

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wed., 8th January, 1986 @ 8.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall.

PRESENT - Mr. A. Curtis (Chairman) Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mrs. B. A. Butler, Mr. J. Greenacre, Mr. J. L. Pearson, Mr. M. Jordan (Councillors) Mrs. A. Wootten (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES - Mr. M. Harrison

PUBLIC - 2

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 18th Dec., 1985 had been circulated to Councillors and were taken as read. These were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Fete Committee - bus shelter

Mr. Curtis had seen Mr. Wyer and took him a copy of the plans and he said he would look them over and obtain costs.

Little Hill

The Clerk had been informed by Mrs. Parsons (a former Clerk of Stiffkey P.C.) that Little Hill did not belong to the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to write to NNDC and ask them to qualify the position as to who is the owner

A149: Stiffkey - Footway scheme

Letter received from NCC reporting as follows:-

"Further to your letter dated 15th November and the question of a bypass to Stiffkey, the County Council does not regard the A149 between Hunstanton and Sheringham as a principal distributor road but rather as of significance for local access and as a scenic holiday route along the heritage coast. In these circumstances bypassing the villages is neither appropriate nor financially justifiable and only local improvements and footway provision can be considered."

The Council also confirmed the following points:-

1. The parcel of land between the A149 and the river, which is tenanted by Mr. Butler, is owned by the North Norfolk District Council.
2. The Parish Council's proposal for a footway to link the section of footway soon to be constructed to the west of the village has been passed to the North Norfolk Divisional Surveyor for assessment and he will contact the Council in due course.

Insurance

Letter received from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd., relating to Public Liability for street lights and also giving quotes for Fidelity Guarantee and Money Insurance. Councillors decided to go ahead with the Fidelity Guarantee which would be for a yearly premium of £5.40. The amount of the guarantee is £2,000.00

Police

At this point in the meeting P.C. Bill Sibley of Wells Police Station arrived and was introduced. Councillors sought advice on the following:-

1. Anonymous telephone calls and anonymous letters.

P.C. Sibley said that if anyone is found actually making anonymous calls or sending letters and you can prove they are sending them you can prosecute them for a civil if not a criminal charge (trouble is proving it). Telephone calls are of similar nature. Suggest to persons getting them - let Police have details so they have a chance of establishing a pattern. Keep letters and notify police. There may be a handwriting pattern.

2. Vandalism in village.



The trouble is cash finance. In cases of vandalism that come to a person's notice, let the Police know, so that they can put a list to people in authority. Whoever one sees committing acts of vandalism - report them.

### 3. Telephoning Police

It was put to the Police that sometimes when people have rung Wells Police Station the answerphone was on. The P.C. reported as follows:-  
Wells Police Station - Tel. No. FAKENHAM 710212 - only manned when Officer in Office. Best time to try and get someone is just after 8 in the morning and just after 4 in the afternoon.

Fakenham Police Station - Tel. No. 2211 or Fakenham 2579. This Office was manned as much as possible from 8 in the morning to 10 in the evening.

Stiffkey is under North Walsham - where there is a 24 hour telephone (other than emergency in which case dial 999) - North Walsham Tel. No. is 402222 - Officer on there 24 hours a day manned. Sometimes a bit of delay answering it, but keep persisting and you will get a reply.

### 4. Private burglar alarms - which go off mistakenly.

Some go direct to information room. The P.C. suggested that if an alarm sounds anywhere in the village ring 999 straight away, stating that a particular alarm is sounding; in such and such a place.

Councillors agreed it; would be a good idea if the foregoing police numbers were put up on the Notice Board. The P.C. said he would sort out some information sheets and let Mr. Pearson have these, meanwhile the numbers could be put up.

A complaint was made by a member of the public present at the meeting about the length of time the Police had taken to answer a call one evening recently. The P.C. would look into the matter.

It was suggested that lights are a great deterrent to potential thieves, etc. The P.C. said lights were particularly helpful when the Police were patrolling in their cars. If a shop has lights in the background the Police can look and see as they are passing if everything is O.K.

Re. Crime Prevention - the person to contact is P.C. Regester at Fakenham Police Station. Mr. Regester will come and give a talk. He will also give talk on Drugs. The talk on Drugs is for parents & advising them what to look for in children. The talk is not for anyone under 25 years of age. The Clerk was asked to see what dates P.C. Regester has free in approx a month to six weeks time (on Wednesday) and then see if something can be arranged.

### Bait digging on Stiffkey Sands.

A draft letter was read out which Sir B.M. Feilden had suggested the Council write to Nature Conservancy Council and The National Trusts. Mrs. Wootten said in relation to Nature Conservancy Council, a 1981 Act had been passed to preserve rights for local people. She thought this was a clear case where this Act be applied for local rights, and that Councillors would be well-advised to send the letter to the Nature Conservancy Council.

Councillors thought local people concerned ought to be asked their opinion on the matter and the Clerk was asked to write to Blakeney Fishermen's Society and Wells Fishermens' Association, enclosing copy of the draft letter.

### Age Concern, Norfolk.

A letter had been received, asking if Council would assist by helping to find someone to act for the Parish of Stiffkey as a Village Representative. The Clerk was asked to write for more information and meanwhile to put the letter on the notice board to see if anyone was interested.

Planning Applications No'd. 01/85/1984/F and 01/85/1985/LB - Barns North of Lodge Farm, Stiffkey - T. C. Crafer.

The Clerk was instructed to send the application back with no observations, but to inform the following of the Council's receipt of planning application

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Lord Buxton, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Harrison, houses next to Mrs. Miller (Mrs. Wootten to let Miss Bramwell know)

Village Hall - rental

It had been brought to the attention of the Clerk that a rental of £30.00 per year was due from the Parish Council, and that this had not been paid for two years. The Clerk was instructed to ask the Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee for an account.

Also the Clerk had noticed that the usual sum of £25.00 in respect of the churchyard had not been paid to Stiffkey Parish Church last year and this was to be remedied.

Light at Boatmans Row

It was proposed by Mr. J. Greenacre and seconded by Mrs. B. Butler that the new street lamp for Boatmans Row should now go ahead. The Clerk to write to the Electricity Board accordingly, after ascertaining that former quote still stands.

Next meeting - 12th February, 1986.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 9.43 p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wed., 12th February, 1986 @ 8.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT - Mr. A. Curtis (Chairman) Mr. M. Harrison (Vice Chairman) Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mrs. B. A. Butler, Mr. J. Greenacre, Mr. J. L. Pearson and Mr. M. Jordan.

APOLOGIES - Mrs. A. Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC - Nil

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 8th January, 1986 had been circulated to Councillors and were taken as read. These were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:-

Fete Committee - bus shelter

Mr. Curtis had taken Mr. Wyer a copy of the plan but had received no reply. The Clerk was instructed to (i) Put a Notice on the Board for someone to do the job voluntarily, and (ii) Write to Thaxters and see how much a wood bus shelter would be.

Little Hill

The Clerk had unearthed some old Minutes relating to Little Hill and it was decided that the letter already sent to NNDC was sufficient re: ownership.

A149 Stiffkey

A note had been received from Sir B.M. Feilden regarding the County Council's letter stating that bypassing the villages was neither appropriate nor financially justifiable. He had suggested to write to NCC agreeing the A149 need not function as a principal distributor but with an A classification visiting heavy vehicles had no way of knowing this - hence causing blockages in Stiffkey village. He also suggested that there should be size and weight limitations for visiting vehicles. Local vehicles were O.K. as the drivers knew the hazards. After discussion the Council decided not to proceed with the suggestion, as it would be hard to differentiate between local people and visitors, also it was thought that most of the heavy traffic was actually on its way somewhere in the area.

A149 Stiffkey - footway scheme

A letter was read out from NCC and also two letters from NNDC - all asking for clarification of the Council's alternative proposal and NCC asked for a plan with a coloured line indicating the route of the footway. The Clerk was asked to write and ask if the Council could have a plan of the existing improvement and of particulars and plans of any future programme in respect of footways.

