

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 8th January 1992 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) L Jordan and also Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 11th December 1991 were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Erosion of roadway adjoining Village Hall Car Park

Letter received from NNCC informing Council they would have entrance to Village Hall Car Park inspected and let them have comments in due course

Village signs

Work in hand

Clerk's salary

There had been an increase to £1.17p per community charge payer in Stiffkey. The Clerk had been informed there were 199 community charge payers in Stiffkey. Therefore she received a cheque for £33.83, being the increase for 1992.

Blakeney Harbour

Letter received from NNDC re the possible creation of a local management committee to become involved in the management of the Blakeney Harbour area and asking for a representative from the village. Mrs Wootten explained the position regarding problems with jet skis, water skiing, etc. The Chairman would enquire of likely persons in the village who might wish to get involved.

Open Day @ NNDC offices

Would be March 6th and 7th for the general public. All the Officers would be there to tell the general public how their money had been spent.

Footpaths

There was a discussion on various footpaths in the parish which were being used by vehicles. It was thought there may be legislation brought in to stop vehicles on footpaths

Little Hill

Fears were raised re: the decrepit state of the side of Little Hill and that accidents may occur. Clerk to write to Highways Department and ask them to send out a Surveyor and to point out there could be subsidence of this road.

The meeting closed

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 19th February 1992 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

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

APOLOGIES: Mr C R Feilden

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 8th January 1992 were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

Village signs

The Stiffkey village sign which was usually on Church Knoll was being repaired and repainted

With regard to the Stiffkey village road signs a letter had been received from Norfolk County Council Highways Dept confirming signs were on order and would be erected upon receipt from the manufacturers.

Blakeney Harbour

Messrs Greenacre and Jordan offered to attend a meeting regarding the possible creation of a local management committee to become involved in the management of the Blakeney Harbour area. Clerk to inform NNDC

Open Day @ NNDC Offices

Dates changed to 7th and 9th March

Footpaths

Wicket gates had been fixed on the marsh at Warham drifts. Main gates were to be fixed

Best Kept Village

Clerk to enter Stiffkey for the Best Kept Village Competition. Also letters to be sent to all villagers during April, before judging started in May

Village Ventures Competition

Clerk to enter new extension to Village Hall

Little Hill

Letter received from Norfolk County Council Highways Dept confirming that a scheme had been entered into the 1992/93 Programme of Works to carry out haunching works on Wells Road between The Red Lion and Greenways. It was anticipated that the scheme would commence early May 1992.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

Electricity

Letter received from Eastern Electricity with details of street lighting installation at 31st December 1991. Refund of £82.86 received from Eastern Electricity being refund of overpayment of account. Cheque for £53.71 signed payable to North Norfolk District Council being payment for street light repairs July - December 1991 (+ VAT)

Replacement of Finger Posts - Parish identification

Letter from Norfolk County Council Highways Dept. reporting the Council had received quotations for finger post direction signs, the average cost of which was expected to be between £60 and £80 with an additional charge of approximately £15 to fit a ring to an existing post, and enquiring if the Parish Council wished to purchase such finger posts. The Council agreed these were not required

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Public Rights of Way: Pilot Adopt-a-Path Scheme

Letter from Norfolk County Council County Surveyor thanking the Council for completing the Public Rights of Way Questionnaire. Unfortunately he was unable to invite the Council to participate at this time.

Whilst it was regretted that any Parish which expressed interest should be excluded, as a pilot scheme the number of parishes involved must be limited. Parts of the County which were currently covered by either a Project Area, Broads Authority or North Norfolk Footpath Management Scheme were avoided. Should the Parish Council encounter any problems they should not hesitate to contact the County Surveyor's Public Rights of Way Officer, Mr P Dugdale on Norwich 223284. He also suggested that at some future date the Parish Council and their Footpath Warden, meet with the Public Rights of Way Assistant for Stiffkey area either Mr A Williams (Highways Department South Area) or Miss S Whiteford (Highways Department North Area) to discuss Stiffkey's requirements. As explained in the "Guide" which accompanied the Questionnaire, the Parish Council may carry out minor works as required. For advice on such projects Mr Dugdale should be contacted.

