

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Emergency Meeting held on the 26th August 2010

Members Present:-

Mr. S Sutton
Mr. M Harrison
Mr. L Jordan

Apologies: - Mr. A Nolan

A meeting was held on the 26th August 2010 for the Parish Council to interview the Applicants for the position of Clerk to Stiffkey Parish Council. Each Applicant was interviewed in-depth according to the questions that had been provided by Miss E Smith, Solicitor at North Norfolk District Council. Once all the interviews had taken place a decision was made by the Parish Council to award the position to Miss B Jordan.

The new Clerk was asked to advise the other applicants of the decision.

It was also discussed at the meeting the need for new Members for the Parish Council and the Clerk was asked to put up notices again to ask for Applicants for the three positions available.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Minutes of Stiffkey Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th September 2010.

Present: Laurence Jordan, Stanley Sutton, Mark Harrison, Country Councillor Marie Strong, 5 Parishioners & Clerk.

Apologies: A Dixon (Police), a Nolan, District Councillor Jonathan Savory.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26th August 2010 and the meeting held on the 6th September 2010 have been received by members and duly signed off.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Interest

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Police Crime Report

No items of crime have been reported since the last meeting.

3.2 Councillor Strong's Report

Broadband and Mobile Phone Coverage in Norfolk

The public meeting was well attended and added weight to the need for the County to pressure providers not to ignore Norfolk. We have now submitted a bid to be considered for a rural national pilot but continue to need support from residents – demanding that we will not be left behind as the second generation of broadband becomes available to the more urban areas of England. Even if you have already done so please click on to www.broadband.norfolk.com and register your interest for a better service. Additionally all Norfolk Libraries will be carrying a petition form for you to sign – and there will also be copies out to all the Villages in my area (see enclosed). We really have to make a push now.

Connexions

It is planned to drastically cut the numbers of Connexions staff (the staff who help find employment for young people who are not in employment, education or training- known as NEET). It is intended that most of the support for young people will be given via the web. I continue to press that special consideration be given for those young people in our rural parishes who do not have access to good broadband and who if they access information on school or public library computers have difficulty in getting home – due



to lack of public transport. We know that drastic cuts have to be taken but I hope we can minimize the affect on the vulnerable members of the next generation.

Library and Library Van

If we do not use it we could lose it!! Some villages have been making little use of the library van – one not at all. This may be because newcomers are not aware of the service or that the time or locations are no longer appropriate. I am taking to each of the Parish Councils details of the van's schedule to see if adjustments to the schedule would help and can be made. The library staff and County Officers do not want us to lose this facility but we need to help them. It is free and easy to join – books including large print, stories on tape, CDs, DVDs are all available. I must add a plug for the Wells Library itself (and its super staff) In addition to all the items that are listed above you can borrow computer games and use the computers, including the internet, for free. Please send any comments, suggestions or requests for information either about the library or the van to wells.lib@norfolk.gov.uk or telephone 01328 710467.

A special request from the driver of the library van. Please do not park (illegally) opposite the library van garage since this means he cannot exit the garage. The driver on many occasions has found it necessary to visit the bank, library, post office etc seeking those illegally parked. Recently he could not find the culprit and as a result he did not have time to stop at Stiffkey. Enough said!!!

Wells Field Study Centre

The Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel will now meet at 2.00 pm on Thursday 7th October 2010 (at County Hall) to discuss proposals for the future of the Field Study Centre. The meeting will be open to the Public with opportunity to send in questions prior to the event – you will need to contact Kristen Jones 01603 223053 or kristen.jones@norfolk.gov.uk to obtain details of the deadline for questions. I shall be on the Panel that day and would be delighted to see any of you in the public area.

Sky Interactive Button

Attached is a copy of details of how to obtain information via Sky, Virgin, Wii, PC and mobile about services from Norfolk County Council.

Recycle Centre – Wells

There have been problems with clearing the items that have been deposited for recycling whilst the site was open. As this site is only part-time they have a limited number of days in which to remove all the items that have built up. They are looking into this and hope to make some adjustments to collection times and days.



Litter Problem in Wells

It was brought to the attention of Marie Strong by one of the Parishioners that Wells does seem to have a litter problem at certain times of the year and in certain places. Councillor Strong said that she would look into this.

3.3 Councillor Jonathan Savory's Report

Nothing to report from the last meeting. Unable to attend this meeting.

4. Correspondence

4.1 NNDC – Communities Team

Letter from NNDC asking for updated contact information.

