

Minutes of meeting of Dersingham Parish Council held on Monday 26th January 2009 in Dersingham Infant & Nursery School at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr A Bubb, Cllr R Murrell, Cllr A Chapman, Cllr R Brackstone,
Cllr A Maxwell, Cllr P Burall, Cllr J Houston, Cllr V Brundle, Cllr C Berry,
Cllr A Smith
In attendance: Acting Clerk
County Cllr J Eells
Parishioners: Five

10594 Election of Chairman

In the absence of both Chairman and Vice Chairman the Acting Clerk asked for nominations for a Chairman for the meeting. Cllr Brackstone proposed Cllr Burall, seconded by Cllr Berry. All in favour. **Resolved that Cllr Burall be elected Chairman for the meeting.**

10595 Election of Vice Chairman

Chairman asked for nominations for a Vice Chairman for the meeting. Cllr Brackstone proposed Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Chapman. All in favour. **Resolved that Cllr Smith be elected Vice Chairman for the meeting.**

10596 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Johnston, Cllr Manship and Cllr McNeil

10597 Declarations of Interest

None

Chairman sought consent of Council to alter the agenda order to enable County Councillor to present her report. All in favour.

10598 Report from County Councillor

County Cllr Eells advised that she had attended a Cabinet meeting that day to discuss the Budget. County Council were very concerned that their financial situation could affect services. The Government grant for the County fell £24 million short of what was requested. The Cabinet were aiming to provide strong and secure public services whilst safeguarding the long-term interests of the Norfolk economy. Cllr Eells advised that Full Council would decide on the Council Tax level in two weeks time, she expected an increase of 2.95%, below the rate of inflation. Cllr Eells reported that Government funding was available for a pilot scheme to integrate health, social services, GP services and other services to bring care into the community. Cllr Eells ended her report by advising that County Council were very concerned regarding small businesses in the present financial climate.

Chairman invited those present to address Cllr Eells and she was asked questions regarding Park View, the library sign and the situation regarding County Council funds invested in the Icelandic Bank. Cllr Eells agreed to report back regarding Park View and the library sign, which she understood was being redesigned. With regard to the Icelandic Bank, Cllr Eells advised County Council were working with other councils to try to recover funds. Chairman asked when the dividing white line would be painted outside the Post Office and Cllr Eells advised this was included in the Highways rolling programme.

Chairman thanked Cllr Eells for her report and she left the meeting.

10599 Minutes of the meeting of Dersingham Parish Council held on 16th December 2008

a. Approval of Minutes

Resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record.

b. Matters arising

None

10600 Minutes of the meeting of Dersingham Parish Council held on 12th January 2009

a. Approval of Minutes

Resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record.

b. Matters arising

None

10601 Minutes of meeting of Communications Committee held on 28th October 2008

No recommendations to Full Council

10602 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 10th November 2008

No recommendations to Full Council

10603 Minutes of meeting of Finance, General Purposes and Administration Committee held on 1st December 2008

No recommendations for Full Council

10604 Minutes of Recreation Ground Committee held on 9th December 2008

Recommendations to Full Council under Minutes 41 and 42

Resolved to approve these recommendations

10605 Crime Statistics Report and Police Matters

A crime statistics report for the period 17th December 2008 to 25th January 2009 had been prepared by PCSO Daniel Edwards. He reported two incidents of burglary other than dwellings, one was hay taken from a shed, the other was a commercial premises, no suspects; three incidents of criminal damage to vehicles, no suspects; two incidents of possession of drugs, suspects dealt with; three incidents of dwelling burglaries, there are leads to two which are currently under investigation; one theft of a motor vehicle, no suspects; four thefts; and one incident of affray, the suspect dealt with. PCSO Edwards was also concerned at the increase in dog excrement on the footpaths and asked if an article concerning this could be included in Village Voice. A letter from a resident was presented who was also concerned regarding dog fouling, particularly problems for contractors cutting grass. An email received from Sgt Andy Crown was presented. Sgt Crown advised that there had been three burglaries recently, two in Old Hall Drive and one at Tropics Fish and Chip shop. Sgt Crown gave an update on these investigations and an assurance that the SNT team would strive to keep levels of crime and anti-social behaviour low. Acting Clerk advised that the meeting with Inspector Buckley and Stephen Bett, regarding changes to local policing after April 2009, would be held in St Nicholas Church Hall on 12th February at 7.00pm. Posters would be displayed in Dersingham, and Hunstanton Town Council, and Snettisham, Heacham and Ingoldisthorpe parish councils had been invited to the meeting.