Old Camp roads

Mr Harrison gave notice that signs would soon be erected on the old Camp roads stating "no public way".

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.45p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 11th March 1992 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) L Jordan, A Millar
APOLOGIES: M Harrison, R Feilden and B Butler and also Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)
PUBLIC - nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 19th February 1992 were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

Village sign

A cheque for £25 was signed for Miss R C Feilden, being payment for the re-painting work she had carried out on the Stiffkey Village Sign. The sign had been repainted and a protective covering erected above the sign and it had been replaced on the Church Knoll

Bridges on Marsh

It was reported the bridge at the bottom of Bangay needed repairing. Clerk to report this to Highways Department. A new bridge had been erected across the creek at the bottom of Greenway

Street lights

It was reported the street light near the Lamp Shop was out. Clerk to report to NNDC

After discussion it was decided the Clerk should write to Eastern Electricity and ask them to give a quote for the existing lamp outside the Lamp Shop to be removed and transferred to the existing post opposite Stiffkey Stores, from where it was thought a better light would be given for pedestrians

Car Park entrance at Stiffkey Village Hall

Letter received from Norfolk County Council stating the Council was prepared to carry out work on behalf of the Parish Council and could provide an official quotation. Alternatively, the Parish Council may employ an approved contractor. The Chairman was to contact the Area Engineer direct

Review of Route Hierarchy

Report and plan received from Norfolk County Council. The Chairman took the report and would decide if anything further needed to be done

Review of the Organisation and Structure of the Norfolk Constabulary

Letter received from Norfolk Constabulary regarding possible realignment of policing boundaries. Clerk to make an appointment for the Chairman to attend at Wells Police Station in connection therewith

Old Mower

The possible sale of the old mower was discussed. It was decided first to ask Mr M Jordan if he thought it worth repairing

Little Hill

Mr J Greenacre had donated some grass seed which had been sowed. He had also donated a cherry tree which had been planted.

Post Box opposite Greenways (formerly)

The post box opposite Greenways had suddenly been moved without warning to a site on the main road at the top of Little Hill which was convenient for the Postman but not for the majority of the users of the box. It was also thought to be a traffic hazzard when the postman stopped there to collect the mail, whereas he could have pulled into Greenway to collect the mail, where

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road to post their mail, where there was no footpath. Also after rain there was sometimes 2ft of water stood where the box had been moved to. Clerk to write to the Main Post Office in Norwich and ask for the postbox to be resited in Greenway, also stating that the Council were annoyed that they had not been notified of the move before it had happened.

Highways Contractors

Letter received from Norfolk County Council notifying Council that they were able to carry out work at competitive rates which offered substantial savings to the County Council and were well placed to offer this service to Parish and Town Councils within Norfolk. The type of work undertaken was:

Construction and maintenance of roads and car parks
Laying kerbs and slab/asphalt footways
Drainage pipes and surface water gullies
White and yellow lining
Soiling and seeding
Sign provision and erection
Decorative block paving

Licence for High Sand Creek

There was a discussion regarding the number of tents erected at High Sand Creek. Clerk to ask District Council for a copy of the Licence for High Sand Creek

The meeting closed

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 8th April, 1992

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 8th April 1992 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

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

APOLOGIES: R Feilden, A Millar and Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 11th March 1992 were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

Car Park entrance at Stiffkey Village Hall

A representative from NCC Highways Department had attended on site that same morning to inspect the car park entrance and he would then send a quote

Review of the Organisation and Structure of the Norfolk Constabulary

The Clerk had been in contact with the Norfolk Constabulary in Norwich who said there may be some changes in the police boundaries but that it would not affect police officers who would remain at the main work stations in our area.