Police

(1) A letter had been received from P.C. Colin Regester confirming that he would be pleased to attend Stiffkey Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wed. 26th Feb., 1986 to speak to The Parish Council on drug abuse. The Clerk was to arrange tea and biscuits at the meeting of the next W.I. and also advertise the event as much as possible in surrounding villages.

(2) Another letter had been received from Fakenham Police Station, concerning the complaint made at the Jan. meeting by a member of the public. The Clerk was to show the letter to the person concerned.

Bait digging on Stiffkey Sands. (Joe)?

Replies had been received to the letters sent to Blakeney Fishermens' Society and Wells & District Inshore Fishermens' Association, which revealed that local bait diggers, NCC and National Trust were very much aware of this sensitive issue and it was already under close observation by them. The Council, therefore, thought it appropriate not to send the draft letters suggested by Sir B.M. Feilden. The Clerk was requested to send a copy of the letters received to Sir B.M. Feilden.



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Age Concern, Norfolk.

Further particulars had been received from Age Concern, but no-one had come forward to act as Village Representative

Light at Boatman's Row.

A cheque was signed payable to Eastern Electricity for the following:-  
Service contribution for 1 new street light on pole 8, Boatman's

Row, Stiffkey .....	42.55
VAT at 15% .....	6.38
	<u>£48.93</u>

This amount would have to be paid before the Electricity Board would start work on the light.

Village Ventures Competition, 1986. - Restoration at Little Hill.

Particulars for entry of project were approved by Councillors.

A.O.B.

Water Marker, Wells Road.

A letter had been received from Anglian Water, stating that the marker posts and stop valve were scheduled to be resited shortly. It was reported that these had in fact been done.

Best Kept Village Competition

An entry form had been received to enable Stiffkey to take part in this year's Best Kept Village Competition. In connection with the competition, villages were invited to organise and arrange the judging of a children's Best Kept Village poster competition to provide an educational aspect to the main competition. Winners in each parish competition would be awarded a certificate. The poster competition would be entered in the space provided for any special community effort or project and would improve Stiffkey's chance of success in the Best Kept Village Competition. The Clerk was asked to prepare posters for this poster competition, dividing the competition into three age groups - up to 7 years, 7-12 years and 12-16 years, and to state that there would be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each group.

Highway Matters - Stiffkey

Neptune House - work had been completed outside Neptune House by NCC Highways Dept. to avert flooding. This had not yet been tested, as it had not rained since it was done.

Muckledyke Hill - the state of the road edge had been noted by NCC. This length of road had been identified for edge repairs and was on the list of future Minor Maintenance schemes. The next financial year's Minor Maintenance budget had already been allocated and approved, therefore, this work would be considered when preparing the 1987/88 programme of works.

Community (Civil Defence) Controllers

A letter had been received from NNDC asking the Parish Council to consider nominating a Community Controller to the Parish. The letter would be placed on the notice board.

NCAPTC

Various forms had been received relating to Training Sessions, Meetings and Conferences. None of these were taken up by Councillors. Subscription for "Norfolk Link" became due if Councillors wished for extra copies, other than the free copy they received anyway. It was not thought necessary to obtain any extra copies.

Loan from the recording 'Britain Collection of Water Colour Paintings'

Councillors had no knowledge of any of these paintings ever having been in the possession of the Parish Council.

Journal Conference of the Norfolk Rural Community Council

cont'd. 2 Minutes dated 12th February, 1986.

Road verges - Greenway

Mr. Curtis reported that whilst out walking he had met NCC employees inspecting the road verges on Greenway, with the aid of maps dated 1906 and 1976. On questioning the Council employees he ascertained that the County Council were looking into the question of taking over Greenway and maintaining it.

AGM

This was fixed to take place at the April meeting.

Next meeting - 12th March, 1986.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 9.28p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wed., 12th March, 1986 @ 8.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT Mr. A. Curtis (Chairman) Mr. M. Harrison (Vice Chairman) Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mrs. B. E. A. Butler, Mr. J. Greenacre, Mr. J. L. Pearson and Mr. M. Jordan (Councillors) Mrs. A. Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC - 1

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 12th February, 1986 had been circulated to Councillors and were taken as read. These were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:-

Fete Committee - bus shelter

No reply had been received from Thaxters. Mr. R. Feilden had volunteered to do the shelter. A letter had been received from Mr. D. Webb, thanking the Parish Council for dealing with the bus shelters and stating that he would leave it in the Council's hands. The Clerk was to be asked to write and thank Mr. Webb for his letter. After discussion on this matter it was decided to ask the Clerk to apply for Planning Permission. It was also decided to change the position of the intended new bus shelter from the north side of the road near Camping Hill, to the south side of the road on the piece of Council owned land which fronts the County Council land at present up for sale. The plan to be used for the planning application would be the flint-faced shelter set out on the plan supplied by the Council.

New Agenda points:-

Heritage Coast Management Projects 1986-87

A letter had been received from Norfolk County Council enquiring if Council had any projects they would like to put forward. The cash limits still applied, i.e. small projects up to a total of £500 and a possibility of one project up to a maximum of £2,000 with approval from the Countryside Commission. The Clerk was to be asked to contact Mr. Scowen and see if he could attend a meeting with Councillors around the end of April - May to discuss possible projects, in particular to make recommendations as to some way of stopping motorbikes on the marsh. The letter from NNCC also contained a paragraph mentioning that 2 changes could be relevant this year, and one of these was the re-designation of the salt marshes as a SSI site by the Nature Conservancy Council. The Clerk was to be asked to find out if the Marshes were in fact a SSI site at present.

Electricity supply to and maintenance of street lighting installations

A letter had been received from Eastern Electricity, giving notice on behalf of the Board to vary the charges. The new charges to take effect on 1st April, 1986 would be £28.00 per month

Fete Committee

A note had been received requesting temporary representatives at future meetings of the Village Hall Management, until the return of Mr. D. Mann and Mr. R. Belsten. This matter was to be deferred to the Management Meeting

Draft balance sheet for year ended 5/3/86

This was approved

Clerk's salary and expenses

A cheque for £121.21 was approved and signed in respect of £100.00 Annual salary + £21.21 expenses.

Approval had been received for the following:-

PLANNING PERMISSION

Ref. O1/85/1984/F - Barns north of Lodge Farm (conversion to dwelling)

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

Ref. O1/85/1985/LB - Barns north of Lodge Farm (conversion to dwelling necessary to see group of buildings preserved)

Stiffkey Village Hall

Draft Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1985, together with letter from Accountant had been received and were displayed at the meeting. The Council did

A letter had been received from the Management Committee, together with draft Management Rules, to enable members of the Parish Council to put forward their suggested proposals or amendments to the Rules, to be included in the Agenda for the Management Meeting on 25th March. No proposals or amendments on the Rules were received at the meeting, but Mr. Watts had let the Secretary of the Management Committee have his suggested proposals.

THE MEETING closed at 9.15 p.m.

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A MEETING was held on Tuesday, 25th March, 1986 @ 7.30 p.m. at Old Hall, Stiffkey to examine the following application for planning permission:-

Ref. No. 01/86/0416/f. Provision of first floor bathroom extension to St. Mary's House, Stiffkey.

No observations were made, but the Chairman was to take the plan to adjoining properties for their views.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wed., 9th April, 1986 at 8.45 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT Mr. A. Curtis (Chairman) Mr. M. Harrison (Vice Chairman) Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mrs. B. E. A. Butler, Mr. J. Greenacre, Mr. J. L. Pearson and Mr. M. Jordan (Councillors) Mrs. A. Wootten (District Councillor) - present in part  
PUBLIC - nil

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 12th March, 1986 had been circulated to Councillors, and the following observations were made thereon:-

1. It had not been mentioned at the last meeting that Mr. R. Feilden had volunteered to do the bus shelter, although he had made an offer. It had been omitted from the Minutes that Mr. B. Wyer had offered to erect the bus shelter for approx £400.00

It had been omitted from the Minutes of the last meeting that Mr. J. Jordan had said the new bridges on the Marsh were not satisfactory, the step up on one of them being too high. He had also made the comment that they were obtrusive and an injury hazard for old people. As Mr. Scowen, who had been in charge of building the bridges, would be attending a meeting with Councillors towards the end of April, these things could be pointed out to him then. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:-

Planning applications

Mr. J. Greenacre made a request to the Clerk in future when planning applications had been received, to inform persons affected in the immediate vicinity of the receipt of the application, and of the date of the meeting fixed by the Council to examine and discuss the plans.

