

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 11th January 1995 at 7.30 pm in Stiffkey Village Hall.

PRESENT: A. Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman). L Jordan B Butler M Harrison A Millar R Feilden and Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC: one

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 14th December 1994 were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING:

NEW STREET LIGHT: WELLS ROAD

After a visit by a councillor to the site, it was decided that a backing to the light did need to be installed, as the light was shining directly onto the bungalow. A letter to be sent to the Eastern Electricity Board.

HIGHWAYS

Mrs Wootten will be attending a highways meeting later in January and will put the point regarding traffic calming to the meeting.

No repairs have been attended to as yet.

NOTICE BOARD

It was agreed that the dimensions should be 6' x 3'

NCC BUDGET 95/96

A letter has been sent to Mr Ralph Howell urging him to support NCC in their request for a fairer grant settlement next year.

FLOOD SEMINAR

Mrs Wooten brought along a Flood Seminar Pack which will be passed around through the month.

National Rivers Authority did not attend the meeting, Norfolk Constabulary sent a letter thanking us for all the help and co-operation which we had given them.

The Parish Council will send a letter to North Norfolk District Council, Internal Drainage Board, regarding the condition of Stiffkey River.

BROKEN STYLE

Mark Harrison has offered to attend to the style along Damson Lane.

AGENDA

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT

A letter had been received from the North Norfolk Shoreline Management, regarding a study from Snettisham to Sheringham for Coastal Defence purposes, also asking for comments and suggestions. The Parish Council felt that in respect of the village little more could or needed to be done.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
A letter had been received from Mr. L. Scott of Norfolk Coast Project stating that from November 1995 the project would maintain and waymark all footpaths in in this AONB.

NORFOLK COASTAL PROJECT
A letter had been received from the Norfolk Coastal Project requesting volunteers to come forward for being elected onto a committee to aid the scheme. It was decided that a notice should be placed in the parish notice board asking if any local person who has a good knowledge of the area would be interested.

SEMINAR FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS
A letter was received from NNDC inviting comments regarding the seminar procedures. It was decided that the members who attended last year found that there was enough scope within the debate to allow slight deviations and questions so there need not be any change to the format of the meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

BRITISH LEGION
A letter had been received from the British Legion asking if we would like to take part in the VE Day celebrations on the 8th May 1995. They gave various suggestions and the cost of each. It was decided that the matter should be discussed with the villagers to see what they would like to take place if anything at all.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE
We were invited once again to enter into the Best Kept Village Competition. After some debate it was decided that we would enter.

STREET LIGHT
It was pointed out the the street light at the bottom of Hollow Lane has been out for approx 3 months.

ROAD REPAIRS
A member of the public who attended the council meeting was asked if he had anything to say: he advised the parish council that the road side was just as uneven on the south side as the north and would we please mention the matter when dealing with the pot holes and bad edges by Greenway and the council houses also the old butchers shop and 60 Wells Road.

MEETING CLOSED 8.30PM

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 8 February 1994 at 7.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) L Jordan A Millar C R Feilden and M Harrison

APOLOGIES: J Greenacre, B Butler (Councillors) and Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC: 1

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 11 January. It had been pointed out that Mr Bishop, Clerk of Blakeney Parish Council had attended this meeting for the purpose of observation. Apart from that the minutes of 11 January were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

NEW STREET LIGHT: WELLS ROAD

The angle of the new street light had been altered by Eastern Electricity

HIGHWAYS

Traffic calming c/f

Letter received from NCC stating that surface patching of areas already marked would be carried out within the next 21 days.

The Area Engineer stated that the whole of the highway network throughout the County is inspected on a regular cyclic basis. The inspections are carried out at predetermined intervals, at least once every three months. Important traffic routes etc are inspected more frequently indeed A149 is inspected every month.

The inspections in Stiffkey are carried out by Highway Technician, Mr J Hewitt who is experienced and very diligent. He identifies problems which require attention and from his report, a programme of maintenance work is prepared. This is transmitted to the contractors who carry out the work about three weeks later.

The system has been fine tuned over a number of years and is thought by most to work well. Unfortunately it is not always possible to carry out as much work as some would like as budgetary limits are very tight.

For budgetary and work planning reasons it is necessary to adhere to this system except for really potentially dangerous problems which occasionally develop between inspections.

Potentially dangerous problems, usually large potholes etc., are dealt with urgently.

However, the Area Engineer reiterated that urgent action can only be justified in cases where the problem represents a real potential danger to the public, thankfully these incidents are usually relatively rare.

The Area Engineer would be grateful if Stiffkey Parish Council could bear this in mind.

NCC BUDGET 95 / 96

Letter received from Sir Ralph Howell stating he had taken careful note of the points which had been raised and was in touch with John Gummer MP, Secretary of State for the Environment. He was also liaising with other Norfolk Members of Parliament on the matter.

Also letter received from NCC thanking Stiffkey Parish Council for their support

STIFFKEY RIVER AT STIFFKEY

Letter received from NRA stating that in general terms, the NRA carry out maintenance works on rivers within their jurisdiction, on an "as needs" basis, and working within a limited budget.

On the River Stiffkey, weedcutting is carried out on an annual basis, where there is excessive growth. The Catchment Engineer was aware that the growth during this past season has been patchy, and took place towards the end of the growing season.

He would investigate any specific section that the Councillors felt was in need of additional work, and where there was a proven flood defence requirement.

08.02.945

A.H.C.

BROKEN STILE

c/f

NORFOLK COASTAL PROJECT

Mrs E Gambrill, who attended the meeting, showed some interest in this project. In the eventuality of her deciding to be considered for the position she was proposed by M Harrison, seconded by R Feilden and the proposition was passed.

The Chairman was to approach another Stiffkey person to see if he would be interested.

OTHER AGENDA POINTS

STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS - EE

Letter received from EE asking for confirmation of lighting installation details as at 31 December 1994. The number of lighting installations were discussed and agreed at 2 100wt lamps and 13 80wMBF/U lamps.