Old Mower

Sold at Fakenham Market - net proceeds of sale = £5.04p.

c/f items were:-

Repair to bridge at bottom of Bangay

Post box - Wells Road

Licence for High Sand Creek

New street light opposite Stiffkey Stores

OTHER AGENDA POINTS:

Eastern Electricity Agreement

A supplement to the Agreement with Eastern Electricity plc was agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman. The total annual charge for electricity would be £307.91. Total monthly payments would be £25.66. Electrical maintenance was dealt with separately via NNDC

Norfolk County Services - Maintenance

Letter received from Norfolk County Services drawing Council's attention to their cleaning, catering and grounds maintenance services to include such things as construction of new playing fields, reseeding worn areas, application of fertiliser, line marking, hedge trimming, planting trees and shrubs, specialist floor care treatment and high cleaning facilities not normally available to most village halls

Norfolk Constabulary

Notice of meeting on 21st April 1992 at 7.30p.m. at Kingfisher Hotel Stalham

AOB

Parking at mouth of Greenways

There was a discussion on the increased parking of vehicles at the mouth of the road into Greenways off the main Wells Road. It was thought this would get increasingly more dangerous during the summer months. Mr Greenacre to contact Wells Police

THE MEETING CLOSED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: AGM and monthly meeting: 13th May 1992 at 7.30p.m.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

the monthly meeting was held immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall on Wednesday 13th May 1992

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

APOLOGIES: R Feilden and Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 8th April 1992 were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

Car Park entrance at Stiffkey Village Hall

c/f

Repair to bridge at bottom of Bangay

Letters received from Norfolk County Council Highways Dept. County Surveyor had asked his assistant for the area to inspect and to arrange works as considered appropriate

Post Box - Wells Road

Letter received from Royal Mail stating they were sorry to hear that the Parish Council were not informed of their intentions when the box was moved along the road earlier in the year. They would investigate and write again in due course. Since that letter there had been a site meeting with members of the Council and it had been proposed that the box be moved to a site on the right hand side of Greenway or if not then on the opposite side on the verge outside Miss Groom's house. The Post Office were attending to the matter and the outcome was awaited from them.

Licence for High Sand Creek

A letter had been received from NNDC. After discussion Mr Harrison took the letter and would investigate the matter

New street light

Letter received from Eastern Electricity quoting the sum of £122 + VAT being their charges to disconnect the existing tungsten lantern and bracket and fix on Eastern Electricity wood pole opposite the Stiffkey Stores and to provide the overhead electricity supply connection.

The Electricity Board were concerned that the old open type fitting was in a bad condition and, therefore, they might not be able to reconnect.

The additional cost of a new bracket and lantern, if required, would be £42 + VAT. There was a discussion as to where the best place to re-site the lamp would be. It was decided to further research the matter and to raise it at the June meeting.

Parking at mouth of Greenways

Mr Greenacre had contacted Police and reported what they had said. Owners of cars to be asked to move their cars from this dangerous spot.

OTHER AGENDA POINTS:

NNDC Seminar re: planning matters

The Chairman gave a report on the meeting attended by himself and the Clerk at the Council Offices, Cromer when various aspects of planning had been discussed.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Reclassification of Roads Used as Public Paths (RUPPS) in the Parish of Stiffkey

Letter received from NCC stating they had decided to re-classify the 4 RUPPS in the Parish of Stiffkey under their statutory obligation to do so under Section 54 of the above mentioned Act. They enclosed plan and statement. At the end of the consultation process they would decide to re-classify the RUPPS as footpaths, bridleways, or byways open to all traffic. Their decision would be based on evidence on past public use so they wrote to ask whether or not the Council had any information that might prove useful in coming to a

decision on the matter. They emphasised that it was not an opportunity to delete any public rights of way, and that it was not a procedure aimed at changing the current use of the paths under consideration. The re-classification was simply a legal and administrative process intended to clarify their present status. They wished to know who the landowners were having land adjoining the paths. After studying the footpath plan and statement the Clerk was asked to write to NCC and state the Council thought the paths should remain as they were at the present time

Norfolk Coast Project

Letter from Graeme Hayes, Norfolk Coast Project Officer introducing himself and offering to meet the Parish Council. Clerk to arrange for Mr Hayes to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

The letter stated that the Norfolk Coast Project was about the management of the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) as shown on the map enclosed. Although linked to a designation, and the protection of its wildlife and landscape qualities, the AONB designation differed from many of the other labels given to the coast in that it was primarily about people. The Project aimed to develop a partnership between all those with an interest in the area - the nature and landscape conservationists, the tourist industry and the people that live and work in the area - hopefully bridging some of the gaps between the different groups involved and encouraging a more co-ordinated approach to the way the area is used. Particular attention would be given to the AONB's popularity with visitors, both the benefits this brought to the local economy and the associated difficulties.

