

**Minutes of the meeting of Dersingham Parish Council
held on 18th December 2007
at Dersingham Infant and Nursery School at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllrs A Bubb (in the Chair), K Manship, R Murrell, R Brackstone,
J Houston, P Burall, A Smith
In attendance: The Acting Clerk
County Cllr J Eells
Parishioners: One

10377 Apologies for absence

Cllr V Brundle
Cllr R Johnston
Cllr A Chapman

10378 Declarations of Interest

None

10379 Verbal report from County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs Eells began her report by advising that the hole in Admirals Drive, brought to her attention by Cllr Manship, was the responsibility of Anglian Water. She advised that NCC had an agreement with Anglian Water that when work was carried out on the highway, the area was returned to its original condition. She had ascertained that AW had carried out some repairs, NCC would ensure the work was completed satisfactorily. Cllr Manship was concerned that icy conditions would make the hole dangerous. Cllr Eells was also advised of a fused bulb in a Give Way sign at the junction of Admirals Drive and Lyng House Road.

Cllr Eells presented details of the provisional grant settlement for Norfolk: £214.660m for 2008/9, £227.041m in 2009/10, £238.909m in 2010/11. She advised that the Council Tax rate would be set in January/February 08.

Cllr Eells advised of developments regarding unitary authority. The terms of reference for the Boundary Committee have yet to be decided. Cross border proposals have been put forward. It had appeared that there was cross-party agreement that Norwich, Ipswich, Yartoft and the rest of Norfolk and Suffolk would become unitary authorities but this is now uncertain. Cllr Eells considered this would be very unpopular. Whatever is decided, Cllr Eells advised it could cost £20m, stripping all the county's assets. Cllr Bubb presented a short report on the meeting he had attended on 26th November at Borough Council, of the options put forward, the preference had been for a East/West Norfolk split. Cllr Burall advised that Ipswich is not large enough to be a unitary authority. Chairman invited Cllrs to ask questions and Cllr Murrell sought information regarding the roadworks at Heacham. Cllr Eells advised that a roundabout would be too costly and sufficient land was not available, traffic lights were being installed. Cllr Eells apologised for not looking into Cllr Smith's question regarding whether the accidents in the tourist towns were incurred by residents or tourists. With regard to the library sign, Cllr Eells advised that NCC Cabinet member John Gretton would respond in detail if he were written to. **Resolved that a letter be sent to John Gretton.**

Chairman thanked Cllr Eells for her report.

10380 Minutes of the Dersingham Parish Council meeting held on 26th November 2007

a. Approval of Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes be accepted.

b. Matters arising

Minute 10370 Review of Standing Orders

Cllr Manship sought clarification that there could be seven Councillors attending a committee meeting. Cllr Burall replied in the affirmative, the two ex-officio members have the option to attend and vote.

Minute 10366 Mr Tipling

Cllr Bubb considered there should be a presentation to Mr Tipling before February. Cllr Burall advised a venue had been arranged. **Resolved that a presentation be made to Mr Tipling.**

Minute 10365 Environment Committee meeting

Cllr Houston asked why there had been no Minutes of this meeting, he considered that as the meeting had begun, Minutes should be available. Cllr Bubb considered that as the meeting had been declared void, it was not legal and therefore there were no Minutes. **Resolved that the Acting Clerk ask the Clerk if Minutes of the meeting existed.**

Minute 01359h

Cllr Bubb considered a decision on a date for the viewing of the DVD should be postponed until 14th January 08 meeting when more Councillors will be present.

10381 Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 5th December 2007

a. To consider recommendations made to full Council:

Minute 382

Resolved to approve.

Minute 384

Cllr Burall advised that full Council consent is required. The Committee had recommended the cheapest tenders. Approved.

Minute 385

Resolved to approve. With regard to the budget, Cllr Manship asked if rooms would be provided for the Parish Council at the new surgery. Cllr Burall advised that the lease at the Police Station would end in 2008, the future was uncertain.

Minute 386

Resolved to approve.

Minute 388 Welcome Pack

Cllr Burall advised that the Church had prepared the packs for new residents. The cost of providing a cover would be minimal. Resolved that this expenditure be included in the budget.

Precept 2008/9

Cllr Burall had circulated copies of a precept report he had compiled. At present there were £90,000 in balances. A level of £30,000 was sought, therefore £60,000 was available. Cllr Johnston had estimated that £90,000 would be required for the village hall and playground equipment. With regard

to the village hall project, Cllr Burall considered it would be wasteful to pay for plans to be prepared unless Council was prepared to accept the public decision. Council is the only source of funding for the initial expenditure, later expenditure should be grant-funded. Cllr Burall asked that all items for the precept be brought forward to be discussed by the F& GP Committee meeting on 4th February 08, in order that a precept figure can be agreed at the Precept Meeting on 14th January 08.

10382 Crime Statistics Report

In the period 25th November 07 to 17th December 07 one incident of criminal damage in Dersingham was recorded.

10383 Applications and Determinations

Applications

07/02378/F Mr R Griffiths

4 Kings Croft, Dersingham

Application for single storey extension to dwelling.

Resolved to approve.

07/02427/F Mr & Mrs Gray

71 Lynn Road, Dersingham

Application for extension to dwelling

Resolved to approve.

