

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 1990 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre, B Butler, L Jordan and B Watts

APOLOGIES M Harrison and M Millyard

PUBLIC none

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 13th December 1989 were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

HERITAGE COAST CIRCULAR WALKS - PATH WARDEN SCHEME

Mr L Jordan not yet notified

COMMUNITY CHARGE

The rate levied for sewage was originally levied through the District Council but now levied through Anglian Water. Anglian Water will make a reduction if this service is not needed so it will not make any difference to the new Poll Tax.

ELECTRICITY - STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Letter received from Eastern Electricity stating that with the impending privatisation of Eastern Electricity it had become necessary to revise their present Street Lighting Maintenance Agreement. At the same time they had made minor amendments to the text, to clarify certain points. They gave a formal three months notice required by clause 17 of the Agreement. A copy of the revised Agreement would be sent early in 1990 for signature, with commencement from 1st April 1990.

ELECTRICITY - NEW PHOTO CELL LANTERNS

An account had been received from Eastern Electricity, which appeared to be invoiced wrongly. Clerk to write to Mr Segasby

PLANNING

Ref: 01 900008 F - site at Church Street, Stiffkey - change of use from agricultural to burial ground. The application and plan were examined by Council members who had no objections thereto

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.15p.m.

O. J. Curtis
14/2/90

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESENT A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre, B Butler, L Jordan, B Watts and M Harrison

APOLOGIES Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC none

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MATTERS ARISING:-

HERITAGE COAST CIRCULAR WALKS - PATH WARDEN SCHEME

Meeting arranged for next Sunday morning with Mr Jordan

ELECTRICITY - STREET LIGHTING

It had been confirmed that previous bill related to all three lamps recently altered and Clerk had discharged the account.

Letter had been received from Eastern Electricity with details of street lighting installations in Stiffkey. It was thought these were wrong. Clerk to contact EEB and agree number of lights in village.

C/F MATTERS - MR GRAHAM ASHWORTH

Mr Curtis had spoken to Mr Ashworth in relation to points Mr Ashworth was investigating for the Parish Council as follows:-

1. Road signs on the A149 concerning pedestrians in Stiffkey. A sign had recently been erected in Walsingham showing a couple walking together. Clerk to write again to Norfolk County Council drawing their attention to this fact and asking if Stiffkey could be supplied with similar signs.

Drain at Vine Cottage - in programme to be done this year

Bridge Street - closed 5th March to 1st June for installation of new drain.

It was not clear if single line traffic would be allowed through. As yet Stiffkey Parish Council had received no official notification.

Greenway - Neither of the authorities would take responsibility

RIVER STIFFKEY - DRAINAGE

Mr Curtis brought copies of two notices which had been in the "EDP" relating to discharging effluent into the River Stiffkey. Mr Harrison to investigate

VEGETATION OVERHANGING ROAD

Complaints had been received in respect of some old elm suckers which were sticking out of the Rectory hedge and overhanging the roadway in Church Street. These were proving to be a hazard when pedestrians were walking home in the evening. Clerk to write to Highways Dept. and ask them to deal with the situation.

It had also been noticed that ivy on the wall from Neptune House to the Old Post Office was also overhanging. Mr Curtis to deal with this matter.

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HEDGE TRIMMING

Mr L Jordan gave a vote of thanks to Mr M Harrison for seeing that all the hedges were trimmed all the way through Stiffkey.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.19p.m.

* BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1990

Entry form and posters received.

* EASTER FESTIVAL IN CHURCH

c/f Councillors to decide on Parish Council display



STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESENT A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre, B Butler, L Jordan, B Watts, M Harrison and M Millyard also Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC none

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 14th February 1990 were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:-

HERITAGE COAST CIRCULAR WALKS - PATH WARDEN SCHEME

Mr Jordan, the new path warden for Stiffkey, reported on a meeting he had attended. Some signs were to be changed. Chairman and Clerk to check on whether track on marsh was carriageway and footpath on footpath map for parish.

ELECTRICITY - STREET LIGHTING

Clerk had telephoned EE regarding error in EE's letter concerning number of street lights. They were to investigate and let her have an up-to-date plan of numbered street lights in Stiffkey. It was now agreed by Councillors that there were 13 lights, with only two remaining unconverted to photo-electric cells.

ROAD SIGNS on A149

Communication received from Norfolk County Council Highways Dept asking for a suitable time of day to carry out a pedestrian count in Stiffkey with a view to erecting road signs. Clerk to advise 3.30p.m. as a suitable time.