10606 Reports from Borough Councillors

Cllr Burall

Cllr Burall advised that Borough Council would be setting their Council Tax rate in February and he expected it to be 2.5%. He advised that the Life Wood footpath still was not open, but the Order had been confirmed that day and that the Woodside Close entrance should be opened very soon. With regard to the Conservation Area issue, Cllr Burall had been assured that information would be available by the end of January but none had been made available to date. With regard to Local Government Reorganisation, an announcement on the recommendation was expected on the 13th February, but as the Judicial Review case was to be heard on 16th February it was

assumed there would be no announcement until March. Cllr Burall advised that Borough Council would be holding a meeting to discuss Local Government Reorganisation on 17th February. Cllr Burall invited questions and Cllr Bubb asked if Borough Council would consider reducing parking charges in King's Lynn to help shopkeepers. Cllr Burall advised this would be considered during the Budget debate; other help for businesses, such as temporary rent reductions, was already being implemented.

10607 Parish office accomodation

Chairman advised that Norfolk Constabulary had agreed to a six month extension of the current lease which expired in March. He advised that the rent for the Budgens premises was now considerably higher than when first discussed, more investigations were to be carried out, and this matter would be discussed by Finance & General Purposes Committee on 2nd February. Architects plans for the conversion of part of Budgens store to a parish office were available to be viewed. Cllr Brundle asked if Council would be paying for the cost of converting the Budgens premises and Chairman advised that Budgens would pay.

10608 Progress report on War Memorial Area Enhancement Project – Cllr Houston

Cllr Houston advised that the project was progressing well. He had approached the Head of Dersingham Infant and Nursery School and the Head was in agreement for the children to take responsibility for one flower bed, growing the plants as a school project. Cllr Houston sought consent of Full Council to involve the School in the Project. All in favour. **Resolved that a letter be sent to the School.** Cllr Houston reported that all drainage tiles had been laid, the conduit had been laid, and paving had started. Once the new railings were ready to be erected, the old fence would be removed and the posts cut off. It was proposed to hold a rededication service on Saturday 9th May, the Snettisham Salvation Army Band and the Dersingham Womens Institute were interested in being involved. Cllr Houston asked if the rededication event could be publicised in Village Voice.

10609 Staffing issues

Resolution to exclude press and public. Chairman proposed that the resolution be approved and that this agenda item be moved to the end of the meeting. All in favour. **Resolved to consider Minute 10609 at the end of the meeting with press and public excluded.**

10610 Planning applications and determinations

a. Applications

08/02667/F (amendment)

Erection of first floor extension with ground floor modifications at 21 Post Office Road, Dersingham

Recommendation: support

08/02746/CU Mr & Mrs S J Holland

21 Post Office Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn, PE31 6HR

Change of use of open grass area to domestic garden with erection of enclosing timber fence at Land West of 21 Post Office Road, Dersingham

Recommendation: refusal

Concerns were expressed regarding people using the library car park and also problems with the vision splay if a timber fence was erected.