Funding for the Project came from Countryside Commission, Norfolk County Council, North Norfolk District Council and King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council, with the work carried out by Graeme Hayes and Project Assistant, Tim Lidstone-Scott, together with a partnership of other interested bodies. That partnership was essential and for the Project to succeed it must have the understanding, interest and support of the local community.

Mr Hayes said he would like to meet the Parish Council and discuss the Project; explaining more fully some of the Project ideas; exploring how best to involve the local people; and hearing thoughts on both problems and opportunities with respect to the area's management

Street lighting

Cheque signed to NNDC for £20.45, being cost of street lighting repairs/maintenance for period January to March 1992 (inclusive of VAT) and quarter of yearly administrative costs

Rural Viewpoint Magazine

Letter from ACRE inviting parish council to subscribe. The Council agreed they did not want to subscribe

Norfolk Rural Community Council

Letter from NRCC inviting Council to subscribe in 1992/93 at a rate of £7. The Council agreed to subscribe and a cheque for £7 was signed

AOB

Blakeney Harbour

Copy letter received, which had also been sent to Messrs Greenacre, Jordan and Green, with advance notice of a meeting that would be held at the Village Hall Blakeney on Monday 15th June at 7.30p.m.

Transportation of children to school

Letter received from the Town Clerk to Wells-next-the-Sea Town Council regarding transportation of children to both Wells County Primary School and the Alderman Peel High School. NCC had changed school bus routes without any prior warnings and consequently allowing no consultation period to take place.

13th May 1992

therefore a 53 seater bus was now carrying 78 children who were not all of the same age. The Town Clerk requested that the Parish Council write to Frances Roualle of Norfolk County Council, the N.C.A. of P. & T.C., and Mr R Howell M.P. regarding the matter expressing their disapproval of the current school transportation arrangements and press for changes to be brought into effect to ensure that there is one seat for one child only, 53 children on a 53 seater bus and not 78!

After discussion the Clerk was asked to write regarding the concern regarding non consultation and also reports of intimidation and bullying which were taking place on the school bus because of overcrowding. She was asked to also request that drivers of the school buses obeyed the rules.

It was pointed out at the meeting that it was allowed for 3 children to travel on one seat as they were not adults and that the drivers of the buses should exert some control over the children

THE MEETING CLOSED at 9.15p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 10th June 1992

a PLANNING MEETING followed immediately after the above meeting of the Parish Council with the same persons present
Plans relating to the erection of cottage with garage on a site on Wells Road Stiffkey ref: 01 920636 PF were examined by Councillors who were not in favour of the development. They considered the access was very dangerous

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of such use by reference to years it would be most helpful."

There was a discussion and the Clerk was asked to put up a notice in connection with the RUPPS

Bridge on marsh at bottom of Greenway

Letter received from The National Trust asking for cheque for £100 from Parish Council that they had previously generously offered towards the replacement of the bridge. Clerk to forward cheque

Transportation of children to school

Letters received from Mrs Joan Jenkins, Secretary of NCAPTC and Ralph Howell, M.P.

High Sand Creek Caravan Park

Letter received from P W Hickey, stating that there was an arrangement with The Camping Club of Great Britain that he could have up to 75 tents on the site. He was always very conscious of the fire risk on the site and the number and type of fire appliances were in excess of regulations and when the site got full the tents were individually sited with broad lanes between the lines so that there was easy access.

AOB: Donation

Letter from Huntington's Disease Association asking for donation. As this was only one of many such causes, the Parish Council did not think it appropriate to send a donation

Community Police/Consultative Group

Meeting to be held at St John's Ambulance Hall, Sheringham on 23rd June 1992 at 7.30p.m.