FINANCE

A cheque was signed for payment of Audit fees for the year 1993/94, amounting to £77.55 from the Audit Commission.

NORFOLK CONSTABULARY LOCAL CONSULTATION

Letter received from Norfolk Constabulary informing Councillors that as from 1st April 1995 under the Police and Magistrates Courts Act changes were being made to Police Authorities. Most noticeably, they would be independent, i.e. no longer part financed by the County Council and the membership would be smaller in number. The letter set out the Service Aims and Force Goals for 95/96 and a questionnaire was enclosed which Councillors completed.

AOB

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Mrs Millar would take round circulars which she had prepared in respect of the entry of the village in this event.

TREES

Major General Turner Cain had offered £100 for trees. It was agreed that if the trees were set back from the road on the side of Greenway they should be flowering trees.

NOTEPAPER

A sample of notepaper from Blakeney Parish Council was produced. It was decided that Stiffkey Parish Council did not need to purchase any because the same sort of effect could be obtained from a computer.

P.C. ELECTIONS

Forms for the forthcoming PC elections were distributed.

THE MEETING CLOSED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 8 March, 1995 at 7.30 p.m.

08.02.945

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8/3/95

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 8 March 1995 at 7.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) L Jordan A Millar B Butler and M Harrison (Councillors) and Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES: C R Feilden

PUBLIC: 1

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 8 February were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

HIGHWAYS

Letter received from Norfolk County Council advising there were no objections when the proposed speed limit extension for Stiffkey was advertised. All work was to be completed by 3 July 1995.

Clerk to write letter to NCC Planning & Transportation stating that although Stiffkey Parish Council bore Mr Bushell's comments in mind regarding inspection of the highway through Stiffkey and subsequent work done to the highway, they felt that there were dangerous places of erosion and potholes in Stiffkey that needed attention. Clerk to ask if a pothole which had been reported twice before in December 1994 and January 1995 between the Old Butcher's Shop and 60, Highfield, Wells Road, Stiffkey (at the top of Big Hill) could be filled in as it was considered dangerous and also to ask if erosion in front of the bus stop on Camping Hill could be filled in as this created problems for school children when catching the school bus, especially after heavy rainfall.

STIFFKEY RIVER AT STIFFKEY

Mr Harrison reported the present position regarding Stiffkey River .

The Chairman reported on work carried out by himself, J Greenacre and L Jordan at White Bridges. The Clerk to write to N.R.A. stating the Parish Council were concerned at erosion of the west end of Stiffkey Sluice Bank, due to inadequacy of protection fence and obstruction of planned access by brambles etc. also to report the N.R.A. Prohibition Notice was totally ineffective.

NORFOLK COASTAL PROJECT

Letter received from Director of Planning and Transportation, Norfolk County Council, stating he had received six nominations which would stand from the Parish Councils in the group, including Keith McDougall, nominated by Stiffkey. Therefore, Stiffkey Parish Council to nominate first and second preferences. Mr M Harrison nominated Mr K McDougall for first preference, Mrs A. Millar seconded the proposal and it was carried (2 abstentions) Mr J Greenacre proposed Mr G Sayers for second preference Mr A Curtis seconded the proposal and it was carried (2 abstentions)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Mrs Wootten said all the other parishes had their Annual Parish Meeting in April so Stiffkey should do too. The Clerk was therefore asked to alter the Annual Parish Meeting from May (as in previous years) to April.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Mrs A Millar had created and distributed around the village notices concerning the Best Kept Village Competition and V E Day. She had received some response from various people and suggestions, including sponsored hanging baskets, a local Newsletter, etc. Not much response was shown regarding V E Day, although a site had been offered by a parishioner for a beacon/bonfire. It was, therefore, decided not to proceed with a V E Day celebration in Stiffkey.

Regarding a local Newsletter, Councillors thought this would be a an asset to the village and it was

decided that the Clerk should place a notice on the notice board asking if anyone in the village was interested in starting up a Newsletter. It was thought finance may be obtained from the Village Halls Association.

Planting of four trees on Greenway had been completed, the money for which had been donated by Maj. Gen. G. R. Turner Cain. Clerk to write and thank him for his generous donation. Regarding money left over after the purchase of the trees, and which the Maj. Gen. had told Mrs Millar could be used for a suitable cause, it was agreed to put the money towards the new village notice board which was in the course of construction.

Mr M Harrison to erect suitable guards around the newly planted trees.

OTHER AGENDA POINTS

SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF STIFFKEY

A letter had been received from a Stiffkey parishioner expressing, in the very strongest terms, her sincere anxiety for the health and safety of pedestrians in the village of Stiffkey. (a copy of the letter had been sent to The Highways Department, NNDC, Councillor Mrs Wootten and Sir Ralph Howell M.P.)

As one who walked, at least once a day along the main road through the village, she experienced at first hand the very real dangers confronting the pedestrian. She knew that the Parish Council had expressed concern for certain areas of Stiffkey but considered that in order to attempt to solve the problem it was necessary to look at the village as a whole.

Her fears were as follows:-

- a) The general speed of vehicles and the disregard for pedestrians. Every year there were several reports of people being hit by wing mirrors because cars, when passing each other, had not seen fit to give way to someone on foot thus pinning the pedestrian to the wall. indeed one had only to walk along Church Street during the summer to find numerous broken wing mirrors on the side of the road. Also, many places where boundary walls have been damaged.
- b) The absence of footpaths meant that walkers were obliged to walk on the road. The sides of which were extremely uneven and thick with debris, mud and fallen leaves. It must be possible for Stiffkey to have narrow walk ways such as those which were so effective in Morston.
- c) In the absence of footpaths cars park close to the boundary walls on each side of the road making it necessary for pedestrians to walk into the centre of the highway in order to pass. This was very dangerous for adults but for people with small children this practice was very hazardous.

From her observations the majority of drivers regarded themselves as having absolute rights to free passage on the highway and very few showed any sympathy for pedestrians.

The problems of Stiffkey were deserving of very serious thought as there must be ways of slowing down traffic through the Village and ensuring the safety of pedestrians.

