

Minutes of Stiffkey Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2014

Present: J Lawrence, L Jordan, C Cooke, M Harrison, L Clabburn, P Terrington, M Strong and Clerk plus members of the public.

Apologies, C Halford & Police

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and duly signed off.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest from the council members.

3. Matters Arising

- ***Police Crime Report***

Nothing was heard from the Police and they did not attend.

- ***Councillor Marie Strong's Report***

Marie's full report is in the Quay Magazine.

Marie asked if we had any problems with regard to the recent flooding which we did not.

Just wanted to bring up to speed with regard to the broadband issue and advise us of s meeting that is due to take place. This would answer more questions and give more information. Three people said that they would like to attend this meeting.

Just wanted to advise us that the Budget will be discussed at NCC and it could mean difficult decisions. The final meeting for setting the budget is the 17th January. They are awaiting a decision from Mr Pickles with regard to the incinerator which should be in on the 14th January.

There is also the matter of the Coasthopper buses which will experience some changes including changes to who runs it and subsidy that it will receive. When asked for input not many parish councils responded in Marie's case 13 out of 500. Will keep us informed.

- ***Councillor Peter Terrington/J Savoury***

Jonathan Savoury sends his apologies for not attending the meeting and Peter provided the following report.

Peter said that Wells had been badly affected and there was still a lot of clearing up to do. There are lessons that need to be learned and one of these was the fact that the mobile network was down and this is a vital link for the community.

The Council Tax is to stay the same for this next fiscal year. There will however be a 50% levy on properties that have been empty for two years or more.

One matter that is of concern is the disposal of property by Victory Housing, firstly has this village been affected, which we advised as no. Peter then advised that two properties in Wells had been placed up for sale without any prior consent from the Town Council. The reason for the sale is that the money is to be used to develop new properties for Victory to use. But it was felt that Victory could have offered these to Homes for Wells for them to further develop/repair and then use for local people. Peter advised that Homes for Wells have obtained a grant to aid them with their developments. One of the councillors commented that in the original discussion with the setting up of Victory Housing there was

safety of our residents during this period. A great effort was made, both to coordinate with members of the public, the police and other agencies, as well as having people on the ground in rest centres and working with flood wardens. Officers touring the properties, after the event, to offer advice and guidance regarding disposal of waste etc. - as well as business support advice for affected businesses. A Flood Appeal was established and an application process was instigated, with an immediate target to support domestic households in need, but businesses that have suffered will be eligible to apply. The considerable damage to defences and other structures was acknowledged, some will be covered by insurance claims. I commented that future consideration must be given to reviewing Shoreline Management Plans, surge prediction modelling and mobile phone coverage.

VICTORY HOUSING – DISPOSALS PROGRAMME

The Committee received a presentation from Darryl Cox, Deputy Chief Executive of Victory Housing Trust, regarding its disposals policy. Whilst appreciating the need for the policy, I expressed the concerns raised regarding the impact of the disposals policy on Wells. I subsequently received an email from John Archibald, CEO of Victory Housing, noting my opposition to the policy.

BIG SOCIETY FUND AND ENABLING FUND: I thanked the Cabinet for its decision to award a £150,000 grant, to homes for Wells, for conversion of the former Field Studies centre to affordable Housing.

PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Sue Lake of NALC made an excellent presentation regarding parish and town councils in the district. The slides covering her presentation are attached separately.

HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT COUNTER FRAUD POLICY AND PROSECUTION POLICY: The new policy was approved.

FULL COUNCIL DECISIONS 18.12.13.

Determination of council Tax Discounts and Charges for 2014/15: The recommendations of the report were approved, including a levy of 50% OF Council Tax, on properties which have been empty for two years.

Determination Of the Council tax Base for 2014/15: The report establishing the Council Tax Base for 2014/15 was approved.

FEES AND CHARGES 2014/15: The Cabinet recommendation for a new schedule of fees and charges was approved.

4. Playing Field/Village Hall

The site meeting for the Playing Field was due to take place the weekend following the meeting in which the layout would be discussed and how the car parking area could be sorted. The passwords for the access to the Charity Commissioners site have been obtained plus the forms for the trustees have been obtained and the Clerk can now update the information. Bills received from Anglian Water for the Playing Field which are paid by DDR. The members handed over their forms for the Charity Commissioners information and the Clerk could now get on with this job. This was going to be vital when moving forward.