Little Hill

Clerk asked to investigate as to the whereabouts of the deeds of Little Hill

Finance

Cheques signed for National Trust £100, M M Feilden, £232.83 and J Greenacre (Oil petrol and blades) £15.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 10p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 8th July 1992

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 10th June 1992 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) L Jordan, A Millar, and M Harrison

APOLOGIES: Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC: nil

BEFORE THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING COMMENCED the Chairman welcomed Mr Graeme Hayes, Project Officer for the Norfolk Coast Project who had attended the meeting to introduce himself, to meet members of the parish council and to briefly explain the purpose of his Project. He aimed to develop a partnership between all those with an interest in the area and to get them to work together. His first task was to deal mainly with the tourist impact on the area. His office was at Wells, above Spaldings' offices, and he could be contacted there during office hours. Grants would be available for any worthwhile scheme, sometimes up to 100%

Mr Hayes then left the meeting

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 13th May 1992 were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

Car Park entrance at Stiffkey Village Hall

This had been marked by the Highways Dept. for attention

Post Box - Wells Road

Letter received from The Post Office saying the postbox could not be moved to Greenways because the road did not belong to the County Council. Clerk to reply saying the Parish Council were very unhappy about the situation because the present situation of the postbox was terribly dangerous. The Council had received lots of complaints about the box and some people had nearly been knocked down. The Parish Council considered this instance a special case where the usual rules could be waived. Although The Post Office publicize the fact that they like to oblige the customer, in this case it was not felt they were doing that.

New street lights

After discussion the Clerk was asked to arrange for an additional street light opposite the village shop on the existing pole. The street light outside the Lamp Shop to be left as it was.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Reclassification of Roads Used as Public Paths (RUPPS) in the Parish of Stiffkey

Letter received from Norfolk County Council stating that "Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, the County Council are under a duty to re-classify all the RUPPS in their area. Section 54 (3) states that if a right of way for vehicular traffic has been shown to exist then that RUPP must be re-classified as a byway open to all traffic. If vehicular rights are shown not to exist then the RUPP must be recorded as a bridleway. If bridleway rights are disproved then the RUPP must be re-classified as a footpath. As you can see, the Act is very restrictive and the County Council cannot take any other grounds (such as amenity) into account when reaching a decision.

Your comment that the footpaths should remain as before is noted, however, as pointed out above, the re-classification process focuses on ascertaining what public rights exist or have become established on these rights of way and provides them with their correct status.

To assist me in coming to a decision on the re-classification, could you please advise me of the past public use of these RUPPS (i.e. have the public used them as a public right of way or not?) If you could indicate the length

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a meeting was held on Wednesday 15th July 1992 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: A Curtis (Chairman) B Butler and M Harrison and Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES: R Feilden, L Jordan, J Greenacre and A Millar

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 10th June 1992 were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

Post Box - Wells Road

Letter from The Post Office notifying Council they were to resite the box at the entrance to Greenway. This had in fact taken place and was acceptable to the Council.

New street lights

As yet no quote had been received

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Reclassification of Roads Used as Public Paths (RUPPS) in the Parish of Stiffkey

There was a discussion and because of the low attendance of Councillors at the meeting it was decided to defer this matter until the next meeting in September

Bridge on marsh at bottom of Greenway

Letter of thanks received from The National Trust for the £100 contribution of the Parish Council towards the bridge

Little Hill

Letter received from NNDC stating they had searched in the Council's Land Terrier and it did not appear that the Council either owned this land or held the deeds to the property. However, the District Council could enquire of Norfolk County Council and ask them to search the Register and this would reveal whether the land was Common land and may disclose the registered owner of the land. Clerk to ask NNDC to make the Search on behalf of the Parish Council and with an agreement by the Parish Council to reimburse the Commons Search fee.

Council houses

There was a general discussion about Council policy on council houses in Stiffkey

Planning

Plans of extension and alterations to 24 Bridge Street, Stiffkey O1 920962 PF were examined by Councillors. The plans were then taken by Councillors for a site meeting as the plans were not clear to them.