The Parishioner urged the Parish Council to take the safety problems in Stiffkey very seriously as it was only a matter of time before an accident occurred where someone would be injured or killed.

After discussion of the above letter it was decided that Sir Ralph Howell M.P. should be invited to a meeting of the Parish Council in either June or July and such meeting should be publicised so that the problem could be discussed and a possible solution found.

HOUSING AT PARK ROAD, WARHAM

Letter received from Hastoe Housing Association Limited asking if the Parish Council knew of anyone who may be interested in putting in an application for houses that Hastoe are building at Warham.

08.03.95

A m. C

Clerk to put letter on notice board.

PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

Letter received from NNDC with copies of new form for replying to planning applications by the Parish Council.

V E DAY 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - 8 MAY 95

As previously mentioned it was decided not to proceed with these celebrations in Stiffkey, due to lack of interest. Clerk to write and thank Mr McDougall for the kind offer of a bonfire site.

FINANCE

Cheque signed in payment of NNDC street light repairs/maintenance for period ending 31.01.95 for £48.63 (incl. £7.24 VAT)

AOB

HIGHWAYS

It was reported that two drains outside Neptune House needed to be cleared. Clerk to inform Dept. of Planning and Transportation, Aylsham.

FENCING AT WHITE BRIDGES

The Chairman reported that L Jordan, J Greenacre and himself had taken down wire fencing alongside the footpath at White Bridges and were to replace it by a wooden post and rail fence, the finance for which would be borne by the Norfolk Coast Project, Wells. They had also cut back trees and undergrowth there.

THE MEETING CLOSED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING, including ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Wednesday 12 April, 1995 at 7.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall.



12/4/95

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 12 April 1995 at 7.20 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) L Jordan A Millar B Butler and M Harrison (Councillors) also Mrs A Wooten (District Councillor) and Mr G Ashworth (County Councillor)

APOLOGIES: C R Feilden

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 8 March were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

HIGHWAYS

Letter received from Norfolk County Council commenting on points raised in letter to them as follows:

Item 1

Highway Technician had again inspected the carriageway in the vicinity of 60 Wells Road and couldn't locate any significant potholes in the carriageway

Item 2

Highway Technician reported only very minor erosion in front of the bus stop. No action was justified at the present time although the situation would be monitored.

Item 3

Work was already programmed to clean the gullies.

The letter was discussed and Mr Ashworth would investigate the pothole near 60 Wells Road

STIFFKEY RIVER AT STIFFKEY

Letter received from NRA thanking the Council for their letter advising the Catchment Engineer, Stan Jeavons, of the problems on the western end of the seabank. Mr Jeavons stated that whilst the NRA checked the three sluices on a regular basis, the gradual deterioration due to vegetation growth had not been picked up recently. Although the bank was due for cutting this summer, Mr Jeavons would arrange for the points indicated to be put right before then.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

It was reported that SEVEN trees had been planted on Greenway and not four as mentioned in the Minutes of 8 March 1995

LITTER COLLECTION

A clean up of litter on the Marsh had been organised by The Trust and the Norfolk Coast Project and local volunteers had collected the litter

SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF STIFFKEY

A letter had been received from Mrs M Rogers regarding danger to pedestrians in Stiffkey and this matter was discussed. Sir Ralph Howell, M.P. had replied to an invitation by the Council to a meeting stating that he could probably attend a meeting on a Friday evening. Clerk to write, suggesting Friday dates in July. When a date had been arranged then Clerk to notify Mr G Ashworth and Mr Longhurst and invite them to attend also.

FINANCE

Cheque signed in payment of NCAPTC subs 1995/96 for £38.60

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.20 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wed 10 May 1995 @ 7 p.m. (and agreed that future meetings should be the same time)

12.04.95



SUMMARY OF STREET LIGHTING CHARGES AS AT 1st April 1995

Customer Ref. 44 9488 7439 90 /166

EASTERN ELECTRICITY PLC and Stiffkey P. C.

SUPPLEMENTAL to AGREEMENT dated 1.4.89

relating to Street Lighting in Stiffkey

The particulars set out on the attached schedule are included in the summary below and are agreed between the above mentioned parties for the purpose of Clause 3 of the above mentioned Agreements.

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| 2 Time control points at 5.02 per annum | 10.04 | |
| 2 Timeswitches at 0.96 per annum | 1.92 | |
| 13 Thermal photocells at 0.68 per annum | 8.84 | |
| Annual charge for electricity from schedule | 334.26 | |
| Total annual charge for electricity | 355.06 | |
| MONTHLY PAYMENT FOR ELECTRICITY | | 29.59 |
| Value Added Tax (if any) at the appropriate rate will be applied to all the above charges. | | |
| TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS | | 29.59 |

Dated this *15th* day of *May* 19 *95*

SIGNED on behalf Eastern Electricity Plc

SIGNED on behalf of the Customer

for *P.J. Andrews*
.....
Major Accounts Manager

Or. Let
.....
Chairman
Stiffkey P.C.

Lighting Installation details as at 1st April 1995
 for Stiffkey P. C. Ref - 44 9488 7439 90 /166

A = Total Assessed demand for period
 E = Total charge for Electricity for period
 M = Total Maintenance charge for period

| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Lamp Ref. No. | No. of Lamps | Ltg. Period | Lamp Type/ Wattage | Assd. Demand per Lamp (watts) | Total Assd. Demand | Type of Mtce. | Mtce. Chge. Per Lamp |
| 1 | 2 | vii | 100wT | 100 | 0.200 | | |

A = 0.200kW E = 36.63

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| 2 | 13 | x | 80wMBF/U | 94 | 1.222 | | |
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A = 1.222kW E = 297.63

The total number of lights for the above Authority is 15
 ANNUAL CHARGE FOR ELECTRICITY IS 334.26

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) L Jordan A Millar B Butler M Hodges (Councillors) also Mrs A Wootten (retiring District Councillor) T Groom (District Councillor) and Mr G Ashworth (County Councillor)

APOLOGIES: none

PUBLIC: 2

Before the meeting commenced Mrs Wootten thanked the Council and Clerk for their efforts during her term of office. Amongst other things she said the Council should use the notice board for information for the general public.

