

Minutes of meeting of Dersingham Parish Council held on Monday 27th October 2008 at 7.00pm in St Cecilia's Church, Mountbatten Road.

Present: Cllr K Manship (in the Chair), Cllr A Bubb, Cllr R Brackstone, , Cllr A Chapman, Cllr R Murrell, Cllr D McNeill, Cllr A Maxwell

In attendance: The Acting Clerk
County Cllr J Eells
Beat Manager K Faulkner
PCSO S Callaby

Parishioners and Press: Five

10537 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Johnston, Cllr A Smith, Cllr J Houston, Cllr V Brundle, Cllr P Burall, Cllr C Berry

10538 Declarations of Interest

None

10539 Report by PC Faulkner

Chairman invited the Police officers to address the meeting. PC Faulkner presented a report from Luke Cox. Mr Cox reported that the possibility of Section 106 funding and a bid for funding from the Norfolk Youth Fund were being investigated. He also advised that a community safety fund application for £500 had been submitted, the funds would be used to carry out a 10 week consultation with the young people of the village. He advised that SNT hoped to organise a visit to successful MUGAs and PC Faulkner advised it was intended to visit the MUGA at East Rudham. PC Faulkner advised that there would be extra patrols in the village for Hallowe'en. PC Faulkner advised that there would be interaction between the Woottens SNT Team and those locally based.

Chairman thanked PC Faulkner and PCSO Callaby for attending and they left the meeting.

10540 Minutes of the meeting of Dersingham Parish Council held on 29th September 2008

a. To approve Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes be approved.

b. To consider matters arising

Delivery of Village Voice

Acting Clerk had made enquiries regarding the non-delivery of Village Voice to some properties. The Citizen and hence Village Voice are not delivered to houses less than eight years old.

Cllr Bubb advised that an article re the non-delivery would be included in Village Voice and proposed that a letter be sent to the editor of the Citizen. All in favour. **Resolved that a letter be sent to the editor of the Citizen.**

10541 Minutes of the meeting of Recreation Ground Committee held on 16th September 2008

There were no matters requiring approval of Full Council.

10542 Minutes of meeting of Finance, General Purposes and Administration Committee meeting held on 11th September 2008

There were no matters requiring approval of Full Council

10543 Crime Statistics Report

Acting Clerk presented a report received from Sgt Andy Crown. In the period 30th September to 22nd October there was one incident of criminal damage to a car; one incident of a drugs offence, offender charged with possession of cannabis; one incident of theft of motor vehicle, offender charged; two incidents of theft, one of pedal cycle, one theft from Thaxters.

10544 Report from Norfolk County Councillor

Cllr Eells advised that two assessments had been carried out regarding a pedestrian crossing in Chapel Road. Both assessments had shown that the criteria for the provision of a crossing had not been met. With regard to the library sign, Cllr Eells advised that a more suitable sign is being designed. With regard to the Chapel Road /Post Office Road junction, Cllr Eells reported it had now been planted with roses which would now be maintained by Borough Council. There were comments that the plants were very small, Cllr Eells advised she would speak to Highways. Chairman invited Councillors to ask questions and Cllr Chapman asked if County Council had money invested in Icelandic banks. Cllr Eells advised that £32.5 million had been invested in Icelandic banks and this was to be discussed by County Council on 28th November. Cllr Bubb asked for an update of the situation regarding Tithe Barn, Cllr Eells advised that County Council owned the barn. Cllr Murrell asked when the chevrons would be painted on the road at the turning into Mountbatten Road from Lynn Road. Cllr Eells advised this would be included in the rolling maintenance programme. Cllr Maxwell asked for an estimate of how long it would be before the work was carried out and Cllr Eells advised the rolling programme was thirteen weeks.

Chairman thanked Cllr Eells and she left the meeting.

10545 Reports from Borough Councillors

Cllr Burall had provided a written report which was presented by the Acting Clerk. Cllr Burall advised that the Planning Inspector had issued his report following the Life Wood enquiry. The Inspector had approved the designation of the two claimed routes and they were expected to be reopened shortly. Cllr Burall advised that this had been a very long process, he had submitted the first claim in 2001. Cllr Burall applauded the considerable local support and advised that there was no appeal against the Inspector's decision.

10546 Recreation Ground Committee – prospective new Committee member

Cllr Murrell, member of Recreation Ground Committee, sought the approval of Full Council for Cllr Berry to be co-opted on to the Committee. At present there were just three members. At the Recreation Ground Committee meeting on 21st October it was resolved that the consent of Full Council be sought. Cllr Murrell proposed, seconded by Cllr Chapman, that Cllr Berry be co-opted. All in favour. **Resolved that Cllr Berry be co-opted on to the Recreation Ground Committee.**

10547 Grant application – DEC

A grant application by Mr Nigel Kelk on behalf of Dersingham Entertainments Committee was presented. DEC sought a donation of £100 to buy Christmas presents for Santa to give to Dersingham children. Cllr Brackstone proposed, seconded by Cllr Murrell that £100 be granted. All in favour. **Resolved to grant £100 to DEC.**

10548 Appointment of Community School governor for St George's CE Junior School

An email received from Sarah Crowe, Clerk to Governors St George's School, was presented. Mr Steve Rudd wished to stand as second community school governor. Concern was expressed that Mr Rudd was not known to any Parish Councillor. In the absence of any other nominations it

was agreed to advise St George's School that Council agreed to advise proceeding with the appointment of Mr Rudd but making it clear that he was not known to any Council member.