5. Correspondence

Coasthopper information
NNDC
C Halford
P Terrington Report

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not mention of properties being sold off at any time other than to the tenants. This was recorded in the minutes at the time for NNDC. Victory Housing has to raise money and this is what they have resorted to and it affects all the parishes as what is being sold is not replaced in the same area.

One of the councillors asked Peter what he thought about the benefits from being a member of NALC and RCC and what the difference between the two. RCC is to do with development in the rural community and NALC is more to do with the running of the Local Council.

Report from District Councillor, Peter Terrington, 6th Jan. 2014

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The Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for Wells: This is still 'on the books'. Taken to public consultation and adopted it may well prove a useful mechanism for the management of the built environment and setting in future.

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Precept Decision – It was decided that the Parish Precept should remain the same as it was last year taking into account the grant that will be received from the District Council. The matter of adding extra for the elections (£750) was discussed and the clerk said that should this matter arise the Parish Council had funds in hand to cover. But considering that the Council was having problems in getting another member could this happen?

One thing that we will have to consider at some point is the lights in the village. We have been advised that at some point they will have to be replaced and this cost will need to be built into the precept when this matter arises. Could we take on the stance of turning off some of the lights? This would not save us any money as the supply is metered and would make no difference. Plus being on a main road would this even be allowed? The Council asked the Clerk to bring to the next meeting the detailed costing for replacement of the lights from T T Jones Limited.

Membership RCC - Deferred

9. Planning

Planning Application LA/11/0506 (PF/11/0508)

Harbour House, 1 Greenway, Stiffkey, Wells, Norfolk, NR23 1QF

Demolition of outbuildings and the re-construction to provide habitable accommodation.

Nothing further has been heard with regard to this application.

Planning Complaint – The Old Blacksmiths Shop, 3 Church Street, Stiffkey, Wells, Norfolk, NR23 1QJ.

The Parish Council Members decided that they would like to lodge a complaint to the planning enforcement officer with regard to the above mentioned property. This relates to a possible breach of planning control. The actual wording with regard to the complaint is listed below: –

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This complaint was to be forwarded to Kate Steventon.

Response from Kate Steventon.

I refer to your letter relating to the possible breach of planning control at the above address, 3 Church Street, Stiffkey. Your enquiry has been registered and after a site visit has been undertaken, it will be possible to assess what action will be appropriate. Therefore I intend to write to you again when my preliminary enquiries are complete. I would like to thank you for bringing this matter to my attention, and in the meantime, should you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

This matter is still outstanding and the Parish Council has not heard anymore. This is to be chased up by Peter.

Planning Application PF/13/1304

The Old Chapel, Wells Road, Stiffkey, NR23 1AJ

Change of Use from Workshop/showroom to residential dwelling

This building has no water or drainage and how this will be sorted is a matter of concern for the Parish

Council. Furthermore the Car Parking is showing on the other side of Hollow Lane with comments attached that no trees will be taken down in order to develop this but there are tree in the area that has been marked for car parking and possible septic tank. The council felt that although the matters that they have concerns about are not technically planning they would like the Clerk to respond in the following way:-

The Council accept the planning application in principal but they would like further information before final decision to be given. This further information relates to the matter of drainage. Still awaiting a response from Planning Dept with regard to this.

Planning Application PF/13/1409
Hillcrest, 36 Wells Road, Stiffkey, NR23 1AJ

Erection of single storey side extension with accommodation in roof space and balcony, installation of front and rear dormer windows and rendering of external walls.

It was noted by the members that the plans previously submitted had to be adjusted as they had been objected to by the Conservation Officer so they have been redrawn further away from the road and at a lower level than before. The view of the development is better from the road and coastal area and the only thing is that the building is closer to Mill Pightle. A question was raised by a member of the public as to the access from the road should it be moved. This might be a concern as to the nature of the entrance and the safety of traffic on the main road. It was felt that this might not be possible due to the lay of the land and perhaps the wall was listed.

After considering all the possibilities the council asked the Clerk if she would respond to NNDC planning department with the following:-

(1) Supports the application.

Nothing further has been heard with regard to this application.

Nothing further at this time with regard to Planning Applications.

9 a N. Weston Application to SPC

The environment agency has given agreement to Mr Weston and it is now the turn of the Parish Council to make a decision and they will now discuss this in greater detail. Mrs. G Green had been invited to the meeting as was Mr N Weston.