A bouquet of flowers was then presented to Mrs Wootten from the Council and Clerk as a token of their thanks to Mrs Wootten for all her assistance in the past.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr A Curtis proposed Mr J Greenacre for Chairman. There was no seconder for this proposal. Mr J Greenacre proposed Mr A Curtis for Chairman, Mr L Jordan seconded this proposal and it was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Mrs B Butler proposed Mr J Greenacre for Vice Chairman, Mrs A Millar seconded this proposal and it was carried unanimously.

Mrs Wootten then left the meeting

DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Were signed by all newly elected Councillors

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

It was agreed unanimously that Mr M Harrison be coopted on to the Parish Council. Clerk to inform him of the decision.

NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The Chairman welcomed the new District Councillor, Mr Tony Groom, to the meeting.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

During the course of the meeting the Chairman welcomed the new Parish Councillor, Mr Miles Hodges, to the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 12 April were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING: HIGHWAYS

It was noted with pleasure that since the intervention of Mr G Ashworth after the last Parish Council meeting the 'erosion' at the side of Wells Road had been filled in the next day.

Mrs Millar had spoken to Mr Bushell of Planning & Transportation whilst he was in Stiffkey and he had said he would be agreeable for the roads through Stiffkey to be edged. He had mentioned that in future the right terminology should be used when asking for a job to be done as potholes and erosion were different.

After discussion it was decided to invite Mr Bushell to a meeting in Stiffkey with the Parish Council and also to invite Messrs G Ashworth and T Groom and Mrs M Rodgers. (This meeting was instead of the planned meeting with Sir Ralph Howell mentioned in the Minutes of 12.04.95).

The possibility of a meeting beforehand was mentioned but a decision was not reached.

10.05.95

A.M.C

Clerk to put up a Notice asking anyone who has been involved in an accident in Stiffkey involving vehicles on the Highway to report it to the Police as the Council were pursuing traffic safety measures and the reports would help their case.

LETTER FROM MR & MRS WIGHTON

Letter received from Mr and Mrs Wighton, relating to Wighton. Chairman took letter and would attend to matter.

PLANNING ADVICE UNIT

Letter from NNDC enquiring if Councillors would be prepared to support a Planning Advice Unit which would be visiting Wells helping to explain the Planning Team's work and answering specific enquiries. Clerk to put up poster.

A.O.B.

COMMUNITY MAPS

Letter received from NNDC enquiring if Parish Council were interested in making a community map. There was no response. A meeting had been held a few years previous but had been abortive.

NORTH NORFOLK ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Invitation to Environment Forum on 22.05.95 at 7.00 p.m. in Council Offices, Cromer. Mr T Groom would be attending and would report back to the meeting.

HIGHWAY AND OTHER UNMETERED SUPPLIED

Letter from EE announcing changes to the management of Unmetered Supplies.

FINANCE

1. insurance premium of £86.65 due to Cornhill Insurance. Cheque signed, but Clerk to first check amount of Public Liability.
2. RCC subs of £8. due. This was agreed and cheque signed for that amount.
3. Cheque for £580 - 1st instalment of parish precept had been received.

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

Mr M Hodges displayed the new village notice board which would cost £175. It was agreed that the words 'STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL' should be inserted at an extra cost by a Signwriter at the top of the notice board and Mr Hodges would have this attended to.

'DANGEROUS DIVING' SIGNS ON MARSH

Mr L Jordan reported he had erected a 'Dangerous Diving' sign on the Marsh and it was agreed that he should erect another one.

LAWN MOWER

The Council lawnmower was discussed and it was agreed that Mr J Greenacre should obtain a replacement one for a sum of between £100 - £150 and also that he should sell the present mower which was out of action.

PARISH MAGAZINE

Lord Buxton had offered to underwrite the cost.

MISSING PLANK ON BRIDGE ON MARSH

It was reported that a plank was missing on the last functional bridge on the Marsh at the bottom of Bangay.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.20 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wed 14 June 1995 @ 7 p.m.

10.05.95



DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Parish of STIFFKEY

I, MARK HARRISON having been co-opted to the office of Parish Councillor

hereby declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil

the duties of it according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Dated this 14th day of September 1995

Signature Mark A Harrison

This declaration was made and subscribed before me

A member of the Stiffkey Parish Council W. M. Teilden (Clerk)

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Parish of STIFFKEY

I, ... ALAN MORRIS CURTIS .. having been elected to the office of *1 ... CHAIRMAN .. hereby declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfill the duties of it according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Dated this 10 day of MAY, 19 95

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

This declaration was made and subscribed before me

*2 Proper Officer/A member of the

Parish Council M. W. Holden
(Clerk)

*1 Insert description of office.

*2 Delete as appropriate.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Parish of STIFFKEY.....

I, JOHN G. GREENACRE... having been elected to the office of *1 VICE CHAIRMAN..... hereby declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfill the duties of it according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Dated this 10th day of May, 1995.

Signature John G. Greenacre.....

This declaration was made and subscribed before me

~~*2 Proper Officer/A~~ member of the

Parish Council Bea Butler.....

*1 Insert description of office.

*2 Delete as appropriate.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Parish of STIFFKEY

I, .. BARBARA EA BUTLER .. having been elected to the office of *1 Councillor hereby declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfill the duties of it according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Dated this 10th day of May, 1995.

Signature .. BEA Butler

This declaration was made and subscribed before me

*2 ~~Proper Officer~~/A member of the

Parish Council Freemantle

*1 Insert description of office.

*2 Delete as appropriate.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Parish of STIFFKEY

I, LAURENCE C. JORDAN having been elected to the office of *1 COUNSELLOR hereby declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfill the duties of it according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Dated this 10th day of MAY, 1995.