RIVER STIFFKEY - DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT

A letter had been received from Mr and Mrs C de Winter Hebron in connection with an application by Anglian Water Services Ltd for permission to discharge 7200 litres per day of untreated effluent from a proposed nitrates removal plant at Wighton. Mr and Mrs de Winter Hebron stated that the effluent would contain nitrates at a concentration of 4500 mg/litre (90 times the maximum permitted limit for tapwater), plus high concentrations of various sulphate, chloride and sodium compounds. They said they wished strongly to oppose the application on the following grounds:

- a) the discharge - which they said was equivalent to the dumping of a sack of fertiliser into the river every eighteen hours - would lead to greatly increased levels of pollution in the River Stiffkey, which was currently one of the only four remaining rivers in East Anglia harbouring wild trout.
- b) they said it would significantly contribute to the ecological deterioration of the North Sea, contrary to international agreement
- c) they said it would cause significant damage to wild life along the banks of the Stiffkey, including (from their own observations from their own garden, which fronted the river immediately below Stiffkey Bridge) substantial numbers of migrant feeding birds using the flood plain, and possible otter habitat (they believe they had found spraint on their part of the bank during last summer)
- d) they said that allowing the application would set a clear precedent to water companies complying with the EC directive to reduce nitrate pollution of domestic water that would allow them to do so by directly transferring the pollution to the immediate external environment. They said that it was never the intention of the EC directive, and should not be permitted; instead, reclamation and recycling techniques for disposal of excess nitrates should be required.

They were aware those were more expensive, but ecological safety should take precedence over commercial cost in these cases.

After this letter had been read out, Mr Harrison explained that the discharge was from the extraction plant of a bore hole, the water of which had previously been going into Wells reservoir and used in the drinking water for Wells. He said the amounts were very small. Mrs Wootten said that all effluent into the

J Greenacre proposed and M Millyard seconded the proposition to get up a petition against the discharge of effluent from both Wighton and also for the proposed discharge of up to 25 cubic metres per day of treated sewage effluent to a tributary of the River Stiffkey from a museum and concert hall at Thursford Green Fakenham and to take the petition around the village. An amendment was made by Mr B Watts that the Parish Council advise the parishioners to write to the Water authority personally. He thought that individual letters would carry more weight than a petition. The amendment was voted on first and there were 3 votes. The original proposition was voted on next and there were 3 votes. The Chairman used his casting vote for the original proposition, which was then carried. Suitable wording for the petition was discussed and decided upon.

VEGETATION OVERHANGING ROAD (CHURCH STREET)

Letter received from NCC Highways Dept. stating this was a matter for investigation by the routine maintenance organisation. The Divisional Engineer for the area would arrange for the hedges to be inspected when the next routine 10 weekly inspection took place and issue notices for the trimming thereof where he considered it to be necessary.

EASTER FESTIVAL IN CHURCH

It was decided to display some old maps and record books at the forthcoming Festival, together with other items of interest, including two old pictures of The Cross.

OTHER AGENDA POINTS:-

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL - NEW CIVIC ACCOMMODATION

Letter received from NNDC with full details relating to their new civic accommodation. Clerk to have letter displayed on village notice board. Mrs Wootten pointed out that no extra money would need to be levied by rates or poll tax because money earmarked for this purpose had been in a fund since 1978 and the rest of the money would come from the sale of the site of the present Council offices.

CHILDRENS' PLAY AREA - SAFETY SURFACING

Letter received and forwarded direct to a rep. of Social Services Committee

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.45p.m.

NEXT MEETING: 11th April 1990

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESENT A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre, B Butler, L Jordan, B Watts, M Millyard and M Harrison

APOLOGIES Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC - none

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 14th March 1990.

It was pointed out that in these minutes the words "electric cells" should have been "electric switch". Thereafter these minutes were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:-

HERITAGE COAST CIRCULAR WALKS - PATH WARDEN SCHEME

Mr L Jordan had walked the village pathways. He thought a few steps were needed on sluice bank to first stile. There were a few obstructions that needed moving on the Five Acre Carr footway at the present time. This matter was to be left with Mr Jordan.

BRIDGE ON STIFFKEY MARSH AT THE BOTTOM OF GREENWAY

Due to recent gales the first bridge on Stiffkey Marsh at the bottom of Greenway had come adrift and floated away. It had come to rest across the road along the front of the marsh leading from Greenway to Bangay, partially blocking this road. The Clerk had already written to the Highways Department twice. The first time they had replied that the bridge was not their responsibility, as the road ended just before the bridge began, and had erected a sign saying the road was closed. The Clerk had replied and pointed out that the bridge was blocking a road which the Council believed was the Highway Dept's responsibility. There had been no reply to the second letter. Complaints had been received from Stiffkey residents that there was now no bridge across the creek and the Coastguards had said they were not happy about the safety aspect. After discussion it was decided the Clerk should write letters to the Trust and to the District Council saying the Parish Council were apprehensive of the situation which had developed and asking if they were going to take any steps to replace the bridge as the parish council were very concerned of the risk to the public. It was pointed out that sometimes members of the public waked round from Bangay across the marsh and came to the bridge from the opposite side, which meant that if the tide came up they could be cut off.