THE MEETING CLOSED

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday September 9th 1992.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 9th September 1992 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

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

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

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 15th July 1992 were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

New Street lights

Quotes of £131 + VAT to supply and fix to Eastern Electricity's distribution pole, one pole bracket complete with side entry lantern, control gear, 80 watt MBFU lamp and photoelectric cell and also £103.95 for the provision of a supply of electricity to the new street light bracket, which may be subject to VAT had been accepted and cheque for £103.95 had been sent to Eastern Electricity for work to commence.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Reclassification of Roads Used as Public Paths (RUPPS) in the Parish of Stiffkey

Although posters had been displayed around the village no-one had come forward regarding the paths. Clerk therefore asked to write to Norfolk County Council stating Council had received no complaints and could be of no further help to them and also to reiterate what had been said before on this matter.

Cromer Pier Curtains

Letter received from NNDC asking for offers for old theatre curtains Messrs Curtis and Greenacre to investigate position

Planning Department: Seminars

Letter received from NNDC as a follow-up to Planning Seminar held in April and May and informing Council they would write again with details of forthcoming Seminars.

Delegation of Responsibilities to Parish Council

Letter from NNDC with list of subjects where responsibility could be offered to the Parish Council.

Publicity for Planning Applications

Letter from NNDC outlining a new system of notifying the community of planning applications submitted to the planning authority. Clerk to reply that Council would be pleased to assist with such scheme.

AOB

Highways - roadcleaning

It was reported that recent roadcleaning works by NNDC had stopped at Greenway and failed to clean the rest of Wells Road towards Wells. Greenway, however, had been cleaned all the way down, although it was not a public road. Clerk to ask Council to clean all the roads in Stiffkey and also to ask them how often their schedule brought them into the village.

Church Knoll - waste bin

Clerk to ask NNDC if they will provide a waste bin for the site on Church Knoll

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9th September, 1992

Highways

Clerk to bring to the attention of NNDC Highways Dept. the fact that there was no footpath up the side of Little Hill and this was very dangerous to pedestrians. She was to point out that there was an invalid who regularly used this road in a wheelchair and there was nowhere for the wheelchair to go.

Speed of traffic through Stiffkey

Clerk to write to Highways Dept. and ask them to let us know the result of the pedestrian count they were to conduct during this summer.

THE MEETING CLOSED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14th October 1992.

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 14th October 1992 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

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

APOLOGIES: M Harrison and A Millar

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 9th September 1992. There was a query on the minute regarding RUPPS by Mr J Greenacre but this was resolved and the minutes were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

Matters Arising:-

New STREET LIGHTS

Cheque sent to Eastern Electricity on 7th August for work to commence but so far no work had been carried out. Clerk to chase up Eastern Electricity.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Reclassification of Roads Used as Public Paths (RUPPS) in the Parish of Stiffkey

After discussion it was proposed by L Jordan seconded by J Greenacre and agreed by the majority that the following C.R.F.'s had been used by the public with vehicles on a regular basis for at least 20 years:-

2. C.R.F. - Damson Lane

Starts from Bridge Street and runs in a north-westerly direction to F.P.1

3. C.R.F. - Bangay Green Way

Starts from the Stiffkey-Morston Road by Council Houses and runs in a northerly direction to join C.R.F.6.

6. C.R.F. Green Way to F.P.5

Starts from the northern end of Green Way and runs eastwards over Stiffkey Greens to F.P.5

9. C.R.F. - Green Way

Starts from Muckledyke and runs northwards to Stiffkey Marshes
Clerk to reply to Norfolk County Council accordingly

HIGHWAYS:

1. Road Cleaning

Norfolk County Council stated that District Councils were now the authority responsible for road cleaning. Clerk to take matter up with Technical Services Department, NNDC

2. Little Hill

Norfolk County Council stated all footway requests were assessed in accordance with a standard system, details of which were specified on the leaflet attached to their letter. If the Parish Council wished to pursue the matter the precise position and extent of the footway request should be indicated on the attached ordnance survey map and they should advise the Area Engineer of the most appropriate two hour period during a weekday for the pedestrian count. He would then initiate the assessment procedure.