Signature L.C. Jordan

This declaration was made and subscribed before me

*2 ~~Proper~~ Officer/A member of the

Parish Council [Signature]

*1 Insert description of office.
*2 Delete as appropriate.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Parish of ... ST. IFFRKY

I, ... AVRIL BRENDA MILLAR ... having been elected to the office of *1 ... COUNCILLOR ... hereby declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfill the duties of it according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Dated this 10TH day of MAY, 19 95.

Signature ... [Handwritten Signature]

This declaration was made and subscribed before me

*2 ~~Proper Officer~~/A member of the

Parish Council ... [Handwritten Signature]

*1 Insert description of office.

*2 Delete as appropriate.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Parish of ...STIFFKEY.....

I, ...MILES HODGES..... having been elected to the office of *1 ...COUNCILLOR..... hereby declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfill the duties of it according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Dated this 10th day of May, 19 95

Signature ...M.F. Hodges.....

This declaration was made and subscribed before me

*2 Proper Officer/A member of the

Parish Council ...M. Weiden.....
(Clerk)

*1 Insert description of office.

*2 Delete as appropriate.

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING was held in Stiffkey Village Hall on Wednesday 11 May 1994 at 7.30p.m.

Councillors present were: A Curtis, J Greenacre, B Butler, L Jordan, R Feilden, M Harrison and also Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

Apologies received from Mrs A Millar and Mr G Ashworth

Members of the public - one

MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of 11 May 1993 were read out by the Clerk and confirmed as a true record and duly signed by A Curtis

There were no matters arising

Financial statement. Copies had been circulated showing balances of £217.84 in the Current Account and £633.30 in the Business Premium Account. The Chairman observed that the Council could not undertake any additional expenditure and were fully committed. Mr Greenacre pointed out that it had been agreed that a sum of £50 p.a. should be paid to the person who kept the footpaths clear. The person concerned would like the money paying to a Charity. It was agreed that Mr Greenacre should obtain a letter to that effect.

It was agreed that the financial statement was in order.

The Chairman, Mr A Curtis then gave his annual report and a vote of thanks was given to Mr Curtis for the report.

Nominations were taken for the new Chairman. Mr J Greenacre proposed Mr A Curtis, Mr M Harrison seconded the proposition and it was carried unanimously. Nominations were then taken for the new Vice Chairman. Mr A Curtis proposed Mr J Greenacre, Mr R Feilden seconded the proposition and it was carried unanimously

AOB

A letter received from Mr and Mrs J Jordan was discussed. They had asked for a new street lamp to be erected close to their residence on Wells Road. It was agreed that a new Street Lamp should be fixed, if possible, on to the existing electricity pole situate on the north side of Wells Road, across from Mr and Mrs Jordan's residence.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 14 June 1995 at 7.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) A Millar B Butler M Hodges (Councillors) T Groom (District Councillor) and Mr G Ashworth (County Councillor)

APOLOGIES: none L Jordan

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 10 May were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

HIGHWAYS

A Highway Meeting with Mr Bushell had been fixed for 2.30p.m. on Tuesday 20 June 1995 commencing at Stiffkey Village Hall.

It was noted that a car previously identified as speeding through the village had lately slowed down.

A notice had been affixed to the Parish Council notice board asking any person involved in an accident in Stiffkey involving vehicles on the Highway to report it to the Police.

LETTER FROM MR & MRS WIGHTON

This had been passed to Mrs Sayer, the wife of the Rector of Wells, who would deal with the matter.

NORTH NORFOLK ENVIRONMENT FORUM

A report of the meeting was given by Mr Groom. It was realised that Councillors should "keep an eye" on the environmental scene so that 'environmentalists' would not end up turning the area into a showplace to the detriment of people who lived and worked in the area.

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

Mr Hodges reported the Notice Board would be erected soon.

'DANGEROUS DIVING' SIGNS ON MARSH

Mr Jordan was not at the meeting to report the position regarding the signs.

LAWN MOWER

A "strimmer" had been purchased at a cost of £115 (which included discount on the old mower). This had proved more suitable for the task of cutting grass, especially on the bank of the Surveyors' Allotment at Little Hill.

MISSING PLANK ON BRIDGE ON MARSH

Had been reported

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

VILLAGE SIGN

A letter had been received from Mrs A Blair asking for local information relating to the village sign. Mrs Butler took the letter and would deal with the matter

COMMUNITY/POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING

Meeting to take place at The Methodist Church, Cromer Road, Sheringham on Wed. 21 June 1995 at 7.30 p.m.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

It was reported by Mrs Millar that she had been approached by Mr and Mrs Spekeman from Stiffkey who had offered to print out a Stiffkey Parish Newsletter free of charge. It was envisaged that village Organisations could report their activities in the Newsletter advertisements could be placed and also

local people could submit articles for publication too. Mrs Millar had also received an offer of help from Lady Buxton, which would be followed up. As matters relating to publication of the Newsletter were still in their embryonic stage it was thought the first publication would probably be in October, and would cover a period of three to four months.

FINANCE

(1) Mrs Millar reported that, after talking to several owners of holiday property in Stiffkey she had ascertained that they would be willing to each pay the sum of £10 to the Parish Council to alleviate the Parish Council putting up the precept.

There was a discussion on the matter. Some Councillors questioned the need for more money as they considered the Parish Council had enough money at the moment and there had been no mention of putting up the precept.

It was decided that the Clerk should contact NCAPTC at Hingham and ask their advice as to whether or not it was possible to illicit donations from Parishioners to a Parish Council.

(2) The Clerk had received literature recommending how much her salary should be. It was agreed it would be £291.72p and a cheque was signed for that amount.

PLANNING

The following applications were considered by Councillors and no objection was raised to any of the applications:

1. 01 950779 LA - Listed Building Consent, 35 Wells Road, Stiffkey
2. 01 950758 LA - Listed Building Consent, 1 Harbour House, Greenway, Stiffkey
3. 01 950759 PF - Planning Application, Stiffkey Village Hall Committee/Changing Room

AOB

NORFOLK COAST PROJECT: ELECTION OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

Letter received from NCC Planning & Transportation reporting that Mr Godfrey Sayers, Rosemeade, The Street, Wiveton had been duly elected as representative for our group of parishes.