Fete Committee - bus shelter

The Clerk reported she had obtained forms to enable her to apply for Planning Permission. She had submitted plan of the site to the County Council, and asked for the Council's permission to build on their land, as advised by them. The Clerk was asked to submit the forms for Planning Permission straight away, and she asked for Mr. Curtis's assistance to complete the forms. He said he would be pleased to help.

New Agenda points:-

Untidy state of Marsh due to University project.

The Clerk was asked to contact Nature Conservancy Council (Mr. David Hinchelwood) of Langham, and complain about the untidy state of the Marsh, due to old material and other rubbish being left around by the University in their present project out there and ask him to see about getting it cleaned up, and for the University to keep it tidy in the future.

Trees on The Arnold.

Mr. Curtis had received a letter from Lord Buxton informing him that the trees had been trimmed in a landscaping fashion.

Greenway - verges

On his travels down Greenway, Mr. Curtis had met Council Officials who had said they were thinking on the lines of letting inhabitants have verges adjoining Greenway, and for the inhabitants to maintain them. No official letter had yet been received. They also said they would mend the road in Greenway. The road mending was thought by Councillors to be a matter of priority, as there was a high risk of a serious accident happening, especially to people on motorbikes. As tarmac was due to be laid soon on the road adjoining Hemplands Building site, Mr. Harrison said he would contact Mr. Ralph and try and arrange for Greenway to be attended to at the same time.



Transport Act 1985

Letter received from NCC, regarding changes in the way in which local bus services were provided and supported. This did not seem applicable to Stiffkey.

Street lighting maintenance - private contractors.

Letter received from David Linington Ltd., asking if Council were interested in receiving quote related to maintenance of lighting points. The Clerk was asked to reply, asking if the firm were allowed to maintain the street lights at Stiffkey and pointing out the fact that the Council only owned 1 of the poles, the others being owned by the Electricity Board.

'Lion Inn', Wells Road, Stiffkey - 1861

A copy of the same letter had been received from NNDC and Fakenham Town Council. This was a letter from a Mrs. J. Wallace in Queensland, Australia, who was trying to find out something of the 'Lion Inn' in 1861, whether it was a tied establishment and the name of the brewer. The Clerk was to arrange for particulars of this letter to be inserted in the next edition of "Stewkey Blues News", to see if anyone in the village had any knowledge on the subject.

Parish Liaison Officer.

Notification received from Norfolk Constabulary that this has been changed and is now P.C.74, Ronald Curl, who can be contacted at Wells Police Station tel. no. Fakenham 710212.

Al49 Little Hill, Stiffkey - footway proposal.

Letter received from Norfolk CC, informing Council they had forwarded footway proposal to County Surveyor for consideration. A plan of scheme currently undergoing construction to be forwarded to Stiffkey Parish Council in due course.

Stiffkey Village Hall.

The following letters had been received:-

- (i) Letter from Charity Commission, regarding draft Rules received by them on 24th March and the use of the Village Hall premises by the Social Club. The Clerk was given details to enable her to reply to this letter.
- (ii) Letter from Mr. S. Sutton, Chairman of Village Hall Committee, asking for a meeting to be convened as soon as possible to discuss various implications contained in Charity Commission letter
- (iii) Letter from Mrs. P. Notley, Hon. Treasurer to Stiffkey Village Hall Management and Social Club, regarding proposed split by Social Club and Management and with information concerning Charity Relief on Rates. Mrs. Notley had received information from Rates Office that Stiffkey Village Hall gets Charity Relief because it is run by the Parish Council as Trustees and used as a Parish Council Room. Therefore, it automatically qualifies for mandatory relief under section 40/ sub section 1 of the General Rate 1967 Acts, because the Parish Council use it. Charity relief was 50% of Rates.
- (iv) Letter from Mr. R. S. Norris, with request to assist or advise in connection with Management and Social Club. Clerk to reply, stating that contents of letter had been noted.

It was decided to arrange a private meeting between members of the Parish Council, together with Mr. Sutton (Chairman of the Management Committee) and Mrs. P. Notley (Hon. Treasurer of the Management Committee and Social Club) this was to be fixed for Thursday, 17th April, 1986 at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall and the Social Club were to be advised that the Hall would be required for that night and a notice put up to that effect.

"Summer Showtime"

Letter received from Mr. D. Webb, Editor of "Stewkey Blues News" requesting permission to hire Hall from 10.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. on July 19th for "Summer Showtime", which would consist of a Produce Show and Cash Bingo. The Clerk was requested to reply stating that as Mr. Webb would be having Cash Bingo in

7.30 p.m. to save complications with the Bar and also to state that hiring the Hall for the Produce Show did not include using the billiard table.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 10.55 p.m.

24th April, 1986.

PLANNING APPLICATION No. 01 86 0542 LB - relating to The Old Rectory, Stiffkey (Mr. P. White) - demolition of extensions to Barn, examined by Councillors. No objections raised but Councillors considered such a blatant disregard of planning regulations should incur some penalty.

MINUTES of a Special Meeting held in Stiffkey Village Hall on Thursday, 24th April, 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

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PRESENT Chairman (A. Curtis) Vice Chairman (M. Harrison) G. W. R. Watts, B. Butler, J. Greenacre, J. Pearson, M. Jordan (Councillors).

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The following Planning applications were examined:-

1. No. 01 86 0504 LB. Mr. G. Burrow - erection of entrance porch and new sash window to dining room, together with the siting of an LPG gas tank at River Cottage, Bridge Street, Stiffkey.
2. No. 01 86 0455 F. - Landscape Productions Ltd. - removal of agricultural occupancy condition, on Old Hall Farm, Stiffkey.
3. No. 01 86 0454 CU - Landscape Productions Ltd. - use of barn for accommodation ancillary to farmhouse at Old Hall Farm, Stiffkey.

There were no observations by the Council on any of the above.

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MINUTES of a Meeting held on the Marsh on Tuesday, 29th April, 1986 at 7.00 p.m.

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PRESENT (Chairman) A. Curtis, - G. W. R. Watts, B. Butler, J. Pearson and Mr. Jordan (Councillors)

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The meeting took the form of a walk across the Marsh, when Mr. Scowen was shown the Bridges erected by Young Offenders last year, one of which needed replacing and some means of securing it so that it did not wash away was needed. Mr. Scowen agreed to see to this matter, and also to put some sort of step up to one of the bridges which stood rather high off the Marsh. Mr. Scowen was also told of the footpath on the Marsh being used by motorcyclists, and also people with cars had been coming on to the Marsh. He agreed to erect a signpost saying "Footpath only - no motor vehicles", and to put up some sort of barrier for the cars on to the Marsh. He also said he would have a word to Nature Conservancy Council about the rubbish left on the Marsh by the University Project.



STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wed. 14th May, 1986 at 8.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr. A. Curtis (Chairman) Mr. M. Harrison (Vice Chairman) Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mrs. B. E. A. Butler, Mr. J. Greenacre, Mr. J. L. Pearson, Mr. M. Jordan (Councillors)

APOLOGIES: Mrs. A. Wootten

PUBLIC - Nil

MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING held 9th April, 1986 had been circulated to Councillors and were taken as read. These were accepted and signed by the Chairman

Matters arising:-

Fete Committee - bus shelter

Letters from NNDC were read out pointing out that permission for the proposed bus shelter was being sought on land which fronted a plot which was at the present time being offered for sale by the NNDC, and which would significantly reduce the value of the plot. The District Council would be prepared to assist the Parish Council in locating an alternative site should they so wish. A letter had also been received from NCC giving details of a meeting arranged for 16th May between the Parish Council, NNDC, Education Dept., Police and NCC.

Untidy state of Marsh due to University project

Letter received from Nature Conservancy Council stating they had written to Dr. R. James, who was supervising the project, and asked him to ensure that unwanted materials were removed.