RIVER STIFFKEY - DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT

A petition taken around the village had been signed by 120 people, although some people were out at the time. This had been sent to the Regional Manager (Environment and Fisheries) at National Rivers Authority Anglian Region. He had replied that applications regarding discharge of trade effluent and treated sewage were currently being considered. The Parish Council's comments would be taken into account and they would be notified of the National Rivers Authority's decision on each, in due course. They said the National Rivers Authority had a duty to protect river quality and if consent was granted in either case, they would set conditions on the discharge designed to ensure that the quality and uses of the receiving waters were protected.

ELECTRICITY - STREET LIGHTS

It was reported that light on Church Knoll was on all the time. Clerk to report it.

Although the Clerk had been in communication with Eastern Electricigy, regarding the total number of lights in the village, which the Board had wrongly totalled to 14 instead of 13, she had received a letter from them enclosing a 'Summary of Street Lighting Charges' for signature by the Parish Council with the wrong total of lights shown. She had written back to the Board explaining the situation

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thought the remaining two lights should be brought up-to-date as soon as conveniently possible. It was pointed out that one of the lamps was at the Lamp Shop, which was adequately lit anyhow, and the other was a satisfactory light, and possibly the best light in the village

EASTER FESTIVAL IN CHURCH

Councillors would meet at the Church at 2p.m. on Sunday afternoon to set up the Council's display.

AOB

"RED LION"

Although parking for 8 cars at the side of the "Red Lion" has been shown on the amended plans, it was thought by the Chairman that there would be no room for such parking. After discussion it was agreed that the building work was not yet at an end, and it would be best to wait until work was finished.

CHALKING ON VILLAGE HALL WALLS

It had been noticed that pieces of chalk from the embankment outside the Village Hall were being picked up and used to chalk over the Village Hall walls. It was agreed that notices should be prepared asking offenders to abstain. Mrs Butler was to prepare signs.

SURGERY KEY

Unfortunately the Village Hall had not been opened for the public recently because the persons responsible for opening up the Hall had forgotten. It was stressed that it was very important that the Hall was opened up, as agreed.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.39p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting held on Wednesday 9th May 1990 at 7.45p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) B Butler, L Jordan, M Millyard and Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC - one

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 11th April 1990 were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:-

FOOTPATHS:-

Public footpaths in Stiffkey. After discussion it was decided that the Clerk should put up a notice asking if anyone was interested in maintaining the public footpaths of Stiffkey for a fee of £50 p.a. There would be nettles to trim back and fallen branches etc., especially on Five Acre Carr. Footpath on Marsh from Warham to Greenway. Several cars had been seen on the footpath on the marsh from Warham to Greenway, one of which had turned round in a field of beans. After discussion it was decided to keep a keen eye on the situation

BRIDGE ON STIFFKEY MARSH AT THE BOTTOM OF GREENWAY

Two letters had been received, one from NCC stated that the footpath, Public Right of Way CRF 9, terminated at the creek in question and that Authority therefore had no jurisdiction regarding the footbridge. They suggested the Council raised the matter with the National Trust. The other letter was from Mr Garnier, Regional Land Agent for The National Trust. He had seen the damage caused to the bridge following the recent gales and noted that the Highways Dept. had put up a notice to the public stating that the road was closed. He said; the Trust was not responsible for that bridge but its absence was a cause for concern because there was little doubt that there was a great risk to life without a safe means off the marsh. Mr Garnier therefore intended to have discussions with the Highways Department of the County Council, as well as the Heritage Coast Department, to see whether there was a way that the Trust could jointly put up a new bridge. This would necessarily be a much simpler construction than before and, as soon as he had some more definite proposals, he would write again. Mrs Wootten would also bring the matter up when she met Mr Garnier the following week. It was pointed out that bridges previously erected on the marsh had been highly dangerous.

RIVER STIFFKEY - DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT

A letter had been received from National Rivers Authority re: application to discharge sewage effluent by The Thursford Collection at a museum and concert hall, Thursford Green, Fakenham, Norfolk, a copy of which had been placed on the parish council notice board. It was a notice that the National Rivers Authority proposed to consent to the application. If the Council were strongly opposed to the decision they were entitled to ask the Secretary of State to determine the application. After discussion it was decided the Clerk should write to the Secretary of State saying the Council objected to any effluent in the river and suggesting that no consent should be made for this discharge.

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting of Anglian Water Services Ltd on Friday 4th May and gave an account of the meeting.

ELECTRICITY - STREET LIGHTS

Letter received from Eastern Electricity enclosing an up-to-date plan of the street lights in Stiffkey which totalled 13. They also enclosed amended street lighting documents for signature and return, and which were duly signed.

EASTER FESTIVAL IN CHURCH

Councillors commented on the interesting displays.

CAR PARKING AT "STIFFKEY RED LION"

The original and amended plans were examined which showed several car parking spaces at the front of the "Stiffkey Red Lion" and Councillors agreed they had requested parking spaces there. Mrs Wootten to speak to Enforcement Officer.