WASTE DISPOSAL

Mr Groom pointed out that the Waste Disposal Contract would shortly be running out. At the moment it is a "back door" collection service which means that black plastic sacks do not have to be put out on the highway to be collected which unfortunately sometimes happens. However, if people want the collection to be on the roadside then it will mean that everyone is issued with "wheelie bins". It was realised by Councillors that pushing "wheelie bins" to the roadside, especially on shingle and by the old and infirm, would not be very helpful.

REPAIR OF GREENWAY

Mr Groom to look into the possibility of Greenway being repaired by funds from the Norfolk Coast Project

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.25 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wed 12 July 1995 @ 7 p.m.



STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 12 July 1995 at 7.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) A Millar B Butler M Hodges L Jordan (Councillors) T Groom (District Councillor) and Mr G Ashworth (County Councillor)

APOLOGIES : M Harrison

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 14 June were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING: HIGHWAYS

The Highway Meeting held on 20 June 1995 was discussed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr Bushell thanking him for the work done in clearing weeds and carriageway edge patching and also for speaking to the Environmental Health Dept at North Norfolk District Council regarding highway cleansing. Mr Groom would also investigate the position regarding highway cleansing.

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

This had been erected outside Stiffkey Stores. The other two notice boards previously sited outside Stiffkey Stores had been taken down and a discussion took place as to where they were to be re-sited. It was suggested that one be placed on Greenway and the other outside the Bus Shelter on Camping Hill.

'DANGEROUS DIVING' SIGNS ON MARSH

Mr Jordan reported he had erected these signs.

MISSING PLANK ON BRIDGE ON MARSH

Was still missing but letter received from Tim Lidstone-Scott (Norfolk Coast Project) stating that the Project would shortly be carrying out repair work to bring all the functional bridges up to a reasonable standard and anticipating that the work would be undertaken nearer the end of the month.

VILLAGE SIGN

Letter from Mrs Blair dealt with by Mrs Butler.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Millar reported the people concerned with this project were trying to get the first edition ready in August before the Fete and to include dates for September.

PARISH COUNCIL FUNDRAISING

The Clerk had spoken to Mrs Jenkins of NCAPTC regarding asking Parishioners for donations to alleviate the Parish Council putting up the precept. Mrs Jenkins said that although this could be done it would need a careful system of receipting and she did not advise it. Mrs Jenkins also said that Councillors should not do anything on behalf of the Council without the Council's prior agreement to the scheme as this could be dangerous, in that, if anything went wrong the person involved would be held responsible and could be asked to 'pick up the bill'.

PLANNING

Mr Groom asked if he could be kept informed of all planning meetings so that he could properly carry out his planning duties in respect thereof.

REPAIR OF GREENWAY

Mr Groom had written to the Norfolk Coast Project but had received no reply to date.

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OTHER AGENDA POINTS

NORTH NORFOLK SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN (SUB-CELL 3A SNETTISHAM TO SHERINGHAM) DRAFT FIRST STAGE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A copy of this draft document was produced and would be passed around for Councillors to examine and if appropriate to comment by 31 July 1995

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TREES IN CONSERVATION AREAS

Letter from NNDC enclosing information sheet on trees in Conservation Areas which Clerk would display on new notice board.

PLANNING SEMINARS FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Letter from Chief Planning Officer, NNDC, stating his intention to write in about a month's time seeking Councillors' views on format and arrangements for seminars to be arranged for autumn of this year.

MEETING ON BLAKENEY POINT

Had been attended by Council representatives and was discussed

SHELTERED HOUSING (Thistleton Court, Blakeney)

Mr Groom reported there were occasional vacancies at Thistleton Court, Blakeney and if there were any persons interested in moving there they should contact him.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.15 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wed 13 September 1995 @ 7 p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 14 September 1995 at 7.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) A Millar B Butler M Hodges L Jordan M Harrison (Councillors) and Mr G Ashworth (County Councillor)

APOLOGIES: none

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 12 July were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING: HIGHWAYS

It was reported that the bus shelter at Camping Hill had been flooded after the recent rain. The Chairman and Vice Chairman volunteered to dig a drain there.

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

Access to the new notice board was discussed. It was thought that the old notice board should be re-erected for the use of parishioners. Modifications to the new notice board were discussed.

MISSING PLANK ON BRIDGE ON MARSH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

The first Parish Newsletter had been a great success. The next edition would be in October.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

NORFOLK COAST PROJECT

Letter received from The National Trust asking for the Council's answers to a questionnaire to help develop the Project's knowledge and understanding of the issues facing common land and common right holders. The questionnaire was completed by Council members.

Letter also received from Godfrey Sayers, Central Parishes representative within the Norfolk Coast Project area inviting the Council to discuss any concerns about the Project with him, following comments he had read in the first edition of "Stiffkey News", which he thought was very good and enjoyed reading. He would be very willing to come along and discuss concerns relating to the environment.

BOUNDARIES OF NEW HEALTH AUTHORITIES

Literature on the consultation of boundaries of the new Health Authorities was passed to Councillors for them to take away to read. Apparently it would not affect Stiffkey.

PRIOR NOTIFICATION APPLICATIONS

Letter received from NNDC stating their intention to send copies of decisions on Prior Notification Applications, together with the relevant details, each time a determination is made. Hopefully, that would help to keep Councillors informed of these developments before they are carried out, as The Department of the Environment does not require District Councils to carry out consultations on such applications, or indeed to notify Town or Parish Councils, presumably because of the limited time provided for in dealing with these matters.

CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE REGISTRATION SERVICE IN NORFOLK

Correspondence had been received regarding the proposed closure of the Cromer and Fakenham Registration Offices. Mr Ashworth pointed out that this would mean a journey to Dereham for anyone wishing to register a birth, death or marriage. This would be particularly hard for the recently bereaved,

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especially if they did not have any transport. The matter was discussed and it was decided to post notices on the village notice board, drawing parishioners' attention to the proposals and also for the Clerk to write to Norfolk County Council expressing the Parish Council's disapproval of such a proposal and suggesting a site for a Registration Office might be the new Courthouse at Fakenham, or a suitable site at Wells.

