again.

Daffodils: Mrs Sismey said that they will be planting the bulbs on Saturday 12 November 2011 the clerk will inform Highways.

Poppy Wreath: Mrs Arbour said that she would lay the wreath at the service on 134 November 2011.

Street Light: It was reported that the light at the top of Kemps Lane is out, also the light outside Gainsborough House in South Street is out The clerk will report these matters.

Paths on the Estate: Mr Denney reported that the footpaths on the estate are very uneven and some metal work is very proud, making it very dangerous for walkers on the whole estate. This matter will be reported to Highways.

Church Lane & Nursery Lane: All the gullies in Church Lane and Nursery Lane are in need of being cleared out. The clerk will report this to highways.

Parking in the Village: There have been numerous complaints regarding the parking in the village some on the footpaths, and large vehicles on the road, some with trailers on the back making it very difficult for vehicles to drive through the village. The police will be asked to check again.

Dog Waste Bin: It was reported that the dog waste bin in the alleyway is in need of being emptied. This usually is done very regularly by the Borough Council.

Mill Drift: Mr Fothergill reported that up Mill Drift by the interchange with Chalk Hall Lane two small manhole covers are missing. It is believed they are to do with Anglia Water. The clerk will report this matter.

6. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council will be on the 13 December 2011 at 7.30 pm.

As there was no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Distribution:

- One copy to each member of the Council
- One copy for Mr T. White Norfolk County Councillor
- One copy to Mr A Lawrence District Councillor
- One copy to Mr M Peake District Councillor
- One copy to Mr M Storey District Councillor
- One copy to RAF Lakenheath
- One copy to Downham Market Police Station
- Two copies for display within the village
- One copy for Hockwold's Website
- One copy for the Minute Book