Favourable comments were made on how the original character of the original building had been kept, and how several local people had been employed there.

CHALKING ON WALLS

Mrs B Butler had prepared the appropriate signs which had been put up.

SURGERY KEY

Dr Hoddy had been supplied with a key

AOB

PLANNING APPEAL - J H R CARVER

An appeal had been made in respect of 3 cottages with garages (with biodisc treatment plant) at a site on Wells Road, Stiffkey. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Department of the Environment with the same objections as before.

PEDESTRIAN SIGNS

Letter received from NCC stating the Council had now made arrangements to erect the signs requested when the necessary resources were next available in the area

TRAFFIC SIGNS ON WELLS ROAD

It was brought to the attention of the Council that the "slow" signs which were at present placed near a dangerous corner in the village should be set nearer the edge of the village

SIGNING OF EVENTS

A letter had been received from NNC relating to the growing problem of unauthorised signs in the highway. Clerk asked to insert particulars in "Stewkey Blues News" and put copy of particulars on notice board.

BOTTLE BANK

Letter received from Waste Recycling Ltd saying they very much regretted that unless the volume of glass was substantially increased it would not be possible to continue the service as the quantity produced had been insufficient to justify the capital and service costs. They would review the matter at the end of the current quarter and asked the Council to do everything possible to encourage the public to use the Bottle Bank. They required a single Bottle Bank to be filled at least once a month. Apparently more bottles were being deposited recently.

NCALC - SUBS

Cheque signed for yearly subscription of £20

NEW LOCAL BUS SERVICE

A new local bus service Goldline GL2 had been introduced on 8th May 1990. Clerk asked to have particulars inserted in Stewkey Blues News and on Notice Board.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.50p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Monday 11th June 1990 at 6.00p.m. at the National Trust Car Park, Stiffkey Greenway, Stiffkey.

PRESENT: Simon Garnier (National Trust) Mrs Wootten (District Councillor) Representative from Nature Conservancy Council and Parish Councillors, A Curtis, J Greenacre, B Watts, B Butler, L Jordan, M Harrison - also J Green

The meeting was held in connection with the bridge which had been washed away from the creek at the bottom of Stiffkey Greenway.

Mr Garnier explained that ~~North~~ Norfolk County Council ~~Highways Department~~ did not want to take any responsibility for the bridge.

The National Trust owned only up to the high water mark. With regard to the low water mark this was on a ground lease to Nature Conservancy Council.

After discussion it was decided that a new bridge should be provided and for it to be a joint venture. Possible sites were examined, but the site where the previous bridge had been washed away from was considered to be the best. It was thought a single track bridge would be best.

Simon Garnier to look into design and cost

Mrs Wootten also to look into matters, possibly with Leisure and Tourism.

It was hoped Stiffkey Parish Council would provide some ~~monetary~~ assistance ✓

C. J. L. A.

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 13th June 1990 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) M Harrison, B Watts, B Butler and J Greenacre also Mrs A Wootten (towards the end of the meeting)

PUBLIC - nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 9th May 1990 were taken as read and minutes of special meeting of 11th June 1990 were read out, both minutes were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:-

FOOTPATHS

Arrangements had been made to keep these clear

BRIDGE ON STIFFKEY MARSH AT THE BOTTOM OF GREENWAY

Following the meeting on 11th June with representatives of National Trust, Nature Conservancy Council and District Council, when it was agreed that Simon Garnier of National Trust would look into design and cost of a new single track bridge, Mr Watts thought perhaps some large concrete pipes laid across the creek may be cheaper and effective. Clerk to contact Mr Garnier and inform him of the suggestion.

RIVER STIFFKEY - APPLICATION BY THE THURSFORD COLLECTION TO DISCHARGE TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT INTO A TRIBUTARY OF THE RIVER STIFFKEY

A letter had been received from the Department of the Environment stating that the Council's request that the application be transmitted to the Secretary of State for his own determination was under consideration. The Council would be advised of any decision taken

PEDESTRIAN SIGNS

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BOTTLE BANK

Letter received from Waste Recycling Ltd who regretted that for the time being, due to a reduction in the price of glass cullet, they were no longer able to pay for glass collected from the Stiffkey Bottle Bank. The position would be kept under review and they would keep the Council advised. In the meantime they would offer a free service and very much hoped the scheme would continue to receive the Council's support in the interest of conservation and the environment. They pointed out that for every tonne of glass recycled the ratepayer was saving £10 per tonne on waste disposal costs, landfill space, 30 gallons of oil which was required to manufacture the equivalent amount of new glass and the saving of natural raw materials

NEW AGENDA MATTERS:-

Notice had been received on a new bus service operated by Sanders Coaches - Wells to Cromer - operating on Mondays only from June to September