08/02804/F J & K Glass & Glazing Ltd

Unit 4&5 Station Road, Terrington St Clement, King's Lynn, PE34 4PL

Construction of UPVC white double glazed conservatory at 7 White Horse Drive, Dersingham

Recommendation: support

08/02784/F Mr Allen

69 Mountbatten Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn, PE31 6YE
Erection of Carport at 69 Mountbatten Road, Dersingham

Recommendation: support

08/02480/O Mr Mark Cotton

28 Woodside Close, Dersingham, King's Lynn, PE31 6QD

Outline application: construction of two dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling at 30 Woodside Close, Dersingham

Recommendation: support

b. Determinations

08/02439/F Mr Jeremy Mason

Development of 7 car parking spaces at Sheltered Housing Scheme, Orchard Close, Dersingham

Granted

08/02582/F Mr M Dady

Construction of detached double garage at 10 Park Hill, Dersingham

Granted

08/02531/F Mr G Eley

Proposed two storey side extension to existing dwelling and associated alterations at 8 Lynn Road, Dersingham

Granted

08/02478/F Mr Heighton

Extension to dwelling at 50 Lynn Road, Dersingham

Granted

08/02610/O Mr D Thorne

Outline Application: construction of dwelling at 10 Manorside, Dersingham

Granted

08/02446/F Mr James Garner

Construction of 4 houses with private garages following the demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings at Babingley House, 70 Lynn Road, Dersingham

Granted

08/02667/F Mr & Mrs Holland

Erection of first floor extension with ground floor modifications at 21 Post Office Road, Dersingham

Granted

c. Other planning matters

Planning appeal

APP/V2635/A/09/2094038/WF Mrs PM Rockett

Construction of dwelling and detached garage and construction of garage to existing dwelling at 69 Hunstanton Road, Dersingham

Council had recommended support for the application and supported the appeal.

10611 Correspondence

a. Freedom of Information Act – obligations

Referred to Finance and General Purposes Committee.

b. Norfolk ALC – consultation service

Norfolk ALC are to examine all national consultations and assess their relevance to parish councils. If it is relevant a précis of the consultation will be sent to clerks. All agreed this service will be of great benefit to parish councils.

c. Norfolk Rural Forum/Norfolk RCC – Economic & Social Effects of Credit Crunch on Rural Norfolk – meeting 29th January 09 at Yaxham

No interest in attending

d. Petition re public right of way through Life Wood

A petition had been received with thirty signatures, concerned that the barrier at Woodside Close had not been removed. **Resolved that Keith Starks be advised that the Order had been confirmed and the footpath should soon be opened.**

e. Borough Council – vacancies on Parish Council

Resolved that mention be made in Village voice of the five remaining vacancies.

f. Almshouses at Castle Rising – vacancies

Resolved that an article be included in Village Voice.

g. CPRE – subscription renewal

Council are invited to renew subscription at a cost of £29. All in favour of renewing. To be included on payments list for February Full council meeting. **Resolved to renew subscription to CPRE.**

h. Norfolk County Council – multi-operator bus tickets

Council are invited to comment on proposal for multi-operator bus tickets. **Resolved that the website be studied and this matter included as agenda item for February Full Council meeting.**

i. Communities & Local Government – consultation re code of recommended practise on local authority publicity

All in favour of Cllr Bubb being delegated to study the consultation document.

j. Letter from parishioner re noise nuisance at Community Centre

A letter received from a parishioner concerned by noise caused by bands practising in the Community Centre was presented. All agreed a copy of the letter should be sent to Community Centre and the parishioner notified that this had been done.

k. Thank you letter from Task Force

A letter received from Barry Beales, on behalf of Dersingham Task Force, was presented thanking Council for their Christmas gifts.

l. Norfolk ALC – British Youth Council –training offer

To be passed to PCSO's.

m. Letter re cycle path provision

A letter received from a parishioner was presented. Copies of the letter had been given to all members previously but the matter had never been discussed. Chairman proposed that copies be sent to Borough Council and County Council with the recommendation that this be considered. Cllr Bubb advised that a copy should be sent to Ruth Mountain as the proposals would involve Trustees land.

n. Norfolk ALC – Norfolk County CIC –pay-as-you-go car club

Norfolk County Community Interest Company have received funding from County Council to set up a pay-as-you-go car club in Norfolk. All in favour of more information being obtained from the website and Norfolk ALC being advised that Council are interested in the project.

o. Borough Council – new Planning Clerical Assistant

Miss C Cobley had written to introduce herself as the new Clerical Assistant in the Planning Enforcement Team.