Mrs G. Green said that there was the matter of ownership of the land and she had checked back in the records. The Parish Council has to prove that it is the owner of the land and if this was not done then it could result in a series legal matter for the Parish Council. With regard to the permit that has been granted for the outflow does it cover the protected species that are in the river? According to the 1981 Countryside Act this would have to be taken into consideration and could restrict it altogether. There is the matter of water voles and British crayfish both of which are protected species and are present in the river stiffkey at this time. Doing anything without considering this could result in a criminal prosecution for the Parish Council. It was pointed out that several properties do discharge into the river already. Mr Weston has two alternatives to continue with his present idea or build a cesspit. The previous planning applications have dictated what can be done. What is actually written on the the permit it is not very clear as to what has been agreed. Mrs Green pointed out that the type of UV unit are subject to failure and have quite a reputation for doing so. Does the Parish Council have the right to allow this kind of discharge into the river? The problems with UV units are that they cannot cope with a large surge of water and don't work well when not used constantly.

Mr Weston mentioned that he had spoken to the company that provides the unit and they had not mentioned this to him. One of the council members pointed out that we have a duty to look after the river. It is a legal obligation to protect the village and surrounding area.

Mrs Green pointed out that the UV systems need constant maintenance and is vulnerable. Mr Weston pointed out that he doesn't have the space to do anything else and the planning/building is tight and is

unable to do the standard form of installation. Some of the Riverside Cottages did have problems. There is also the matter of you cannot tell what the water quality is that is being discharged. It was also pointed out that there should not be any form of machinery installed on parish land.

Peter pointed out that they have had a similar problem and one of the options could be a reed bed. The fact that the water voles need to be protected could perhaps be helped with the form of outlet.

The Deed of Grant is already in place. The members could not see what would stop the matter as the environment agency should be very careful with regard to granting permission without taking the species in the river into account. They are always testing the water quality and always trying to ensure that the balance is maintained. The matter should be checked up with the agency as we need to be sure that they have taken this into account and are aware of the protected species that are in the river and where they are.

So it was decided that the following should take place

- Check with NNDC with regard to the legal ownership of the land is it 100% Stiffkey Parish Council or a 50/50 with the District Council.
- Safety of the UV system
- Wildlife matter
- Legal situation with regard to the protected species
- Check with environment agency to ensure that they are aware of the wildlife present.

Subject to the Parish Council owning the land and checking in with a Solicitor as to the granting of a Right Of Way there is also the matter of some form of compensation to the parties concerned. One of the Councillors had looked into the matter of compensation and had been quoted the sum of £10,000. If the District Council is involved that sum could be quite a lot higher. This is something that needs to be looked into before any decision can be made.

It was reported that UK Power Network would be putting the cables across the road. Mr Weston said that he was trying to ensure that the road was not closed. One of the council members asked if the maintenance of the treatment works would be written into the deeds of the two properties and Mr Weston confirmed that this would be the case as it would be 50/50 responsibility. 1.8m² cubed water flow per day and this is calculated on the number of people in the property/dwelling. The two properties would be responsible for ensuring that they comply with the rules laid down in the Deeds. Mr Weston said that there would be two units at the riverbank at the point of discharge. And this would be in the bank. There would be two pipes one for surface water and one for the UV unit.

It was decided that two of the Parish Council members would attend the local District Council Offices over the next few days to check on the ownership of the land and the legal situation. They would also check on the matter of compensation as this has to be viewed as a Commercial transaction and there would also be the matter of Legal Fees being covered.

It was decided that subject to Legal and Valuation matters being resolved they MAY grant permission. They would have to check with Defra with regard to the protected species and permits being granted from both Nat England and Defra for this to continue.

Mr Weston did not understand that there could be such costs involved and he did not think that the Parish Council would ask for such sums. He felt that this hit his profit margins with regard to the development and he may have to go back to previous plans. Mr Weston was staggered at the figure that was being mentioned. It was felt that he should obtain a valuation and the Parish Council also do so and then bring it to the next meeting. There was also the matter of NNDC expecting a fee for this which could be as much as £30,000.

Mr Weston was asked did he know what he was getting into when he purchased the development and he said that he did.

11. A.O.B.

It was reported that light number 5 has been sorted by T Jones Ltd.

It was brought to the council's attention that the light in Greenway is on during daylight hours and it was requested by the council to be reported to the contractor for repair.

It was also reported that the cleanup along the shoreline is underway and some of the stuff collected will be auctioned and be cleared out.