CLERK'S SALARY

An increase in the Clerk's salary was approved. This would now be £206 - being £1 for every person on the Community Charge Register for Stiffkey

PARISH MAP

A letter had been received from Margaret Tomlinson, the Community Development Officer of R.E.A.P. (Rural Education for Adults Project) saying she was very impressed with the Stiffkey village exhibition when she visited it. It was just the sort of village project R.E.A.P. was trying to promote and was such a refreshing change to see a village use its own initiative to encourage a care for its community. She would like to come and meet and talk to either the Parish Council or the WI, or both, to explain what the R.E.A.P. programme had to offer and to introduce a project of making a Parish Map. That would incorporate...

been sparked fade away when something permanent and on-going could result from it. The Clerk had taken the letter to the W.I., who in any case were taking part in a Tea Party which was being held nationally by the W.I. movement in September, with proceeds between several Childrens' Charities. The W.I. had suggested that the two events be combined, and perhaps other local organisations and people who exhibited in the exhibition would like to join in. The Council were in agreement with the W.I.'s suggestion and would await notification of the date.

AOB

HELICOPTER LANDING

It had been reported that a helicopter had landed in the village. Mrs Wootten pointed out that this was illegal unless the Parish Council and Aviation Authorities were notified.

THE MEETING CLOSED

at 8.09p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th July 1990

PLANNING PERMISSION

Notification had been received that permission had been granted for the change of use from agricultural to burial ground at site at Church Street, Stiffkey (Stiffkey PCC)

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11/7/90

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 11th July 1990 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) B Watts and L Jordan

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 13th June 1990 were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:-

FOOTPATHS

The footpath at Five Acre Carr had been trimmed. J Greenacre to attend to arrangements regarding maintenance of footpaths and re-embursement for same

BRIDGE ON STIFFKEY MARSH AT THE BOTTOM OF GREENWAY

Awaiting finalisation of costings from National Trust

RIVER STIFFKEY - EFFLUENT FROM WIGHTON WATER TREATMENT WORKS, NORTH NORFOLK, BY ANGLIAN WATER SERVICES LTD

A registered letter had been received from National Rivers Authority serving notice on the Council that they proposed to Consent the application, and setting out the grounds for their decision. This was discussed by Council members

PEDESTRIAN SIGNS

The Chairman produced draft of a letter which he suggested should be addressed to Norfolk County Council, Highways Department. This was agreed. Clerk to send letter

PARISH MAP

The date for the joint tea party with Stiffkey W.I. had been fixed for September 17th

OPENING IN LISTED WALL ON WELLS ROAD

This matter was discussed

AOB

RE-CYCLING

Letter received from NNDC asking for details to enable them to compile a comprehensive register which, when completed, would enable interested parties to obtain details of re-cycling projects throughout Norfolk. Clerk to find out details and reply.

PLANS

Plans relating to a proposed new opening in yard wall at Flat 1 Old Hall Stiffkey and to instal an oak door were examined by Councillors who had no objections thereto

There would be no meeting in August

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12th September 1990

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.10p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Thursday 26th July 1990 at 7.00p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) B Watts and L Jordan

Councillors examined plans relating to extension to existing house to provide indoor swimming pool, study, bedroom and carport at Whitebridges, Morston Road, Stiffkey and had no objections thereto, although they were apprehensive about the siting of the drive entrance from the safety angle.

D H Curtis

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 12th September 1990 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) B Watts, L Jordan, B Butler

APOLOGIES: M Harrison and A Wootten

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS of 11th July 1990 and 26th July 1990 were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman. It was noted that in the minutes of 11th July 1990 there should have been inserted apologies from Mrs A Wootten

MATTERS ARISING:-

FOOTPATHS

A volunteer had been found to maintain the footpaths. A Curtis to arrange

RIVER STIFFKEY

A letter from Mr C de Winter Hebron had been received and was circulated to Councillors for their information

FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS CREEK AT BOTTOM OF GREENWAY

Letter received from The National Trust in which they said it had become abundantly clear that neither the Highways or the Heritage Coast departments of the County Council were prepared to help in any way whatsoever. It therefore seemed sensible to try and obtain estimates from local contractors and they would do this without delay. It would, however, probably result in a scheme being put together where a certain amount of local labour, as well as the labour of the Trust, would be involved in the construction. Once the Trust had put a scheme together and costed it, Mr Garnier would be in touch again.