Street lighting maintenance - private contractors.

Letter received from David Linington Limited, stating there were many places in the UK where street lamps were erected on the Board's poles. A national format had been devised to deal with this area and Norfolk, and the Eastern Electricity Board were no different. Councillors remembered the EEB had previously told them that private contractors would not be able to maintain the street lights, and so no further action was taken.

'Lion Inn', Wells Road, Stiffkey - 1861

The only information back on this had been that Mr. C. Jarvis had found out that a Samuel Dunn had lived at Burnham Overy in 1864. Mr. Jarvis had asked for permission to write to Mrs. Wallace, and Councillors approved this.

New Agenda points:-

Domesday Project

Copy letter from BBC received from Stiffkey W.I., thanking everyone who took part in the Stiffkey contribution.

Lights on Boatman's Row.

The Clerk was asked to enquire of EEB why this work had not been commenced. She was also asked to report the light on Muckledyke Hill, which at the present time came on at mid-night and went off again at 4.00 a.m.

Signs on Marshes

The Clerk was asked to enquire of Mr. Scowen of NCC if, when the new sign on the Marshes was erected, the other sign, which had been put up by the Parish Council, had been removed saying "Public footpath and Carriageway", and which had been concreted in, as there was now no sign of this noticeboard.

Municipal Mutual Insurance - Fidelity Guarantee cover.

As requested at the AGM the Clerk had enquired of Municipal Mutual why a premium had not been paid for this new cover. She reported that Municipal Mutual had said that the cover was effective and that the additional premium was to be waived until October, as per endorsement she had received and attached to Policy



Letter from Mr. M. Jarvis.

Letter of complaint from Mr. M. Jarvis on behalf of himself and other members of Stiffkey Social Club relating to (1) allegation that no proper and official notification given to Social Club regarding closure on Social Club nights (2) Social Club closed on April 24th (Thurs.) when Village Hall vacant on Wed. 23rd April for meetings (3) Allegation that meeting held on Thurs. 17th April was illegal and that had resulted in unnecessary closure on 24th April and asking that Parish Council should reimburse Social Club for loss of revenue on that date. (4) Asking for resignation of members of Stiffkey Parish Council if they didn't know rules.

It was pointed out that a notice had been posted a week in advance in the Village Hall, stating the Hall would be closed on 24th April, The Clerk said she hadn't written a letter to the Social Club, as this would have meant writing a letter to herself to be put on the Agenda of a meeting which would have taken place after the meeting of April 24th. With regard to the allegation that the meeting was illegal, and the Social Club should be re-imbursed, the Parish Council had taken professional advice on this point, and had been advised that the meeting was legal. The Clerk was asked to answer Mr. Jarvis's letter, stating the Council considered sufficient Notice relating to closure of the Hall had been given and in no way did the Council consider they should re-imburse the Social Club.

Letter from Mrs. Pippa King

A letter had been received from Mrs. King, expressing her concern regarding 3 recent building developments in Stiffkey:-

- (1) The half constructed additions to a property in Holly Road overlooking the marshes, and asking if any plans had been submitted at any time?
- (2) The appearance of a new farm building on the horizon above Home Hill, and asking if it could be brought to the attention of whoever constructed the building that it was to be regretted that it protruded over the beautiful natural skyline and that if any further agricultural buildings were going to be built in that area perhaps the position could be carefully considered to avoid this re-occurring?
- (3) Although acknowledging the new footpath was a good idea, hoping that the wall on the riverside of the path was not going to continue to be so high - thus spoiling the wonderful view of the lovely valley, Carter's bridge, etc., etc., and asking if the P.C. could take it upon themselves to write to the Highways Dept. to stress the importance of retaining the natural beauty of our environment as much as possible.

The Clerk was asked to reply to Mrs. King with the following answers:-

- (1) Plans had been approved for the property in Holly Road
- (2) The building was within regulations, being not more than 80ft from the nearest roads and not exceeding 5000 sq. ft. The building had been praised for its design from the front, and trees were intended to be planted on the East side of the building.
- (3) The wall which had been erected was the extent of the building, and the wall was going no further, according to present plans.

The Clerk was also asked to thank Mrs. King for her interest in the village.

Seat on Camping Hill

It had been reported this seat had gone "light", unfortunately the Clerk had reported it had gone "white". However, it was agreed that Mr. Curtis obtain something suitable to treat the seat with, and also to get enough for other seats, &c which might need attention. It was also agreed that Mr. Curtis attend to treatment of the seat.

Any other business:Little Hill - effluent.

It had been noticed that certain effluent emptied on to Little Hill and could possibly constitute a health hazard to this now beautiful area. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Reg. Hutchinson of NNDC, Fakenham and ask him to come and have a look and advise on the matter.

River Stiffkey at Stiffkey

Attention was brought to the fact that Anglian Water, at their meeting of October

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the Banks and seeing what else could be done to the river. As nothing further had been heard and no action had been taken by Anglian Water, the Clerk was asked to write and remind Anglian Water if they will now implement action in this matter.

Camping Hill "No Parking" sign

As the long awaited sign had not yet appeared on Camping Hill, the Clerk was asked to contact NNDC, as parking of visitors to the area was becoming a problem to residents.

Bank of Five Acre Carr

It was reported that undergrowth alongside the river was becoming a nuisance here. Mr. Harrison said he would attend to getting this flailed down.

Community Bus Service

A letter had been received from National Norfolk Community Bus Service, advising that unless the service provided each Friday between Wells and Holt, through Stiffkey, was not more widely used in the coming months, then it would not be possible to continue after Friday, 27th June.

PLANNING APPLICATION No. 01 86 0703 F

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers - proposed alterations, improvements and extensions to Riverside Bungalow, 31, Wells Road, Stiffkey.

Councillors examined the plans, and were informed of the views of neighbours to the premises. As the matter between Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and neighbours seemed to be of a private nature and was at the present time being investigated privately, then there were "no comments" to the plans by the Parish Council.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 9.27 p.m.

*Mr. Harrison  
11th June 1986*

MINUTES of a site meeting held on Friday, 16th June, 1986 at 4.00 p.m. to discuss the proposed new bus shelter on Camping Hill.

PRESENT: Mr. A. Curtis (Chairman) Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mrs. B. E. A. Butler, Mr. J. L. Pearson, and Mr. M. Jordan (Councillors) Mr. Harper (Norfolk District Council - Chief Executives Dept.) Mr. Bushell (Norfolk C.C. - Highways) and a representative for the Police.

After a careful look at the proposed site, and other alternative sites, it was thought there may be two possibilities:-

1. To ask for permission to build the bus shelter in front of the piece of Council land at present up for sale, right up to the back, in the middle - the Parish Council to construct and pay for a pull-in for the school bus. Mr. Bushell pointed out that Planning Permission would not be required for a shelter on the highway verge.
2. For the shelter to be erected on the opposite side of the road, so the bus could pull completely off the road which meant the children would not have to cross the road at all, and for Mr. Harper to enquire if the District Council would bear the cost of constructing a pull-in for the bus on this site.

Mr. Harper was to report back to the Parish Council with the decision of the District Council as to the site and pull-in on Camping Hill side of road.

a meeting of Stiffkey Parish Council took place at 7.50 p.m. on Thurs. 29th May, 1986 at Old Hall, Stiffkey

PRESENT: Mr. A. Curtis, Mr. J. Pearson, Mr. B. Watts, Mrs. B. Butler, Mr. M. Jordan, Mr. M. Harrison

PLANNING APPLICATION No. 01 86 0771 F - Mr. G. Burrows - River Cottage, Bridge Street - siting of LPG gas tank was examined - no observations.

*Mr. Harrison  
29th May 1986*

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wed., 11th June, 1986 at 8.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT Mr. M. Harrison (Vice Chairman) Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mrs. B. E. A. Butler, Mr. J. Greenacre, Mr. J. L. Pearson, Mr. M. Jordan (Councillors) - Mr. M. Harrison was in the chair

PUBLIC - nil

MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETINGS held 14th May, 1986, 16th June, 1986 and 29th May, 1986 had been circulated to Councillors and were taken as read. These were accepted and signed by the Chairman, with the exception of 29th May, 1986, which the Clerk had omitted to type on the end, but which would be done for next meeting.