4.2 NNDC – Legal Services

Letter from NNDC advising about a Special Event for Parish Council Clerks.

4.3 Bank Statements

Bank Statements for the two current accounts relating to the month of August 2010.

4.4 K McDougall

Mr. McDougall requests a banner with regard to the Cycle Race - 16th September 2010 to welcome the cycle race to Stiffkey. Idea declined by the Parish Council.

5. Finance

The following expenditure was approved.

E-on Energy 47.95 Paid via DDR from main account.
Mazers Auditors 57.50
Village Hall Fee 150.00

6. Planning

No Plans have officially been received by the Parish Council but they have been advised of some in the pipeline for 46 Wells Road, Stiffkey. That would be Two Houses and Parking. The Council agreed for the party concerned to come and explain the plans that have been submitted but not yet approved, at a later meeting.

7. A.O.B.



7.1 Homewatch – Neighbourhood Watch

Homewatch is in the process of being set up and they are just awaiting all the forms to come back from village members. There are enough funds to purchase new signs. There is a good coverage of Co-coordinators for the village. Public meeting to follow in due course. Mary Gerrad will continue as main contact/finance officer for the village for the time being.

Mr. White approached the council with regard to setting up a new system re security for the older members of the village, but it appears to be too expensive and too complicated. Mark Harrison will liaise with Mr. White to discuss further. Quotes to be obtained by Mr. White.

7.2 Village Sign

Nothing further has been heard about the Village Sign. It was requested that Mr. E Procter be requested to come to the next meeting to discuss to what stage the sign had reached with regard to repair/replacement. It was also suggested that a request should be made for the email address of the party carrying out the work so that it can be chased if necessary.

7.3 Work on Bridge

Mark Harrison to chase up re the above work to be carried up on the bridge.

7.4 Street Lighting

A request was made for contact to be made with Jones with regard to the following street lights that are not working correctly:-

No 15 Hollow Lane

No 5 Council Houses, Wells Road, Stiffkey.

7.5 Allotments

A request had been made by Martin Green from NNDC for numbers from the village interested in Allotments. Between 8 – 10 parties have expressed an interest in having an allotment. The Clerk will advise Mr. Green of the numbers await information as to what happens next.

7.6 Bottlebank

The issue of the bottlebank was raised and the Chairman advised the meeting that forms had been left with the Village Hall Committee for them to complete certain details and forward on to NNDC. Then the point of where to site the bottlebank was raised. One of



the Village Hall Committee wanted to remove the wall and push the bottlebank back so that it was not taking up the car parking spaces. There was also the issue of who the land belonged to that they wanted to dig into to make space for the bottlebank. It was noted that the bottlebank had to be accessible to all parties and had to be sited on a flat surface and that the lorry should be able to deliver and collect without any access problems.

It was pointed out that the monies from the bottlebank at the Red Lion are donated to the church every year and this has been the case for some time.

It was decided to hold a small site meeting outside at the end of this meeting to discuss it further and see how things would work out. Mark Harrison also advised that he would speak to the driver of the collection lorry asking his advice the next time that the bottlebank down on the camp site was emptied.

7.7 Flashing Signs

It was requested by one of the Parishioners that signs should be put up in the village that read "We have no footpaths in this village". And a request was made for further information about cost and who should give permission for them to be installed. Comments were also made about the mobile flashing signs to be located in the village at some point in time. A request will be made to the Highways Dept.

7.8 Parish Councillors

New signs will go up around the village requesting new members for the Parish Council. This must be done correctly.

7.9 On street Parking

The problem with parking in this village has not been resolved. A question was raised about if we have a traffic warden for this village. But it would appear that the Police monitor this and issue tickets if required.

7.10 Greenway Trees

It was discussed at the last meeting about the trees in Greenway being on a water main. It was noted that the funding for the trees came from Major General Turner-Cain and they were planted by Mrs. A Miller. Mark Harrison will ring to ask for an inspection to take place on the trees.

Meeting Closed at 20.11



Minutes of Stiffkey Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th October 2010.

Present: Laurence Jordan, Stanley Sutton, Mark Harrison, Police, 5 Parishioners & Clerk.

Apologies: A Nolan, Marie Strong Country Councillor, District Councillor Jonathan Savory (NB. A Nolan has not yet resigned his post)

1. Minutes

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2. Declarations of Interest

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3. Matters Arising

3.1 **Police Crime Report**

One incident of A.B.H. which was Arrested and two incidents of Rowdy Behaviour in the village since the last meeting were reported by the Police. The Local Team has recently been assigned new priorities for the next twelve months which include Anti-Social Behaviour and The Quay at Wells.