PEDESTRIAN SIGNS

Letter received from Norfolk County Council, in which they said that the signs in question, though of a standard design, were not a stock item and therefore had to be ordered from the manufacturer. That could unfortunately take some time due to circumstances beyond the control of the Area Engineer. He had, however made enquiries and was advised that delivery was imminent, and upon receipt he had requested that they be erected at the earliest opportunity. He noted the Council's generous offer of financial assistance which was most appreciated. However, in this case it was not a lack of funding which had resulted the rather long delay, but simply a "supply and demand" situation

OPENING OF LISTED WALL ON WELLS ROAD

The District Council had not been in touch with the owner of the wall

AOB

MANAGEMENT SERVICE RE: STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE

Letter received from NNDC with details of a management service that could be provided by the District Council Technical Services Unit for the provision and maintenance of street lighting installations. After discussion it was decided the Clerk should write to Mr A Warnes and invite him to attend a meeting at the earliest possible moment regarding the service

BOTTLE BANKS

Letter from NCAPTC notifying Council that £1 per tonne of glass could be collected from the County Council, in recognition of the savings it enjoyed in collecting and finding infill space for disposal, and offering to act as agent. The Council agreed the service and to offer to act as agent.

REVERSION OF DWELLING TO RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE

Copy letter to Miles Green Associates from Chief Planning Officer of North Norfolk District Council in respect of 9 designated car spaces immediately to the west of the Public House, and asking that the amended site layout plan be complied with or a retrospective planning application for change of use be made. Nothing further had been received.

POLICE/COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Letter received from Chief Constable at Police Headquarters, Norwich inviting members to convey their views in relation to those problems which they felt the police should concentrate their resources in the coming year. Councillors thought the police should do some checking up on parking through the villages and the Clerk was to write and inform them of this

BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

NCAPTC requested the name of the Chairman for inclusion in the nominations to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in 1991. Four lots would be drawn at the AGM. Clerk to send details

PARKING ON STIFFKEY PLAYING FIELD

The matter was raised as to why cars could not be allowed to park on Stiffkey Playing Field. It was pointed out that enough space had been left on a purpose for cars to park along the side of Hollow Lane and that if parked correctly up to 10 cars could be parked there. Also it was thought that car parking on the field would mess up the field for mowing purposes and would be unacceptable to the person in charge of mowing.

DRAIN ON WELLS ROAD

The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Authorities quoting former correspondence and requesting them to call to look at the drain and ask what had happened.

SIGN FOR WELLS AT JUNCTION WITH GREENWAYS

It was pointed out that the new sign to Wells erected on the main road at the junction of Greenways was very misleading and had caused a lot of people to follow the road down Greenways, thinking they were on the way to Wells. Clerk to contact Highways Department, informing them of the problem and also to let them know we have already telephoned twice about the matter.

ENTRANCE TO GREENWAYS FROM WELLS ROAD

There was a discussion on the bad state of the road at the entrance to Greenways from Wells Road

NALC

There was a subscription form in with the literature passed around to Councillors. c/f to next meeting

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.36p.m.

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10th October 1990

NEW AGENDA MATTERS:-

HOLT AND DISTRICT C.A.B.

A letter of appeal had been received. It was agreed that a donation of £10 should be sent

R.E.A.P. - Parish Map

Letter received from Margaret Tomlinson, REAP Community Development Officer following talk to WI, Parish Council and other villagers. It was thought this may be a good idea for interested parties

COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice by Norfolk Constabulary of meeting at Wells Community Centre on Tuesday 6th November 1990 at 7.30p.m. Mr Watts to be approached to see if he would like to attend

THE MOWER CENTRE, FAKENHAM

Letter received bringing to the attention of the parish council the services the Mower Centre had to offer

A.O.B.

NEW STRUCTURE PLAN - consultative draft

This was now available

CROMER PIER

There was a discussion regarding the possible closure of Cromer Pier. Councillors were generally in favour of it being retained

FINANCE

£10 had been received from the Fete Committee to re-vamp the seat on the Church Knoll. Clerk to write and thank them. Mr Greenacre had kindly attended to the seat.

Cheques signed for Municipal Mutual Insurance - £25,

Stiffkey PCC £25


Stiffkey Village Hall £36

2nd instalment of precept received amounting to £375

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Letter received from NNDC regarding complaints against unauthorised development due to information provided not being sufficiently detailed with a supply of new Planning Enforcement Complaint Forms for future use

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.24p.m.



STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 10th October 1990 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

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

APOLOGIES: B Watts

PUBLIC: 2

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 12th September 1990 were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:-

FOOTPATHS

Someone had been found to clear the footpaths next year

FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS CREEK AT BOTTOM OF GREENWAY

c/f

PEDESTRIAN SIGNS

These were now in place. Clerk to thank Highways Dept. for the signs and ask them if they could re-site the sign on Little Hill and put it 100 - 200 yards closer to Wells.

HIGHWAYS

It was pointed out that the piece of road 200 yards beyond the Stiffkey village sign, nearly opposite the first drift on the main A149 road towards Wells, just past the leech pits was in a terrible condition, causing vehicles to jump all over the road. Clerk to write to Highways Department and tell them the Council were concerned about it

OPENING OF LISTED WALL ON WELLS ROAD

c/f

TELEGRAPH POLE

It was brought to the attention of the Council that a telegraph pole outside the Red Lion, which was the first one on the bend at the top of Little Hill, had suffered a knock and was leaning over, causing a danger to high vehicles. Clerk to inform appropriate authorities.