Determinations

07/01862/F Mr & Mrs Mason

6 Sandringham Road, Dersingham

Application for single storey rear extension to dwelling.

Granted.

07/02104/F Mr RE & Mrs BJ Clark

70A Manor Road, Dersingham

Application for garage and conservatory extension to dwelling

Granted.

10384 Verbal report from Borough Councillor

Cllr Burall advised that the recent consultation about litter bins had resulted in 15 responses, of these 11 had objected to the proposals. He advised that the Borough Council will empty one litter bin per parish, with an extra bin per 1000 residents, and an extra bin in tourist areas. Parish Councils will be responsible for the provision of their own 140 or 240 litre wheelie bins. Parish Councils will be charged £50 for each extra bin emptied by the Borough contractors. Hunstanton and Downham Market are regarded as tourism centres, the litter bins in King's Lynn will be financed by the Borough taxpayers. Cllr Burall advised that provision of these wheelie bins must be a precept consideration. Chairman invited Councillors to ask questions. Cllr Houston expressed concern that a busload of tourists had left bags of rubbish, after purchase of food at Thaxters, at the War Memorial. **Resolved that Cllr Murrell discuss this problem with Thaxters.** Cllr Murrell asked if there could be a clause that the contractors consent is required for any

development at the Mountbatten Estate. Cllr Burall considered private legal action would be needed. Cllr Manship advised that 70 trees had been removed from 10 Dodds Hill Road, an extension has been built, and the resident is living in a caravan. Resolved that Cllr Burall contact Borough Planning. Chairman thanked Cllr Burall for his report.

10385 Correspondence

a. A letter received from Mr Richard Stanton of Pigeon Holdings regarding the new surgery area was presented. Mr suggested “St Nicholas’ Court” was used for the area. All agreed this suggestion was unacceptable. Cllr Burall proposed the area was named “Carole Brown Yard”. Five in favour: 2 abstentions.

Resolved that a letter be sent to Mr Stanton advising that was unacceptable, proposing “Carole Brown Yard” and inviting other suggestions.

b. A letter received from a parishioner regarding dog fouling in the Post Office Road area was presented. **Resolved that if dog fouling signs were available they could be put up as a deterrent.**

c. Campaign to Protect Rural England membership renewal. Cllr Burall proposed that membership be renewed at the minimum rate. **Resolved that membership be renewed at £28.**

d. A letter received from Cllr Johnston regarding bus stops at the new surgery was presented. There was much discussion regarding the unsuitability of the area for bus stops. **Resolved that a letter be sent to Pigeon Holdings inviting suggestions for the siting of bus stops.**

The following list of correspondence was available to be viewed by arrangement with the Clerk.

- a. Clerks and Councils Direct – Local Councils Update
- b. Norfolk Coast Partnership – Annual Report 2006/7
- c. Norfolk NHS Primary Care Trust – consultation document – proposed vision & priorities for 2008-2011
- d. NCAPTC – “Norfolk Link”, CiLCA training, revised pay scales from 01/04/07, At Home Not Alone bulletin.
- e. Email and letter from Norfolk Constabulary – Safer Neighbourhoods Boundary questionnaire
- f. Email from West Norfolk VCA – free courses
- g. Email from Sgt Andy Crown – Calling all Volunteers!
- h. Email from Sgt Andy Crown – Update for LAG Meeting 06/12/07
- i. Play England – update from East of England Team
- j. CPRE – “Fieldwork”
- k. Manpower UK Ltd – Employment Outlook Survey
- l. Community green Place – Newsletter December 2007
- m. Hunstanton Area Local Action Group – Minutes of 06/12/07 meeting
- n. Performance Hub Magazine – Achieve More
- o. WNVCA – “Lite Touch” newsletter, various courses

10386 Accounts for payment

The Acting Clerk sought authorisation for the following payments:

	Cheque No.	£ Amount
Dark Side Technologies Ltd – Broadband	D/D	9.99
Mr D Lee – cleaning contract	3756	185.00
MHB Services Ltd – streetlight maintenance contract	3757	284.47
Mrs I Woods – minute taking 18/12/07	3758	30.00
Salaries December	3759/3760	1470.09
Inland Revenue	3761	375.20
Norfolk Pension Fund	3762	350.55
Southern Electric – streetlight power contract	3763	434.96
Heronwood Landscapes	3764	146.87
Dersingham PCC – Church Hall hire	3765	84.00
Mileage claim – Mrs A Moore	3766	12.83
Assistech (East Anglia) Ltd	3767	170.38
Sports Ground Management	3768	2250.00
Anglian Newspapers – Village Voice delivery	3769	121.50

This authorisation was granted.

Resolved that the payments be approved.

10387 Date and place of next meeting

14th January 2008 at Dersingham Infant and Nursery School

Parishioners comments:

There were no Minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting that was declared void. (Discussed during the meeting at Minute 10380)

The precept figure is not included in the income. Cllr Burall to amend.

The one-off payments figure is incorrect. Cllr Burall to amend.

Is there a maximum figure for the precept. Cllr Burall advised there is no ceiling for parish precepts.

30% of Dersingham taxpayers are pensioners yet most expenditure is for the young. Cllr Bubb advised suggestions of expenditure for older residents would be welcomed.

Had any Enforcement Orders been carried out? Cllr Burall was not aware that any had been resolved.