The Acting Clerk advised that the following list of correspondence was available to be viewed by arrangement

a. Norfolk County Council - Assistive Technology Service

b. Norfolk ALC - business plan

- c. Norfolk ALC - "Norfolk Link" No 168
- d. Environment Agency – "Coastlines" - winter 2008 issue
- e. Wash Estuary Strategy Group - "The tide & times of the Wash" - autumn 2008 issue
- f. RoSPA - sports pitches & playingfields
- g. RoSPA - play inspections
- h. Clerks & Councils Direct - January 09 issue No 61
- i. Clerks & Councils Direct - suppliers guide & yearbook
- j. ESPO Energy Matters - December 08 issue No 20
- k. WNVCA - fuel poverty & anti poverty forum
- West Norfolk advise Wise
- l. Information Law Training Specialists - Islam & Muslims

10612 Financial matters and authorisation of payments

Acting Responsible Financial Officer sought authorisation for the following payments:

January	Cheque	£
A Bubb – Chairman’s allowance payment for Task Force gifts	4016	24.95
St John Ambulance Brigade – first aid course for Clerk	4017	166.75
Dersingham Infant School – room hire	4018	23.00
Wybone – dog waste bins & graffiti cleaner	4019	487.71
Tiscali – Broadband	DD	39.12
MHB Services Ltd – street lighting maintenance contract	4020	278.42
G Watt – Acting Responsible Finance Officer – fee to 10 Jan 09	4021	223.78
D Lee – maintenance	4022	50.00
I Woods – Acting Clerk – fee to 18 Jan 09	4023	1,096.08
D Lee – cleaning contract	4024	200.00
Norfolk Parish Training Partnership – Cllr Maxwell	4025	30.00
Anita Moore – staff mileage	4026	28.76
Southern Electric – electricity for street lighting	4027	929.03
G Watt – petty cash imprest	4028	27.00
City Electrical Factors Ltd – War Memorial Project	4029	252.77
C J Brinton – War Memorial Project	4030	750.00
Salaries, income tax and NIC	4031/4033	1,432.66
Norfolk Pension Fund	4034	193.33
Mazars – audit financial year 2007/8	4035	483.00
Brickweave Paving - War Memorial Project	4036	2300.00
Hodgsons Forge – War Memorial Project	4037	3749.00
Clanpress – printing Village Voice	4038	1245.00
Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd – seat for War Memorial garden	4039	887.80

This authorisation was granted, cheques signed by Cllr Bubb and Cllr Brackstone.

Resolved to authorise payments

10613 Date, time and place of next meeting

Monday 23rd February 2009 in Dersingham Infant and Nursery School at 7.00pm

Parishioners comments

A parishioner considered that roads needed sweeping, especially Post Office Road, Chapel Road and Manor Road. The pavement opposite St Nicholas Church was very slippery due to rotting leaves. Chairman advised that this had already been reported. There was shingle along the side of the road in Post Office Road. The parishioner also was concerned at potholes in the bridle path opposite Manor Road, Chairman advised that this was privately owned.

A parishioner asked if Councillors would be attending the EGM for the Dersingham Village Social Club. Chairman advised that Cllr Houston, Council's representative at DVSC would be attending.

A parishioner advised that water collects at the junction of Station Road and Mountbatten Road. Chairman advised that this would be reported to Cllr Eells.

A parishioner congratulated Council on the progress of the War Memorial project.

A parishioner asked if parishioners could have the opportunity during Full Council meetings to address questions to the County Councillor. Chairman to look into this.

A parishioner asked if copies of the precept calculation were available for parishioners. Acting Clerk advised that copies could be obtained from the parish office.

A parishioner asked if there were other alternative sites for the parish office, besides Budgens. Chairman advised that the Social Club, Community Centre and others were all being considered, as well as Budgens.

A parishioner asked if the First Aid course would be attended by the Clerk or the Acting Clerk. Chairman advised that the Clerk had been booked to attend the course.

A parishioner reported a big rut in the footpath between the garage and the Heath. Chairman advised that Ruth Mountain should be informed.