MANAGEMENT SERVICE RE: STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE

Mr Warnes had been unable to attend the meeting that evening but would probably be able to attend the next meeting. He requested details of the present lighting installations

REVERSION OF DWELLING TO RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE

Revised plans not received by Council

DRAIN ON WELLS ROAD

After investigation it had been found that this drain had never been connected to the manhole. This situation had been remedied and at last the drain was working correctly

DIRECTION SIGN AT GREENWAYS JUNCTION

Clerk had notified Highways Dept. who had been to inspect the site but as yet it had not been altered.

POLICE/COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Letter of thanks received from Norfolk Constabulary. Copy of Council's letter forwarded to the Sub-Divisional Commander for the appropriate action

14th November 1990

be happy to recommend them and to come to a Parish Council meeting. In any case he was going to recommend cones outside the Lamp Shop next summer. Clerk to write and invite him to the next Council meeting.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

PARISH PRECEPT

Letter received from NNDC asking Council for the amount to be charged upon them as the precept for the financial year commencing 1st April 1991. The District Council explained that in the past the costs of parish elections were added to the parochial account maintained by the District Council and added to the rate levy. However, since the introduction of Community Charge the District Council no longer had a parochial account and therefore asked the Parish Council to please include an amount within the precept to cover such a charge. They enclosed guide to current election costs. The District Council also explained that if in addition casual vacancies occurred it would also add to Parish expenditure if requests for election were forthcoming. Taking the figures given by the District Council regarding parish election costs as a guide, the Parish Council agreed that the parish precept for the financial year commencing 1st April 1991 should be £1,160. Clerk also to enquire of the District Council if local people could be used for the Tellers at any elections held in the parish.

DISCHARGES INTO STIFFKEY RIVER

Letter received from Dept of Environment reporting that after careful consideration of the Parish Council's request, the Secretary of State had concluded that it would not be appropriate for him to determine that particular application. Copy of similar letter addressed to Mr and Mrs de Winter Hebron also received from them and also copy of their reply addressed to the Chairman of The Select Committee on the Environment at The House of Commons

AOB

CAMP ROAD - GREENWAYS

The bad state of this road was discussed

CLEAR UP ON MARSH

Stiffkey Social Club were organising a clear up of the Marsh to be fixed for 24th November 1990 from 11a.m. to 4p.m. The National Trust were to supply transport

OLD MOWER

It was agreed that this should be put in a sale at Fakenham in the Spring.

WITHDRAWAL OF LOCAL BUS SERVICE

The Traffic Commissioner had approved the withdrawal of the Sanders bus service Wells - Cromer with effect from 22.12.90

THE MEETING CLOSED at 9 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: 12th December 1990

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 14th November 1990 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) L Jordan, B Butler and B Watts

APOLOGIES: M Harrison and Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC - nil

MANAGEMENT SERVICE FOR PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS

Mr Warnes, Street Lighting Engineer from Technical Services Unit, North Norfolk District Council attended the meeting. He outlined details of the service offered by NNDC in respect of annual routine maintenance for lighting installations, which based on the current contract he estimated would be £88 excluding VAT, and which was considerably lower than that now paid by the Council to EEB. After discussion Mr B Watts proposed that the offer be accepted and all were in agreement. Clerk to give notice to EEB of change, so new contract could run from 1st April 1991. Mr Warnes was also asked if he could give a quote for replacement of the two existing tungston lamps which he agreed to do. Mr Warnes then left the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 10th October 1990 were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:-

FOOTBRIDGES ON MARSH AT BOTTOM OF GREENWAY

It was reported that all the footbridges on the marsh at the bottom of Greenway had been taken away. The ones at the bottom of the Bangay had been repaired. Clerk to write to National Trust and ask why the bridges had been removed and by whom. She was also asked to mention that the Council were concerned about the situation which may develop regarding cars which were using the stoney road out onto the marsh at the bottom of Greenway up to the first creek to dump rubbish in the creek and also were not giving way to pedestrians using the stoney road.

HIGHWAYS:

Sign

Letter received from Area Engineer at NCC agreeing that the direction sign at Greenways junction might be slightly misleading to those not familiar with the area and saying that he would arrange for it's removal at the next opportunity.

British Telecom pole

This pole still had not been adjusted satisfactorily and it was reported that there had been a recent accident caused when a lorry had pulled out to avoid the pole. Clerk to write to British Telecom reporting the position and asking for pole to be adjusted

Situation generally

After discussion the Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Dept at NCC saying that the Parish Council felt that the situation in the last year had become intolerable. The traffic situation had got worse each year and nothing was being done to remedy the situation. Little Hill had not been attended to at all and it had got worse. The Council felt that it had a potential dangerous situation. There had been three or four accidents in the village this last few months. The Council felt that Stiffkey had more right to a Bypass than Bodham, which at least had got pavements. Clerk to ask them that if something was not done, like a Bypass, were the County Council going to wait until someone was killed?