Before the meeting commenced P.C. Ellis arrived and said there had been a complaint about noise from the Village Hall late at night. He wished to state that the police were aware of the noise and were paying some attention to the Village Hall. As there were no other things to be discussed with the Police, P.C. Ellis then left the meeting. The Clerk was requested to write to the Social Club informing them of the visit of the Police and the nature of the complaint.

Matters arising from minutes:-

Fete Committee - bus shelter

A letter was read from NNDC confirming that arrangements had been made for investigating the possibility of siting a bus shelter in front of the Council houses on Camping Hill, alter the informal service road to accommodate the bus and re-site the southern-most access to improve visibility

Untidy state of Marsh due to University project

A letter was read from Dr. R. James, apologising for the untidiness of experimental area and explaining about the work of UEA

Lights on Boatman's Row

It was reported that these had been started, but not yet completed

Signs on Marsh

The Clerk reported that someone had come to see her about signs on Marsh, but she had been out at the time. He said he would contact her again.

Seat on Camping Hill

Mr. Curtis had obtained 1 Litre "Cuprinol" and treated the seat with it. A cheque for £3.48 was signed for the "Cuprinol"

Little Hill - effluent

It was reported that someone from NNDC at Fakenham had visited Little Hill to investigate the effluent. Unfortunately the representative had been to see Mrs. Carter and inferred it was effluent from her drains, which was not the case. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. Carter, pointing out that the representative from the Council had not been requested to go to her, but had been during investigations of the drains, and the Parish Council regretted any offence caused.

River Stiffkey at Stiffkey

It was noted that work had started on the river.

Camping Hill - "No Parking" sign

The Clerk reported Mr. Blount of NNDC was investigating the matter. She would ring him again to see what was happening

Bank of Five Acre Carr

It had wrongly been reported in the last minutes that Mr. Harrison would "attend" to getting this flailed down, when he would "see" about the matter.

New Agenda matters:-



11th June, 1986.

would be prepared to act as a link in project to upgrade physical state of public rights of way in North Norfolk and local interests, and who might be able to assist in the process of selecting appropriate paths for particular attention as "recreation paths" i.e. particularly attractive paths, or paths that could form an interesting circular walk. It was pointed out that Parish Council could if they so wished, make a financial contribution towards the project. The Clerk was asked to reply acknowledging letter and to say the Council was making enquiries

Any other ;business:

Planning Permission No. 01/86/0416/F - extension to St. Mary's House ;had been obtained

Planning Permission No. 01/86/0504/LB - erection of entrance porch, and new sash window together with siting of LPG tank - River Cottage Bridge Street had been obtained

Planning Application No. 01 86 0881 F - Mr. A. M. Curtis - siting of LPG tank for household gas - was examined. There were no observations by the Council.

Highways - Greenway

It was much appreciated that some of the large potholes on Greenway had now been filled with tarmac which Mr. Harrison had obtained from NNDC

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.50 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized first name and a last name, possibly 'Or' and 'A'.

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wed., 9th July, 1986 at 8.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr. A. Curtis (Chairman) Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mrs. B. E. A. Butler, Mr. J. Greenacre, Mr. J. L. Pearson, Mr. M. Jordan (Councillors)

APOLOGIES: Mr. M. Harrison (Vice Chairman) and Mrs. A. Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC - nil

MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING of 11th June 1986 had been circulated to Councillors and were taken as read. These were accepted and signed by the Chairman. The Chairman also initialled the Minute of a meeting on 29th May, 1986.

Matters arising from minutes:-

Fete Committee - bus shelter

A letter was read from the Divisional Surveyor of Norfolk County Council, which stated that the Council had heard from the Police who confirmed that the logical location for a bus shelter was on the south-east side of the road i.e., the position originally preferred by the Parish Council. If the Parish Council decided to proceed with a bus shelter in this position NCC would issue the relevant licence. After considering the matter the Parish Council decided they would proceed with the bus shelter on the south-east side of the road and the Clerk was instructed to apply for the licence.

Lights on Boatman's Row

These had now been finished and an Account for £171.35, being £149.00 work as per quotation + £22.35 VAT had been received. A cheque and form for withdrawal from Deposit Account for this amount were signed by Councillors.

Sign on Marsh

As nothing further had been heard the Clerk was to investigate

Little Hill - effluent

A letter had been received from NNDC explaining the position and stating that they were keeping an eye on the situation

River Stiffkey at Stiffkey

The recent dredging operations were discussed, and it was thought the position was still unsatisfactory and there had been no improvement. The water was flowing at a minimal rate. It had also been noted that part of the river had not been dredged, and that a weir in the river was causing flow restriction. The Clerk was asked to write to Anglian Water Authority explaining the position and asking how much more of the river was going to be dredged.

Camping Hill "No Parking" sign.

The Clerk reported she had again contacted Mr. Blount of NNDC about this matter but as yet no sign had appeared.

Highways - drainage

On the completion of the new road improvements near the Hemplands Building site it had been noted that when it rained, large puddles of water gathered at the end of the wall opposite the Red Lion. It was considered the site of the drain was in the wrong place as it was not removing surface water. The Clerk was to write to NCC Highways Dept. and inform them of the position.

Highways - pavement

Complaints had been received that cars were now parking on the new pavement which had been constructed near the Hemplands Building site, some of these were blocking the pavement completely. The Clerk was instructed to write to Wells Police and inform them of the position.

Five Acre Carr

It had been noted that trees growing next to the road had now become a danger to road users, as they were blocking the view round the corner, and it was felt the danger may increase in the winter when ice formed. The Clerk was instructed to write



Footpath Management Scheme

The Chairman said he would be interested in a sight of the recent letter received from NCC

New Agenda matters:-

Eastern Electricity - Special Supply Agreement

A letter had been received from EE, stating that due to the lower than expected cost of power station fuel following the new coal price agreement with British Coal, there would be a fuel price reduction of 0.2p per unit in accounts issued on April 1986 published quarterly tariffs, with effect from 1st July, 1986. The reduction would continue until further notice. There would also be a comparable reduction in street lighting energy charges and the relative adjustment would be made

Norfolk Village Ventures Competition 1986

A letter had been received from Norfolk County Association of Parish and Town Councils informing the Parish Council that their project (restoration of Little Hill - Stiffkey) had won a prize of £50.00 in the 1986 Village Ventures Competition. The Committee congratulated all who had worked so hard on the project and thanked them for taking the trouble to enter. Presentation of Awards would take place on the evening of Thurs., 11th Sept. and details would follow.

Application for planning permission - No. 01/86/1044/F

J. H. R. Carver - single storey extension to form rear hall and utility room to Great Yard House, Stiffkey - plans were examined - Council had no observations

Application for listed building consent - No. 01/86/1045/LB

J. H. R. Carver - single storey extension to form rear hall and utility room to give better facilities - plans were examined - Council had no observations

Application for listed building consent - No. 01/86/1052/LB

Miller - replace leaking conservatory with garden room at rear of cottage - plans were examined - Council had no observations

Any other business:-

Rubbish on Rectory verge, Bangay

Complaints had been received that garden rubbish was being thrown on the Rectory verge on Bangay adjacent to the houses on Camping Hill. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Housing Dept. NNDC to report the matter

Van on Marsh

It was reported that someone had been driving a van on the Marsh to the first bridge at the bottom of Bangay. The person was identified and the Clerk was asked to contact the National Trust and explain the position and ask them to send him a letter.

Village Hall

It was thought there should be a Village Hall Committee meeting to discuss the general repairs and maintenance of the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting and it was thought Wed. 16th July, 1986 would be suitable.

Greenways - tarmac

It was pointed out that the reference in the last minutes to the fact that tarmac had been obtained from NNDC was incorrect and this should have been Highways Dept., NCC

THE MEETING CLOSED at 9.19p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wed., 23rd July, 1986 at 8.00 p.m.  
in Stiffkey Village Hall.