3. Footway Request

The pedestrian count had been carried out and the Area Engineer was waiting for the result and would contact the Council again in the near future

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4. A149 - Blocked Drains etc.

Letter from Norfolk County Council stating the Divisional Engineer would arrange inspection and appropriate action.

Little Hill

NNDC had received the result of the Council's search of the Register of Common Land. The Search Certificate confirmed that the land was registered as Common land and was subject to rights of common. However, it was also clear from the Certificate that there was no ownership registration in respect of the land. In this circumstance, as indicated in previous correspondence, Section 9 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 allows any local authority in whose area the land is situate - including the Parish Council - to take appropriate steps to protect the land.

The result of the search in no way implied that the land was owned by the Parish Council; the search simply revealed that there was no registered owner. However if, after appropriate investigations, the Parish Council considered that it did own the land, NNDC suggested they approach their Solicitors in order that the preparation of a Statutory Declaration in support of the Parish Council's ownership of the land may be considered.

NNDC strongly suggested the Parish Council obtain certified copies of the registered rights of common before taking any action in respect of the land. Clerk to obtain such certified copies of the registered rights of common.

After discussion it was proposed and agreed that after certified copies had been obtained the Clerk contact Mrs Jenkins re: the Statutory Declaration and if this was not appropriate then approach Hayes and Storr at Wells to see if they would draw up the Statutory Declaration.

Deeds and items to be kept in safe custody.

Letter from Barclays Bank plc to say there would now be a charge each quarter to keep deeds &c in safe custody at the Bank. After discussion it was decided that the deeds and documents of Stiffkey Parish Council should be removed from Barclays Bank plc at Wells and instead kept in the safe at Stiffkey Parish Church free of charge.

Parish Precept 1993/94

Letter from NNDC with precept request for the financial year beginning 1st April 1993. It was decided that the precept should remain the same as before, which was £1,160p.a.

Parish and Town Council Review

Latest local government reorganisation consultation paper received. Councillors took it to study and pass round. Any responses must be with Dept. of Environment by 30th November 1992.

Holt and District C.A.B.

Letter of Appeal received from Holt and District C.A.B. It was decided to send a donation of £10, as in previous years.

Cheques

Cheques were also signed made payable to Stiffkey Village Hall for £36 being fee for hire of Village Hall for meetings during 1992 and £800, to transfer the gift of that amount received from Stiffkey Social Club for the stage over to

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Stiffkey Village Hall, who had paid this amount from their own funds.
Also cheque for £30 signed for Stiffkey Parochial Church Council, being the amount paid by the Council towards churchyard maintenance.

Lorries through Langham

This matter was brought up but apparently had already been decided during the Summer.

Jet skis in Harbour

One or two people had been appointed to see that the Bye Laws were not broken. No-one from Stiffkey had been appointed.

Withdrawal of Free School Transport for Ineligible Pupils

Letter received from Catfield and Sutton Parish Councils. Clerk to write to District Council expressing Parish Council's concern in this matter.

THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.40p.m.

Next Meeting: 11th November, 1992

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STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 11th November 1992 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) B Butler, A Millar, M Harrison, L Jordan and R Feilden

APOLOGIES: Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 14th October 1992 were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

Street lights

Clerk had telephoned Eastern Electricity who informed her electricity had been supplied to the pole opposite Stiffkey Stores ready to fix the bracket. The bracket was dealt with by a different Department and the Clerk had written and asked them to commence work straight away.

It was reported that lamps on Church Street and Church Knoll were not working - Clerk to report to NNDC.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Reclassification of Roads Used as Public Paths (RUPPS) in the Parish of Stiffkey

Mr Harrison expressed his astonishment at the minutes of the last meeting which he had not attended in which councillors had agreed by a majority that the C.R.F. - Damson Lane starting from Bridge Street and running in a north-westerly direction to R.P.1 had been used by the public with vehicles on a regular basis for at least 20 years. Mr Harrison could not remember anyone going down this C.R.F. with vehicles except occasionally from the River Board and Eastern Electricity.

Road Cleaning

This had now been done satisfactorily

Footpath at Little Hill and Blocked Drains
c/f

Little Hill - Statutory Declaration

Clerk had written to Mrs Jenkins to ask if she would be able to help regarding the preparation of a Statutory Declaration.