A vote of thanks as given for Mr E Proctor with regard to the work that he has done in the past with regard to the War Memorial and surrounding grounds. He thanked the parish council and said that he was willing to continue on in the same capacity as he has done in previous years. It was also mentioned that there was a problem with the ivy on the wall which could cause decay and Mr Proctor said that he would look at it and sort it if possible.

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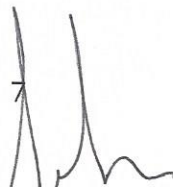
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Meeting Closed 20.20



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The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and duly signed off.

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No declarations of interest from the council members.

3. Matters Arising

- ***Police Crime Report***

The report of crimes for this last month are as follows:-

One mobile stolen from glovebox of car.

One car accident at the Stiffkey end of The Chase.

One group of rowdy youths in golf costume on a pub crawl.

Nothing else to report.

- ***Councillor Marie Strong's Report***

Marie's full report is in the Quay Magazine.

There was the matter of the flood defences and the damage done in the tidal surge. A motion was carried to meet with MPs to consider what needs to be done. More money is needed with regard to this.

The budget is to be finalised on the 17th February 2014 and this will be done at a full council meeting. School buses will be preserved for the coming year.


Anyone over 40 is applicable for a health check free of charge and this would take approximately 30 minutes with your local doctor. Some doctors have already started to put this into motion.

With regard to the matter of Blakeney Marsh there are still fears about this and the letters did not give any assurance. The Blakeney area is still under consideration. Go to the link on Norman Lamb's website.

With regard to the matter of broadband Stiffkey will require further surveys in the spring. The promise from the government is that 2MB will be the minimum that we will get and we may be provided with fibre optics depending on the circumstances. There are some places that will be quite tricky to give these people 2MB or more. It is still felt that there is information that is not being disclosed as to what they will be able to provide.

- ***Councillor Peter Terrington/J Savoury***

Jonathan Savoury sends his apologies for not attending the meeting and Peter provided the following



report.

Peter reported that he was still chasing the matter of the allotments and asked if I would forward to him a copy of the email that I sent relating to this matter.

It was also reported that Mr Nigel Weston is no longer seeking to discharge his waste water into the river and has reverted back to his original plan.

With regard to the planning application for The Chapel please see the comments in the planning section of these minutes.

With regard to the matter of Coastal Issues there is to be a meeting on the 4th February with North Norfolk Coastal Partnership.

North Norfolk has incurred a lot of debt with regard to the tidal surge and the clean-up and they have in turn applied for extra funding to cover re flooding. You can apply to get some funding if you have no insurance cover.

Victory Housing is still selling off properties as previously reported in the minutes of last month. These properties are being sold at market value and the money is then being used for new build within the area. Hopkin Homes have indicated that there will be the sum of 40 properties which are to be taken over by Victory Housing on the Market Lane development at Wells next the Sea.

The Big Society Fund is still open for applications

The removal of the bottle banks is still going to happen in the autumn of this year and this will then be included in your general recycle waste. People can still have bottle banks (Commercial). Peter asked approximately how much is generated within the village and this was through to be approx. £200.00 per year. This money will be used by the District Council for the reduction of Council Tax in the future. The private bottle banks can still continue and the money for these can be given as required. In the past this was the church and the village. It was indicated that both the bottle banks at the Red Lion and the High Sands Creek would be continuing as previously. It was also noted that the glass will be mixed in with the paper and plastic but the new system will be able to sort this without any problems.

Report from District Councillor, Peter Terrington, 3rd Feb. 2014

Wells Matters:

Proposed Co-op Retail Store, Polka Rd, Wells: Within 3 months of the store being completed, the Co-op must submit plans of a scheme to establish local supply chains and promote businesses, in and around Wells. It would, therefore, be desirable if Wells traders could establish a group to speak on their behalf. (Conditions 6&7 of the planning decision notice attached).

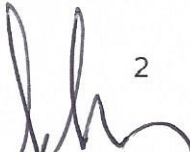
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OTHER Matters:

Coastal Issues Forum: The next meeting is on 4th February. All coastal town and parish councils are invited.

North Norfolk Coast Partnership: A consultation is taking place regarding the future management of the AONB.

FLAG: There have been problems with the process of considering funding applications. I understand that a meeting between the MMO and the District Council has taken place and urgent funding applications have been prioritised.