PRESENT: Mr. A. Curtis, Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mr. J. Greenacre and Mrs. B. Butler  
APOLOGIES: Mr. M. Harrison

Before the meeting began Mr. A. Curtis explained to those present that due to the interest of his Son in the Council property in the course of being sold, the price of which would be affected if a bus shelter was placed on the verge immediately in front thereof, he would take no further part in any discussions relating to the bus shelter. He then left the room completely.

After Mr. Curtis had left the room it was proposed that Mr. Watts act as Chairman of the meeting, to which he agreed.

Bus shelter

The Clerk then read two letters, one from Norfolk County Council, confirming the County Council had no objection to the erection of a bus shelter at the position indicated on the plan and enclosing two copies of the necessary licence for signature.

The other letter was from North Norfolk District Council, regretting that the Parish Council had seen fit to proceed with the shelter adjacent to the building plot without first considering the District Council's alternative proposals.

The proposed Licence was read to those present and it was proposed by Mr. J. Greenacre that the Licence be signed and the Council get some plans drawn up. Mrs. B. Butler seconded this and it was agreed and the Licence was signed.

Mr. Curtis was then called back into the room

Planning application No. 01 86 1117 F - Millar and Reed - to use agricultural store as store for shop - application examined by those present - there were no observations.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.36 p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wed., 20th August, 1986 at 7.30 p.m.  
in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr. A. Curtis, Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mr. J. Greenacre

PLANNING APPLICATION No. 01/86/1279/F - T. F. Harrison - residential extension at Sluice Breck Farm, Morston Road, Stiffkey was examined - no observations on plans

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## STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wed., 11th September, 1986 at 8.00 p.m.. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr. A. Curtis (Chairman) Mr. M. Harrison (Vice Chairman) Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mrs. B. E. A. Butler, Mr. J. Greenacre, Mr. J. L. Pearson, Mr. M. Jordan (Councillors)

PUBLIC - nil

MINUTES of the previous meetings of 9th July, 1986, 23rd July, 1986 and 20th August, 1986 had been circulated to Councillors and were taken as read. These were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from minutes:-

Fete Committee - bus shelter

A letter had been received from NNDC, suggesting that as the shelter was to be sited in an open position in front of two building plots, whether the design of the building originally suggested would now be appropriate as it would present a high blank wall to any buildings behind it. The Council offered to prepare another design more suited to the location. Councillors agreed to ask NNDC for another design for the shelter, and for it to be done as quickly as possible, in view of the advent of the winter months and the long time already taken on this scheme

Stiffkey Marshes - missing footpath sign

A letter had been received from NCC, which stated that the sign was not in place when the long distance route sign was erected, and having checked, Mr. Scowen had not been able to discover where it had gone. It was mentioned that NNDC were establishing a 2-year project to clear and signpost footpaths, and it was planned to cover all parishes in the western sector of the district in the first year, the project was being co-ordinated by Miss R. Walby of Planning Dept., NCC. After discussion it was agreed Councillors would locate and erect another sign.

River Stiffkey at Stiffkey

A letter had been received from Anglian Water, stating that Lord Buxton had agreed that a machine could enter along his frontage in the autumn to remove silt from the channel. A biological study had been completed by Anglian Water to determine the best method of carrying out the maintenance and a copy had been sent to Lord Buxton for his comments. A machine was working along that length removing weedgrowth only, as the condition of the river downstream of Stiffkey Bridge was important in helping prevent flooding to property in the village. Anglian Water were hoping to take the question of the weir up with Lord Buxton to determine whether a change in the management policy of the weir would allow lower water levels during the winter months, whilst allowing a higher retained head during the summer period. That was a situation which AW's Biologist identified as assisting in enhancing the environment of the River Stiffkey.

An informal note on "silt" had also been received by the Chairman from Lord Buxton, who looked forward to serious analysis of the situation with all parties. After discussion it was decided the best thing would be to obtain a copy of the letter and biological study which had been sent to Lord Buxton by AW. The Chairman had instructed the Clerk earlier in the day to phone AWA to see if Lord Buxton had power to stop AW entering on his property and doing work on the river. Mr. Jeavons of AW had replied that Anglian Water had powers under the Land Drainage Act for access and disposal of soil. However, it was up to Anglian Water whether they would use these powers or not. In this case it did not apply as Lord Buxton had agreed to have the River dredged this year.

Highway matters - Stiffkey

1. Drainage

(a) A letter had been received from NCC stating that they had arranged for an additional gully to be installed adjacent to the recently completed road improvement at the western end of the village, and which should overcome the drainage problems referred to. Councillors noted that this had now been done, but that there were now two big puddles near Vine Cottage which kept forming. Mr. Watts was to investigate the matter with Mr. Wickers



(b) Mrs. Butler stated that the drains and channels in the bank opposite her house for the removal of water from the road had become blocked. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highway Authority and inform them.

## 2. Cars parking on pavement

Councillors reported that unfortunately, even after visits from Wells Police, the pavement near the recently completed building site was constantly blocked by vehicles. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highway Authorities and notify them of the position and ask for their suggestions.

## 3. Verges

It had been noted that the new border between the pavement and wall on the recently completed footpath which had not been tarmaced, had become overgrown with rubbish and was unsightly. The Clerk was asked to inform the Highway Authorities of this.

## 4. Bushes overhanging the road at No. 24, Wells Road.

Although the owner of this property had been notified, the overhanging bushes had still not been trimmed and were a hazard to road users, especially cyclists. The Clerk was asked to notify the Highway Authority.

## 5. Overhanging vegetation opposite Camping Hill Estate.

NCC had reported that this had been inspected, and should these be considered an obstruction to users of the highway, the owners of the trees would be contacted with a view to their cutting back the overhanging vegetation.

## Rubbish on Rectory verge, Bangay.

A letter had been received from NNDC stating that an Officer had investigated the matter and found the rubbish to consist solely of garden refuse which did not present any public health nuisance. However, in order to discourage further dumping of garden refuse along the verge, an Officer had been instructed to erect two "NO TIPPING" signs in the area. The situation would be kept under review and if any identifiable household rubbish was found then consideration would be given to legal action against the offender.

## Van on Marsh

This matter had been dealt with by the National Trust

## New Agenda matters:-

### Presentation to Mrs. Jenkins

A letter had been received from NCAPTC to say that the Exec. Committee of the Association had suggested that this would be a fitting time to make a presentation to Mrs. Jenkins. Although she would still be looking after the Association's affairs, after September she would be working for the Rural Community Council. Councillors decided to send a donation of £5.00 towards the presentation.

## Planning Permission had been granted for the following:-

1. No. 01/86/0703/F - Mr. and Mrs. Rogers - proposed alterations, improvements and extension to Riverside Bungalow, 31, Wells Road
2. No. 01/86/0454/CJ - Landscape Productions Ltd. - use of barn at Old Hall Farm for accommodation ancillary to farmhouse
3. No. 01/86/0455/F - Landscape Productions Ltd. - removal of agricultural occupancy condition at Old Hall Farm

## A.O.B.

### Planning Applications had been received for the following:-

1. No. 01/86/1322/F - Mr. Alan Pells - retention of lock-up Garage
2. No. 01/86/1382/F - Trustees of Stiffkey Old Hall - erection of proposed storage shed at Stiffkey Old Hall
3. No. 01/86/1383/B - Trustees of Stiffkey Old Hall - demolition of pig sty



After examination of the above 3 applications the Council had no objections to the applications.

Stiffkey Parish Church - annual payment towards churchyard

The Chairman stated that the Treasurer of Stiffkey Parish Church had mentioned that a cheque had not been received. The Clerk stated that the annual amount for 1985 had been paid but the cheque not presented. The Clerk to investigate.

Council grass cutter.