Deeds and items to be kept in safe custody

All deeds and documents of Stiffkey Parish Council had been removed from Barclays Bank at Wells and deposited in the safe at Stiffkey Parish Church.

New agenda matters:

Insurance

Clerk informed Councillors that because the Council were insured with Municipal Mutual Insurance Company, who had recently got into difficulties, she had rang up the Company who informed her the Council were not now insured. Clerk to obtain quote from Cornhill and Mr R Feilden to obtain quote from NFU Insurance.

Waste Basket on Church Knoll.

The Chairman had obtained a basket from the Council which he had mended and varnished and it was agreed that this would stand on Church Knoll. After discussion Mr R Feilden offered to empty the bin and this was agreed.

THE MEETING CLOSED

NEXT MEETING: 9th December 1992

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

a meeting was held on Wednesday 9th December 1992 at 7.30p.m. in Stiffkey Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr A Curtis (Chairman) J Greenacre (Vice Chairman) M Harrison and L Jordan

APOLOGIES: R Feilden, B Butler, A Millar and Mrs A Wootten (District Councillor)

PUBLIC: nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 11th November 1992 were taken as read, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING:

Street lights

Waiting for Eastern Electricity to fix light and bracket.
Clerk to report lamp on Church Street to District Council

Footpath at Little Hill

Letter received from Norfolk County Council stating:

"The footway assessment system, which has now been in use since 1974, is designed to ensure that the sites which represent the greatest danger to pedestrians across the whole county are the locations where the schemes are the first to be constructed, irrespective of the date of the request. Schemes do not "climb" the list. Generally the schemes with lower points ratings are overtaken by higher priority schemes requested at a later date. While the Area Engineer is not unsympathetic in this situation, it is the only fair way to distribute very limited funding. The request for Stiffkey has currently been reassessed and now stands at 59 points. This is a much higher rating than the earlier one, but is still not one of the schemes which will feature at the top of the list. The Area Engineer could possibly best illustrate this by the following comments:

The last submission list from the County Surveyors Office to be added to the centrally held priority list consisted of 38 schemes. Of these 38 schemes 7 had a rating above 59 points. The scheme for Stiffkey would form part of the next batch to be submitted for addition to the central list and it was probable there would, again, be a similar number with ratings above 59 points as requests for schemes are increasing rapidly at the present time. While the Area Engineer realised this news may be a little disappointing for the Parish Council it has shown the scheme was now more urgent than before and was, following the latest assessment, higher on the list than previously. After discussion it was decided the Clerk should contact Ralph Howerll, M.P. regarding a footpath on Little Hill, stating that this had been going on a long time and the Parish Council were making no headway and asking him if he could use his influence in this situation.

Little Hill - Common Land

Letter received from Mrs J Jenkins, Secretary of NCAPTC stating "There is no way in which our legal department can assist you unless you let us have the evidence your Council feels proves its ownership of Little Hill. The fact that the Chairman of the Council registered it as common land in 1969 does not prove ownership by the Council, as is clear from the Commons Commissioner's judgement in 1978. The Commissioners will have considered

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any evidence put before them but gave Little Hill Section 9 status which, as the District Council explained, simply means that any appropriate local authority can take steps to protect the land (but cannot take it over or manage it)."

Mrs Jenkins asked the Parish Council for their evidence and then their legal department could advise.

After discussion it was decided it would not be worth taking this matter any further because the land was obviously protected from being taken over.

Insurance

Clerk had obtained proposal form from Cornhill Insurance. Councillors supplied her with the relevant details so she could obtain a quote. Clerk to let Mr C R Feilden have a note of details so he could obtain a similar quote from NFU Insurance.

Street lighting repairs/maintenance

01/04/92 to 30/09/92

Invoice received for £94.46 in total, including VAT. Clerk instructed not to pay account and to investigate what the charges were first stated to be by the Council.

Pier Curtains

Mrs Wootten to investigate.

The meeting closed at 8.23p.m.

Date of next meeting: 13th January, 1993.

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