FINANCE

Cheques signed for £23.36 - NNDC election charges and EEB - £64.12 - electricity arrears to Sept 95. VAT refunds received of £122.99 and £105.83.

Clerk to write to NNDC regarding the street lighting repairs/maintenance contract, stating that the Parish Council were dissatisfied with the 'billing' and asking if, in future, bills could be fully itemised so that the Council knew what they were paying for.

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PLANNING ADVICE UNIT

Letter received from NNDC asking for comments regarding the advice unit held at Wells in April. Clerk to write to NNDC stating that the Parish Council thought the advice unit was very good and informative and the people there were well informed and helpful and that Wells wasn't used enough for this type of service.

THE MEETING CLOSED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wed 11 October 1995 @ 7 p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 11 October 1995 at 7.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) A Millar B Butler M Hodges L Jordan (Councillors) and Mr T Groom (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES: M Harrison

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 13 September were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

BUS SHELTER

Drainage channels dug and working satisfactorily

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

The old notice board had been re-erected next to the new one and was in use by parishioners.

BOUNDARIES OF NEW HEALTH AUTHORITIES

Mrs Millar reported this was not applicable to Stiffkey

CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE REGISTRATION SERVICE IN NORFOLK

Notice put on notice board and letter sent to NCC with copy to NNDC

FAILURE OF STREET LIGHTING COLUMNS

Clerk read out letter from NCC regarding columns that had collapsed in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. It was agreed that Stiffkey did not have this type of column.

NORTHERN DIVISION POLICING PLAN 1996/7

Questionnaire completed by the Council, in order that their views could be taken into account when the Divisional Commander was formulating a policing plan for the forthcoming twelve months.

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL AGENDA

Letter asking for Parish Council's views as to whether or not they wished to receive the Agenda of Council meetings before the meeting or after. It was agreed that the Council would receive them after the meeting, as at present.

WASTE PAPER BANK

Letter received from NCAPTC regarding waste paper bank which could be sited in Stiffkey. It was agreed this would be a good idea. Mrs Millar took the form for signature, in case it was possible to site the Bank outside Stiffkey Stores.

NCAPTC AGM

Advance notice of NCAPTC AGM on 21st October 1995 at Hingham.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Results received and would be posted on notice board.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW - NEW REVIEW OF NORFOLK

Letter from Local Government Commission for England stating that at this stage, the Commission was recommending that there should be no change to the structure of local government in Norwich. After a discussion it was decided to write to The Local Government Commission for England stating that Stiffkey Parish Council were agreeable to 'no change'

FINANCE

Cheque signed for £2.02 to Mr A Curtis, being oil for mower

PARISH PRECEPT 1996 / 97

After discussion on this subject it was agreed to leave the precept the same at £1,160 p.a.

PLANNING

Plans relating to erection of single storey rear extension at Four Furlongs, Wells Road, Stiffkey - 01 951232 PF examined by Councillors who had on objection to the application

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This had been taken down and being repainted by Mr K McDougall

RECTORY WALL

It had been noticed that the height of the Rectory wall had been reduced although no notification had been made to the Council. This subject was discussed.

VANDALISM AND PETTY CRIME

It was reported by Mr T Groom that there would be a Public Meeting, hopefully in November, regarding vandalism and petty crime. A Police Officer and a District Council Officer would be there and hopefully members of the public with suggestions and complaints. Mr Groom would keep Council informed of date.

RUPPS

Letter received by the Chairman concerning RUPPS which was discussed

THE MEETING CLOSED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wed 8 November 1995 @ 7 p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 8 November 1995 at 7.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) A Millar B Butler M Hodges L Jordan
M Harrison (Councillors)

APOLOGIES : T Groom (District Councillor)

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 11 October were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING WASTE PAPER BANK

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VILLAGE SIGN

This had been repainted by Mr K McDougall and re-erected by the Chairman and Vice Chairman

PARISH / TOWN COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT IN COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

Letter received from NCC regarding the greater involvement of Parish Councils in the provision of local authority services, in particular Highway matters, which after a survey had come top of the list. NCC are commissioning a study by Martineau Management who will be visiting a sample of parishes and towns to ask what is required and compare these requirements with what happens now.

As a separate exercise NCC wish to run a formal trial of delegated powers. This would build on the start already achieved in a few trials in the grass cutting and streetlighting functions. The plan is to undertake a two year long exercise involving various functions and up to 21 parish/town councils. NCC enquired whether Stiffkey Parish Council wanted to take part and which functions they would be interested in.

The above matter was discussed and in view of another letter that had been received from Mr Bushell, regarding Highway inspections and the fact that it was not clear where the finance for this scheme was coming from the Parish Council decided not be involved in the trial, but to await the outcome.

In addition to the above there was also on the horizon a further consultation with local communities. This was generated by the Rio world environmental summit and would take place as part of the Local Agenda 21 initiative. It would be about finding solutions to local issues of environmental importance. NCC to write again in due course.

ROUTINE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Letter received from Mr Bushell, NCC regarding highway inspections. The letter stated that the inspections in Stiffkey are carried out by Highway Technician, Mr J Hewitt who is experienced and very diligent. He identifies problems which require attention and from his report, a programme of maintenance work is prepared. This is transmitted to the contractors who carry out the work about three works later.

The system has been fine tuned over a number of years and is thought by most to work well, unfortunately it is not always possible to carry out as much work as some would like as budgetary limits are very tight. However, the Authority is always looking at ways to further improve the system still further.

With this in mind, for selected parishes, Mr. Bushell's staff will telephone the Clerk (or other nominated persons) prior to the cyclic inspection period to ascertain whether there are any alleged routine maintenance problems which should be considered for attention. The anticipated advantages in

efficiency terms is that the Highway Technician would be aware of problems before visiting the Parish which should help response times. In addition it may reduce correspondence levels etc, and Mr Bushell would be grateful if Stiffkey would participate.