10549 To consider planning applications and determinations

a. Applications

08/02342/F Ms Julie Garrard

Single storey extension to dwelling at 19 Philip Nurse Road, Dersingham

Resolved to support

b. Determinations

08/02035/F Miss L McInerney

Extensions to form additional bedrooms and living space at The Gables Residential Home

22 Post Office Road, Dersingham

Granted

08/02048/F Mr D Poucher

Extension at 63 Station Road, Dersingham

Granted

10550 Correspondence

a. Planning Inspectorate – Inspector's decision re Life Wood enquiry

Acting Clerk advised that a copy of the Inspector's decision was available

b. Borough Council – slides from Local Government Reorganisation meeting on 15th October

Slides were available of the meeting held on 15th October, the next meeting will be held on 7th January 09 at 6pm at King's Court Council Offices

c. Borough Council – Standards Committee: agenda for 23 October meeting

d. Borough Council – monitoring of facilities in King's Lynn & West Norfolk

Cllr Maxwell offered to complete the questionnaire.

e. Borough Council – e Government consultation re planning

A letter received from Geoff Hall was presented. A pilot e-consultation project will start on 5th January 09. Parish Councils are invited to sign up to receive planning applications electronically via the Planning Portal. **Resolved that a letter be sent inviting a planning officer to attend the Full Council meeting on 24th November.**

f. Borough Council – planning training events: 22 Jan 09, 29 Jan 09, 30 Jan 09

A series of training events will be held hosted by Planning Service. Resolved that the Acting Clerk book Cllr Bubb, Cllr Brackstone, Cllr Maxwell and Cllr Murrell to attend event at Town Hall, King's Lynn on Friday 30th January 09.

g. Borough Council – Mayor's Award for Design in the Environment

Poster displayed in noticeboard. Copy of correspondence passed to Cllr McNeil.

h. Freedom of Information Act – new model publication scheme

An email was presented advising that the Information Commissioner has produced a new generic Model Scheme. Cllr Bubb proposed that copies of the Scheme be downloaded and circulated to all Council members. Adoption of the Scheme to be included on agenda of Full Council meeting on 24th November.

i. NALC – Emergency Management Seminar 5 November at Poringland £20

j. NALC – initial training for Clerks and Councillors

Copies of the correspondence had been circulated to Cllrs McNeil, Maxwell and Berry. Cllr Maxwell expressed an interest in attending the course on 12th/19th November. Acting Clerk to book a place for Cllr Maxwell and contact Cllr Berry.

k. Dersingham United Charities – thefts/vandalism of allotments

Chairman advised that the letter would be discussed in the time allowed for parishioner participation.

l. Communities & Local Government – consultation re byelaws

All agreed to delegate to Cllrs Johnston and Houston for consideration.

m. Cabinet Office – National Survey of Third Sector Organisations - consultation

All agreed to delegate to Cllr Johnston.

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

- a. CPRE – Annual Lunch 27 November £17
- b. Wash Estuary Strategy group – “The State of the Wash” 18 November
- c. Delta UK Express Couriers – courier service
- d. Borough Council – Funding Opportunities Sep/Oct 08
- e. Norfolk Rural Community Council – “Signpost”
- f. Borough Council – Sports Development Update
- g. WNVCA – merger
- h. Standards Board for England – Standard Issue 3
- i. Borough Council – “Your Council” Autumn 08
- j. CPRE – Norfolk Voice Autumn 08
- k. Voluntary Norfolk – Norfolk LINK
- l. Lynnsport – programme 2008/9

10551 Financial matters and authorisation of payments

Authorisation was sought for the following payments

	Cheque No	Amount
October		£
Tiscali – Broadband	D/D	39.98
Quidenham Hospice – donation re village sign	3962	150.00
Honorarium – Chairman’s expenses	3963	100.00
Borough Council of King’s Lynn & West Norfolk – dog waste	3964	424.95
Heronwood Landscapes – grasscutting Recreation Ground	3965	152.16
Johnson Publishing Ltd – Village Voice distribution	3966	122.32
MHB Services Ltd – street lighting maintenance contract	3967	284.47
Southern Electric – power for street lights	3968	474.73
Viking Direct - stationery	3969	62.06
Wybone Ltd – litter bin	3970	90.50
G Watt – Acting Responsible Finance Officer – fee to 16 Oct	3971	180.00
David Lee – cleaning contract	3972	200.00
David Lee – grounds maintenance	3973	670.00
I Woods – Acting Clerk – fee to 19 October 2008	3974	713.28
A Moore – mileage claim	3975	12.28
Salaries	3976/3977	585.78
Norfolk Pension Fund	3978	44.06
Inland Revenue	3979	2.92
Royal British Legion – donation to Poppy Appeal (Section 137)	3980	100.00

Royal British Legion – poppy wreath	3981	16.50
Scot-Pet Shop – dog waste bags	3982	110.48
Dersingham Entertainments Committee – grant (Section 137)	3983	100.00

Resolved to authorise the payments

10552 Date, time and place of next meeting

Monday 24th November 2008 at 7.00pm in Dersingham Infant & Nursery School

Parishioners Comments

A faulty streetlight was reported, Acting Clerk to advise streetlight maintenance contractor.

A parishioner queried the cost of dog bin emptying. Acting Clerk advised this was a quarterly payment.

A letter received from Mrs Mountain, Clerk to Dersingham United Charities, was presented advising of theft and vandalism to allotments. Mrs Mountain had been advised by Police Crime Reduction Officer Steve Gower that gates should be installed at both ends of pathway across the allotments, locked at night. A footpath facility would still be provided by the path behind the Recreation Ground. Streetlights were present at both accesses but light was obscured by a tree in the garden of a Pansey Drive property. Cllr Bubb proposed that the Task Force trim back the footpath hedge and Council contact the owner of the tree in Pansey Drive. Acting Clerk to advise Mrs Mountain.

A parishioner advised that light from streetlights was obscured by trees in the drive of Ben Douran. Acting Clerk to contact Mike Houldsworth at Borough Council.