Single yellow lines

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Thursday 29th November 1990 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: Alan Curtis, J Greenacre, Mark Harrison, B Watts and L Jordan

Plans ref: 01 901264 F relating to extension to existing house to provide indoor swimming pool, study, bedroom and carport ~~and~~ at Whitebridges Morston Road Stiffkey were examined by Councillors. After discussion it was decided there were no objections. Clerk to write to NNDC accordingly.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 12th December 1990 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) B Watts L Jordan B Butler and M Harrison

APOLOGIES: Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor) P.C. Curl (Wells Police)

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 14th November 1990 were taken as read were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

FOOTBRIDGES ON MARSH AT BOTTOM OF GREENWAY

Letter received from J Reed, Head Warden @ The National Trust confirming Phil Bennett-Lloyd, Heritage Coast Officer for Norfolk County Council was responsible for removal of bridges, but stating he was unable to explain the reasons for removing them from the marsh.

He was also concerned to read comments regarding people driving down the stony road to dump rubbish in the creek and causing a nuisance to pedestrians on that path. He would ask the area warden to pay particular attention to this problem, but with such a large area to cover it was not always easy to be in the right place at the right time to catch the offenders. The National Trust relied on information being passed on to them and if any of the parish councillors or parishioners of Stiffkey knew of their identities, they would be pleased to receive this information in order that they could take the appropriate action.

Plans were still in hand to replace the bridge over the main creek and Mr Reed had asked the Head Forester to provide a quotation for the necessary materials. Mr Reed had been advised to construct the bridge in hardwood for both durability and safety reasons, which would obviously increase the costs. They were having problems attracting any form of grant-aid and made a formal application to Stiffkey Parish Council for any assistance they could offer in this respect.

After discussion on this matter it was decided the Clerk should reply to the letter stating that at the present time Stiffkey Parish Council were not able to make a donation as there were no surplus funds available although they felt the bridge should definitely be replaced from a safety point of view. It was also decided the Clerk should write to the Fete Committee and ask them if they were prepared to contribute to the cost of the bridge, and also write to Norfolk County Council and ask why the bridges had been removed.

HIGHWAYS

SIGN

Letter from NCC stating that when placing traffic signs on the highway verge it was not a good idea to position them too close together or to have too many on one post, as would be the case if the pedestrian sign were placed on or near the speed restriction sign. The Area Engineer believed that the present location was very good, it could be seen from a long distance and being positioned on the outside of a bend had good impact, and he therefore did not propose to change this location at the present time

ROAD SURFACE - A149 Stiffkey/Wells

A copy of the letter from the Parish Council had been forwarded to the Area Divisional Engineer who would arrange for the road surface between Stiffkey and Wells to be inspected. Wherever possible urgent repair works would be programmed for the next maintenance gang visit that would however depend on the quantity of other essential work identified by the inspector at that time

A.M.C.

BRITISH TELECOM POLE

The Chairman had spoken to the surveyor at British Telecom who was considering moving the poles down to the bottom of the bank nearer the river on Little Hill

OTHER AGENDA POINTS:

LAND ADJOINING PARISH COUNCIL LAND - OPPOSITE RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE

Letter received from Norfolk CC drawing the Parish Council's attention to a small piece of ground owned by the County Council. The land was purchased to facilitate the road improvement, and the retaining wall was built on part of the land. This land was now surplus to the requirements of NCC. However, it was landlocked, with only access over the top of the wall. NCC understood that the Parish Council owned land adjoining and wondered if they would consider purchasing this land. They also asked who owned the land on the other side.

After discussion it was decided the Clerk should write to Norfolk CC and say that the plan was very indistinctly drawn on the map. Therefore, could the Parish Council members meet someone from NCC out on site and see where the boundaries were. Also Clerk to ask what the price was for the land.

STREET LIGHTS

Mr Segasby from DD had contacted Clerk asking if Council could forward him particulars of what NNDC were quoting for when we receive them, so EEB could make a like-for-like quote. It was agreed the Clerk should do this.

AUDIT COMMISSION

Cheque signed for £41.06 in respect of audit fee for the year 1989/90

NNDC - In-house consultancy

Letter received from NNDC with particulars of their in-house consultancy covering architectural design, building surveying, quantity surveying, project management and cost control, public health engineering and civil engineering

PLANNING APPEAL - J H R Carver

Copy letter from Planning Inspectorate at Dept of the Environment giving reasons for dismissal of appeal

VACANCY ON PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the non-attendance at meetings of one of the Parish Council members the Clerk was asked to put up a notice asking if anybody wanted to be co-opted on to the Parish Council. If so could they please let the Clerk have their names on or before February 13th 1990!

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.29p.m.