This needed attention. Mr. Jordan to investigate at his convenience.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 9.10 p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wed., 8th October, 1986 at 8.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT Mr. A. Curtis (Chairman) Mr. M. Harrison (Vice Chairman) Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mrs. B. E. A. Butler, Mr. J. Greenacre, Mr. J. L. Pearson, Mr. M. Jordan (Councillors)

APOLOGIES Mrs. Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC - nil

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Before the meeting commenced the Chairman welcomed P.C. Curl of Wells Police Station who had kindly attended the meeting, and who gave information on the following points:-

Parking on Pavements

He agreed with NCC that any parking or obstruction of the highway is an offence to be dealt with by the Local Police. However, "No Parking" signs could possibly prevent some of the parking, but this would be dealt with through NCC Highways Dept. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting between Councillors and a representative from the Highways Dept. to discuss "No Parking" signs in the village.

Trees on highway

P.C. Curl said he would inspect trees which might be an obstruction to road users. Mr. M. Harrison reported he would be attending to the cutting of trees by the side of the river Stiffkey on the road to Morston, probably in January.

As there were no more matters for discussion with the Police, P.C. Curl then left the meeting.

MINUTES of the previous meeting of 11th September, 1986, having been circulated to Councillors, were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

Matters arising from those minutes:-

Fete Committee - bus shelter

A letter had been received from NNDC, enclosing 2 copies of a plan showing a revised design for the 'bus shelter'. This was approved by the Council, except they considered there was no need for a seat in the shelter, and that the window openings should not have glass, or anything else breakable in them. The Clerk was to inform NNDC of this. As two offers regarding construction of the bus shelter had previously been received, the Clerk was instructed to write to the two people involved and ask them what their estimates would be.

Stiffkey Marshes - missing footpath sign.

This had kindly been replaced by Messrs. Watts and Pearson

River Stiffkey at Stiffkey

Anglian Water had sent copy of the biological study on the river for the information of Councillors. Lord Buxton; had arranged for dredging to commence as quickly as possible.

Highway matters - Stiffkey:-

Blocked drains opposite No. 66, Wells Road

These would be dealt with on the next cyclic maintenance visit due in approx 5 weeks

Verge outside Hemplands Building Site.

These areas would be tidied up at the same time as the above

Overhanging Bushes, 24, Wells Road.

NCC had sent a letter to the occupier regarding these being trimmed back.

Stiffkey Parish Church - annual payment towards churchyard.

The Clerk had investigated the position and found that last year's cheque for £25.00 had been mislaid and was now out-of-date. Accordingly another cheque for £50.00 was signed, being an advance on the next year's payment.



New Agenda points:-

Land adjoining Little Hill

A letter had been received from NNDC informing the Council that the District Council were conducting a survey of all surveyors allotments under its ownership, with the aim of improving these pieces of land for both wildlife and amenity, and for the benefit of the Parish. With reference to a site in Stiffkey rented by Mr. R. Butler, their survey had shown that this site was very overgrown, although a small area had been recently cut, but that with more frequent cutting, chalk meadow flora could be established, initial work to create this could be implemented by the Community Programme.

The District Council now inquired whether the Parish Council still wished to take over this site, with the proviso that a meadow flora be maintained. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to reply that the Parish Council did wish to take over the site at present rented by Mr. R. Butler, but that the plan enclosed by the District Council wrongly showed a piece of land included which was in the private ownership of Mr. M. Harrison.

Electricity supply to street lighting installations

A letter had been received from EE advising the following:-

(a) Energy Charges

Revision of quarterly tariffs for supply of electricity from 1st Oct., 1986 and review of charges under special supply agreements which would now amount to £26.79 per month. A Statement of Street lighting charges was signed by the Chairman and for return to EE.

(b) Discharge Lamp Wattages

Warning of revised loadings which have been recommended for adoption by Area Electricity Boards throughout England and Wales, with details thereof, from which Councillors ascertained that 7 of the street lights of 80MBFU type with a present assessed demand per Lamp Watts of 90 would be increased to 93 and the remaining 5 street lamps of 100T type with a present assessed demand per lamp watts of 100 would not be affected.

Planning Permission had been received for the following:-

No. 01/86/1117/F - Messrs. Millar & Read - proposed improvements to store

No. 01/86/1045/LB - Mr. J. H. R. Carver - single storey extension to form rear hall and utility room to give better facilities (Listed building consent)

No. 01/86/1044/F - Mr. J. H. R. Carver - single storey extension to form rear hall and utility room

No. 01/86/1052/LB - Ms. S. Miller - replace leaking conservatory with garden room at rear of cottage

No. 01/86/0881/F - Mr. A. M. Curtis - siting of L.P.G. Tank for household gas

No. 01/86/0771/F - Mr. G. Burrows - siting of LPG Gas Tank

No. 01/86/0542/LB - Mr. P. White - demolition of extensions to barn and alterations to fabric of Grade II\* Listed Building (Listed building consent)

A.O.B.

Precept

The Clerk reported a precept of £350 had been received and paid into the Bank

Stiffkey Village Hall

A letter had been received from Mr. M. Jarvis. It was thought that this was not appropriate to be dealt with at a Parish Council meeting and would be referred to the next Management Meeting, except the enquiry of how the ruling now stood on the holding of a Village Hall A.G.M., and the election of a Village Hall Committee Chairman. The Clerk was instructed to reply to Mr. Jarvis that the possibility of an AGM had previously been discussed by the Parish Council as Trustees and it had been decided that at the present time, whilst negotiations were still being made with the Charity Commissioners, it was not appropriate to hold an AGM, but that this matter would be reviewed when negotiations with the Charity Commissioners had been concluded.

War Memorial

Mr. H. Jarvis had kindly tidied up around the Memorial but in doing so it had



### Village Hall Insurance

The Clerk was asked to get in touch with Municipal Mutual Insurance Co. and ask a representative to attend a meeting of the Management Committee, regarding the present Insurance Policy

### Complaints against individuals or property

A request had been made by Lord Buxton for the Council to inform him of any complaints relating to his property before these complaints were taken up with the Authorities, so that he might respond before they became an issue. After discussion on this matter it was decided that no undertaking could be given, as this may create a precedent, but that Minutes of all the Council Meetings were displayed monthly on the Parish Council Notice Board and Lord Buxton was most welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings. The Parish Council also wished to assure Lord Buxton that there was no animosity involved.

### Item 5 in Minutes dated 11th September, 1986.

Clarification of the Minutes relating to the property the overhanging vegetation was actually on had been requested by Lord Buxton. The Clerk was informed that the vegetation was where the River Stiffkey ran alongside the road from Stiffkey to Morston on the bend going out of Stiffkey, which previously had been an open view. The Clerk to inform Lord Buxton.

### Street lights - "The Knoll"

It was reported that a tree on the Knoll was obscuring the street light there. The Clerk was to report the matter to EE.

### Little Hill.

As there was currently a garden sale at Holkham Garden Centre, and in view of the £50 prize money recently received relating to this project, Mr. Curtis asked permission to purchase some shrubs to plant on Little Hill. He would also replace one of the trees previously planted. The Council agreed that Mr. Curtis should purchase shrubs for approx £20.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.36p.m.

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24th October, 1986.

Mr. A. Curtis, Mr. J. Pearson and Mr. B. Watts (Stiffkey Parish Council) attended at 4 p.m. to meet a representative from NNDC Highways Dept on Wells Road, re "No Parking" signs. Unfortunately the representative from NNDC did not turn up and the meeting was called off.

29th October, 1986.

Members of Stiffkey Parish Council attended a meeting in Stiffkey Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. to examine the following plans:-  
01 861707 F - Conversion of Barn to form 2 dwellings (Units 2 and 3) Bridge Street  
01 861709 A - alterations, improvements and extension to convert former farm buildings to dwelling - Unit 1, Bridge Street  
01 861708 F - Conversion of Barn to dwelling - Unit 1, Bridge Street.  
01 861749 - rear entrance porch and sun room extension St. Mary's House, Stiffkey

Councillors had no objections to the plans presented on the above, although it was thought there should be a plan of the elevations of Units 2 and 3, Bridge Street. The Clerk was asked to contact NNDC and ask them to send this plan. Mr. Curtis would also attend on neighbours of St. Mary's House with plan of porch and sun room to see if they had any objections.

31st October, 1986.

Clerk rang NNDC re: plan, They informed her there were no other plans because it is only change of use for Units 2 and 3 at present. Rang Councillors who did not have any objections.