Maintenance Engineer, Mr T Bushell, who is responsible for our area will monitor its effectiveness over the next year or so, if successful the number of Parishes included in the system may be extended.

There are of course, some problems which require urgent attention, these often take the form of potholes which can develop quickly and present a danger to road users.

At present, when Parish Councils become aware of such problems, a telephone call to the Area Engineer's Office usually results in emergency work being done the same day. This facility will remain, the procedure is certainly not intended to deter contact in such cases indeed it is warmly welcomed when problems fall into the "potentially dangerous" category.

The scheme is only intended to apply in respect of relatively straight forward routine maintenance matters. Mr T Bushell will still deal with any of the more contentious items which may arise in Stiffkey, indeed he will remain available to discuss any matters the Council may wish to raise with him. Traffic related problems should be directed to the Traffic Management Engineer, Mr Chris Alston.

The above letter was discussed and it was agreed the Parish Council would take up the offer to participate in the scheme. The Clerk was to post a notice on the notice board stating that if there were any highway problems which required attention, please report them to Mr A Curtis, who would act as contact for the scheme.

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Letter received from NCC (Celia Cameron - Chair of Policy & Resources Committee and Leader of the Labour Group, Stephen Revell - Vice Chair of Policy and Resources Committee and Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and Alison King - Leader of the Conservative Group) regarding Government Grants, pointing out that as a result of the Area Cost Adjustment and the general reduction in public spending, NCC had to reduce spending by £11.6 million this year - to the detriment of most of our services. If a poor grant settlement for the coming year was obtained, further cuts would have to be made. NCC asked if Stiffkey Parish Council would write to their MP as soon as possible urging a change in grant distribution which would give Norfolk people a better deal in 1996-97 than they have had in the current year. After discussion it was agreed the Clerk should write.

FINANCE

Cheques agreed and signed for the following:-

NNDC - Street lighting repairs/maintenance - period ending 30/09/95 £46.22 + £8.09VAT = £54.31

Audit Commission - fee for 1994/95 - £66 + £11.55 VAT = £77.55

Stiffkey PCC - donation of £50

Stiffkey Village Hall annual rent agreed at £50

Cheques for the following had also been issued this month:-

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - one Poppy Wreath (obtained by Mr J Greenacre, as agreed) £11.25 + donation £3.75 = £15.00

Platten & Anthony D.I.Y. fungicidal spray + enamel paint re: repainting of Village Notice Board £35.79

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PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Stiffkey FP4 and Binham FP7

Letter received from Norfolk Coast Project stating that for some years the Project Assistant, Tim Lidstone-Scott had been concerned that walkers wishing to get from the northern end of FP4 to the southern end of FP5 are forced to walk along the A149 between the river Stiffkey and White Bridges. This is a particularly dangerous stretch of the coast road because apart from heavy summer traffic a drivers attention is drawn to the spectacular view across the marshes to Blakeney Point.

Mr Lidstone-Scott had gained an acceptance in principal from the tenant and landowner of the

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property involved to the diversion of FP4 in Stiffkey and FP7 in Binham. He now sought the Parish Council's view on the proposed diversion before seeking to promote a formal diversion order.

Mr Lidstone-Scottt pointed out that the Parish Council should be aware that the new route is supported by the Ramblers Association and the Norfolk Coast Project and they believed that the eradication of a dangerous stretch of 'A' class road is of great benefit to the public.

The above matter was discussed and an enclosed plan of the proposed new route examined. The Clerk was instructed to write to say that the Council felt the existing footpath should be left, because the exit on to the road was closer to Stiffkey for parishioners wanting to return home and for those not wishing to take the much longer route, and the stretch of coast road back to Stiffkey was considerably safer than trying to walk along the A149 in the village of Stiffkey. However, the Council had no objection to an additional path being created as shown on the plan, which would presumably be very advantageous to Ramblers.

PLANNING

Refusal of permission for development received for 01 950293 - erection of timber stable block at grazing land, Wells Road, Stiffkey.

COUNCIL HOUSES

It had come to the notice of the Council that a former Council House was being let as a holiday house. Mr Groom to investigate.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.25 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wed 8 November 1995 @ 7 p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 13 December 1995 at 7.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) A Millar (Councillor) and T Groom (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES : B Butler and M Hodges

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 8 November were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING

WASTE PAPER BANK

After discussion it was decided to approach Stiffkey Parochial Church Council and ask if they would be agreeable to a paper bank being placed on Church Knoll

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL GOVERNMENT GRANTS (Area Cost Adjustment)

Letter received from Sir Ralph Howell, M.P., thanking the Council for letting him know of their concern about the operation of the Area Cost Adjustment and its effect on the allocation of grants to Norfolk and stating he had taken careful note of the points raised and would ensure that John Gummer MP, Secretary of State for the Environment was fully aware of the strong views being expressed by many Town Councils and Parish Councils in his constituency.

Letter also received from Celia Cameron, Leader of the Labour Group and Chair of Policy & Resources Committee with the Committee's thanks for the support of Stiffkey Parish Council on this matter.

PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Stiffkey FP4 and Binham FP7

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STRUCTURE PLAN

The Chairman took this for examination

PLANNING SEMINAR

Invitation by NNDC to attend a Planning Seminar to be held at Pensthorpe Waterfowl Trust on Wednesday 17 January 1996 commencing at 7.00p.m. It was agreed the Clerk should reply stating that 4 people were likely to attend.

PLANNING

Amended details regarding alterations at the Old Rectory Barn, Church Street, Stiffkey were examined

THE MEETING CLOSED at 7.42 p.m.

THE MEETING WAS RE-CONVENED at 7.47 p.m.

STRUCTURES LEFT ON THE MARSH

A discussion took place about structures left by various Bodies concerned with investigating the Marsh after they had carried out their investigations and left.

Apparently structures on the Marsh must now have National Trust permission and should be removed within so many months and were subject to certain conditions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wed 10 January 1996 @ 7 p.m.