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VICTORY HOUSING – DISPOSALS PROGRAMME

The public meeting, held at Blakeney was well attended. Despite much criticism from members of the public, there was no indication that Victory is likely to change its disposal policy. Victory is negotiating with Hopkins Homes to take and manage over the 40 affordable dwellings. No mention of the 15, shared equity affordable units.

BIG SOCIETY FUND AND ENABLING FUND: This fund is ongoing and any community projects are eligible.

Latest News Releases:

Link to NNDC website:



<http://www.northnorfolk.org/council/news.asp>

4. Playing Field/Village Hall

A site meeting took place for the discussion of a set of proposals and these proposals were in general given approval.

It was reported that we missed out on funding from the Norfolk Community Fund and it was suggested that we should look at North Norfolk Big Society Fund/Wind Farm/Lottery grants for future ideas. The plans for the playing field are just ideas on paper and nothing more at this time. It is believed that one of the members is looking for funding at this time. There is a lot of form filling and questionnaires to be completed with regard to obtaining funding.

With regard to the Playing Field a bill from EON was received for the sum of £30.05 which is paid by DDR.

Nothing further with regard to the Village Hall.

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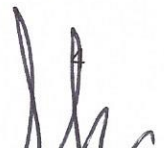
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A member of the public reported to the Parish Council that an indecent act was taking place whilst he was walking his dogs along the footpath/coastal path.

It was also reported that the trees in the pit need to be sorted plus there was the matter of the trees near the Weston Development which also need urgent attention and it was felt that this could be done early in the morning in order to stop traffic problems.

The Clerk was also asked to write to Mr Bennett again with regard to his hedge and also copy in Marie and the Highways. Perhaps this is something that the Highways Rangers could tackle as it is a matter for health and safety for all traffic and walkers alike.

There was the matter of when would the village have it tarmac resurfaced and what colour will it be. The Clerk will discuss this with the Highways and report back.

With regard to the Rangers it was also suggested that the next time that they visit the village the area near the Old Townsend Arms should be swept by hand as the road sweeper did not make any difference.

The members also asked that we remember Barbara Butler as she passed away recently. She was a long standing member of the village and she will be missed.

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Response from Kate Steventon 7th January 2014

Further to your enquiry I am now in a position to inform you that investigations into this matter have now been concluded and I write to advise you that there is a breach of planning control because the fence within a metre of the highway exceeds 1 metre high.

The developer has been advised that in order to rectify this breach of planning either the fence adjacent to the highway has to be reduced to 1 metre in height or a retrospective planning application to retain the fence should be submitted.

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Change of Use from Workshop/showroom to residential dwelling

Previous meetings response:-

This building has no water or drainage and how this will be sorted is a matter of concern for the Parish Council. Furthermore the Car Parking is showing on the other side of Hollow Lane with comments attached that no trees will be taken down in order to develop this but there are tree in the area that has been marked for car parking and possible septic tank. The council felt that although the matters that they have concerns about are not technically planning they would like the Clerk to respond in the following way:-

The Council accept the planning application in principal but they would like further information before final decision to be given. This further information relates to the matter of drainage.

The Council received a set of the plans with regard to the drainage issue and it is still a matter for building regulations to decide and there is also the matter of crossing a public right of way (Hollow Lane). Creating an entrance and car park on a public right of way is something that the District Council and N C C will have to look at further. It will have to go to Highways for approval. Is the Parish Council happy with regard to the plans for the drainage? The members state that the local farmer has right of way and this also covers the Playing Field at the top of this hill, however this is a matter for Building regulations and the Parish Council does not have a say in this matter the only comments that would have been taken into account would be the planning application which was for change of use. The applicant will have to submit plans and the matter will be looked at from then on. There will also have to be further tests undertaken with regard to the surrounding soil for the cesspit.

It was noted by the members that a member of the general public was concerned with regard to the cesspit development due to the chalk runs straight into the next door property and there is concerns about the drainage.

Planning Application PF/13/1409
Hillcrest, 36 Wells Road, Stiffkey, NR23 1AJ

Erection of single storey side extension with accommodation in roof space and balcony, installation of front and rear dormer windows and rendering of external walls.

A response has been received with regard to this planning application and it is PERMIT.

Nothing further at this time with regard to Planning Applications.

9 a N. Weston Application to SPC

It was reported to the members that Mr Nigel Weston has decided to revert to his original plans and go uphill. He is still looking at what is to happen with regard to the electricity cables for the development.

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