Mr. Curtis reported neighbours of St. Mary's House had no objections.



STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on 7th November, 1986 at 4 p.m.  
on new pavement on Wells Road, Stiffkey.

PRESENT: Mr. Francis (Highways Dept., Holt) Mr. A. Curtis, Mr. J. Pearson, Mr. B. Watts, Mrs. B. Butler, Mr. M. Jordan (Stiffkey Parish Council) Mrs. SA Wootten (District Council)

Mr. Francis explained to those present that if yellow lines were needed in Stiffkey then the support of the Police in writing would have to be obtained and the Divisional Surveyor, Norfolk County Council and then if the scheme were approved it would go on to a list for further consideration. It would be in order for occupants of the houses fronting the pavement to put up their own "No Parking" signs on their own ground, to overlook the pavement and road, but notices must not be affixed to the highway wall.

THE MEETING ENDED at 4.18 p.m.

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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wed., 12th November, 1986 at 8.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT Mr. A. Curtis (Chairman) Mr. M. Harrison (Vice Chairman) Mr. G. W. R. Watts, Mrs. B. E. A. Butler, Mr. J. Greenacre, Mr. J. L. Pearson, Mr. M. Jordan (Councillors)

APOLOGIES Mrs. Wootten (District Councillor)

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Before the meeting commenced the Chairman welcomed P.C. Curl of Wells Police Station who kindly attended the meeting in connection with "No Parking" signs and yellow lines

P.C. Curl drew the attention of Councillors to the fact that if the Council went ahead with yellow lines then it applied to everybody and not just those passing through the village. He understood the problem was more seasonal. Under the new ticket procedure a ticket could be issued for obstruction. If the Council wished to go ahead with yellow lines P.C. Curl would willingly put in a report. Mr. J. Greenacre wished it to be recorded that he was against yellow lines. The Chairman suggested the matter be put on the Agenda for the next meeting and have a full discussion then. This was agreed. P.C. Curl then left the meeting

MINUTES of the previous meeting of 8th October, 1986 having been circulated to Councillors, were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from those minutes:-

Fete Committee - bus shelter

Two estimates had been received. Mr. J. Greenacre proposed that the Council proceed with Mr. B. Wyer. Mr. M. Harrison seconded the proposal and the motion was carried. Mr. Harrison mentioned that he had some roof tiles, second hand timber and hoggin which might be suitable. A letter had been received from NNDC, confirming that there was no Planning reason why work on the shelter should not go ahead. However, before starting, they suggested that the Council consult the Building Control Officer at the District Council's Fakenham office.

River Stiffkey at Stiffkey

It was reported that dredging of the river on Lord Buxton's side had been completed.

Vegetation alongside road to Morston.

Lord Buxton reported they intended to do some tidying up and clearing during the winter in the interest of the landscape.

Electricity supply to street lighting installations

Letter received from EE regretting a recent check had revealed errors in their

War Memorial

A load of shingle had been delivered and spread around the War Memorial

Little Hill

A cheque for £23.20 was handed to Mr. Curtis, being the amount expended on a tree and shrubs.

Other Agenda matters:

Bridge on Stiffkey Marsh

A letter had been received from NCC advising that during a recent inspection carried out on 24th Sept., 1986, it was noted that the channel the footbridge served was completely silted up and served no useful purpose. In the circumstances the Council proposed to take no action as the expense of the repairs was not justified. However should the circumstances change, no doubt Stiffkey Council would inform the County Council.

Parish Review: District of North Norfolk

Letter received from Dept. of Environment informing Council of alteration to boundaries of 18 parishes and creation of 3 new parishes, and amongst other things that Secty of State was satisfied that all proposals re: Local Government Boundary Commission for England were in the interests of effective and convenient local government, and he had accordingly decided to make an Order under Sec. 51(2) of Local Government Act 1972 giving effect to them without modification - to be implemented in full on 1st April, 1987.

"Wildlife in the Village" Project

Letter received from NCC informing Council of "Wildlife in the Village" Project

"SBN Quiz"

A letter had been received from Mr. J. Webb inviting Parish Council to enter a team of 3 in SBN Quiz on Friday 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th January. The Clerk was instructed to let Mr. Webb know that a team from the Parish Council would enter.

Parish Precept - year commencing 1st April, 1987

A letter had been received from NNDC asking for estimate of amount required for precept for year 1987/88. The Clerk would prepare an Account for the next meeting so that Councillors could decide.

A.O.B.

Best Kept Village Competition 1986

Final results had been received. In preliminary round of Villages under 500 population Stiffkey had come 11th. The Clerk was instructed to put up the results on the Notice Board

Wells Cottage Hospital

A letter had been received from Wells-next-the-Sea Town Council, regarding the Norwich Health Authorities' proposed closing - in some years time - of the Wells Cottage Hospital. The Town Councillors felt that as much pressure as possible be put on the Health Authorities now to reverse this decision, and suggesting that Stiffkey Parish Council send a letter to let the Health Authority know just how much opposition there was regarding this proposal. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter.

Mrs. Green's 102nd Birthday

Mr. Curtis reported a Birthday Card had been sent from the Parish Council

Barrier on Marsh

It was reported that a fence and type of stile had been erected on the Marsh at the end of the Greens, and which was on Stiffkey's boundary. The Clerk was instructed to write to the National Trust expressing the Council's concern that a barrier had been put up.



STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting held on Wednesday, 17th December, 1986 at 8.00 p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr. A. Curtis (Chairman) Mrs. B. E. A. Butler, Mr. J. Greenacre, Mr. M. Jordan (Councillors) and Mrs. A. Wootten (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES: Mr. M. Harrison, Mr. J. Pearson, Mr. B. Watts.

PUBLIC - nil.

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MINUTES of the previous meeting of 7th November, 1986 having been circulated to Councillors, were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from those minutes:-

"No Parking" signs and yellow lines

After discussion on this subject it was proposed by Mr. J. Greenacre that an approach be made to people whose boundaries abutted the road and footpath where vehicles parked for "No Parking" signs to be placed on their property behind the wall fronting the footpath. This was seconded by Mr. M. Jordan and all were in favour. Mr. Curtis would make a personal approach to those concerned. It was thought that two signs (one at each end) would be necessary (the signs to be at the Council's expense).

Precept

Councillors had been furnished with an account of finance to date, and after a discussion on the subject it was unanimously agreed that the precept for next year be fixed at £700.00 - the same as this year.

Wells Cottage Hospital

A letter had been received from Norwich Health Authority stating there was no intention at the present time to close Wells Cottage Hospital. Any possible closure would be subject to a detailed consultation procedure which was laid down by the Department of Health and Social Security and which would include the Local Parish Councils and other interested bodies in North Norfolk.

Tree planting

A letter had been received from Lord Buxton letting the Council know his planting plans in advance. He is proposing to plant a small broad-leaved wood on OS 216 next to Mr. Codman's plot. He had explained this to Mr. Codman, pointed it out to the Parish Council Chairman, and had the approval of the Forestry Commission. He was agreeing the details with the Glebe Committee. Lord Buxton explained that when the little wood matured it would enhance the coastal landscape and it could have no effect at all on local residents.

Barrier on Stiffkey Marsh

A letter had been received from The National Trust about the fence and stile that had been erected on the marsh at the end of the Greens on Stiffkey's Parish boundary. The National Trust had been in touch with Mr. Vaughan Jones and it would seem that there was some confusion over the exact position of the boundary between the National Trust and the Holkham Estate. Mr. Garnier had therefore written to Lord Coke asking for clarification.

Motor cycles

It was reported various complaints had been received that persons on motorcycles had been causing a nuisance by riding on the footpath in front of the houses on Camping Hill, also across playing field, down Bangay, and in the wood on the Marsh. After discussion it was decided to erect notices on the footpaths which were the responsibility of the Parish Council to the effect that no motorcycles were allowed along the footpaths. Mr. J. Greenacre to arrange for erection of signs.

Other Agenda matters:-

Transport Act 1985

A letter had been received from NDC giving notice that the Council intended to