3.2 **Councillor Strong's Report**

The EDP's diagram showed where we in this division will NOT be getting the upgrade we need and deserve. Our NCC work party, of which I continue to be an enthusiastic member, has now met with two of the major providers to see what they have to offer – more information later. A solution will not be found quickly, it will take as long as it takes and we must keep up the pressure so register your need for better service and click on to www.broadband.norfolk.com.

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Recycling Centre:



There is concern that on the four days the Wells site is open folk are having to wait outside whilst containers are emptied – when for example on their way to work. I am in discussion with NCC Waste Officers, urging where possible clearance takes place on the closure days. A meeting is taking place with May Gurney and I will report back next month. For now note that the site should be closed for no longer than 30 minutes at any one time. Additionally the staff are instructed, when it is safe and practical, to take small amounts of waste or recycling material from the public at the gate.

Wells & Holt Field Study Centres:

As previously advertised the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel will have met on Thursday 7 October to discuss and vote on proposals for the future of the Field Study Centres. All I can say for now is that considerable work has been put into finding an acceptable way forward for the centres – and as we all know times have got harder.

Tour of Britain:

Norfolk apparently gave the cyclists the best reception of all the counties - and I know our villages did the County proud. Thanks to all who put up decorations and gathered along our route. My arm nearly dropped off practising the Mexican Wave with the enthusiastic students of Alderman Peel – they and their families must be congratulated on such an impeccable turn-out.

3.3 Councillor Jonathan Savory's Report

Nothing to report from the last meeting. Unable to attend this meeting.

3.4 Bridge

We have been advised that the team will try to come to deal with the ivy on the Bridge and assess the situation with the tree. We are still awaiting an Email from the interested party concerning the work.

3.5 Little Hill, Stiffkey

MR. S Sutton asked who was responsible for clearing and keeping clean Little Hill, Stiffkey. This is the ground opposite the Public House. The Chairman used to do this but feel that he has done his share and would like to hand this job to someone younger. Mr. Lawrence feels that it may be possible to ask the Pub to contribute towards the cost of upkeep. This question will be put forward by Mr. Lawrence to the Public House Owners.

3.6 Parish Council Vacancies

Both Mr. J Lawrence and Mrs. K Pickels were Co-op-ed onto the Stiffkey Parish Council. All Councillors agreed to have the two new members.

4. Correspondence



4.1 Applications Re Parish Council Vacancies

Applications from Mr. J Lawrence and Mrs. K Pickels to join Stiffkey Parish Council.
(See above).

4.2 Letter from Mr. A Curtis

Letter was received from Mr. Alan Curtis advising that he would no longer be able to look after the War Memorial next to the Village Hall. A Vote of thanks was raised for all the work that Mr. Curtis has done over the years. Mr. E Proctor said that he will take on the task.

4.3 Highway Rangers

Letters have been received by the council relating to the above. They are a team that will attend to various maintenance items along the Highway in Stiffkey.

The Highway and Community Rangers service is due to commence at the beginning of October. The Ranger gangs will make scheduled visits to a community following our highway inspections.

The Stiffkey inspection will be carried out during week commencing 11 October 2010. The Rangers will therefore be visiting Stiffkey in approximately 3 weeks to carry out the work identified through inspections and reported by the Parish Council.

Should you be aware of appropriate work that can be considered as part of the visit (see typical items below), please email these to highways@norfolk.gov.uk including RANGER and STIFFKEY in the subject title. Please provide as much information as possible including the exact location and specific concerns.

Typical Ranger Items:

- Side out a carriageway or footway
- Clear mud and soil from the carriageway (non urgent)
- Hand sweep carriageway or footway (the routine sweeping service will continue to be provided by the District Council)
- Trim hedge to expose sign etc.
- Soil and seed verge
- Strim verge grass
- Rod and flush drain
- Clean out gully
- Rod and flush kerb drainage offlet
- Clear ditch
- Clear grip
- Wash sign, bollard or reflector post
- Repair minor kerb defect



- Repair minor footway surface defects

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Karl Rands

Highway Engineer

Highway Operations (North)

Environment, Transport and Development

Norfolk County Council

Highway Enquiries: 0344 800 8009 or highways@norfolk.gov.uk

Two items to be reported were Blocked Drains one on Cockthrope Road and the other Chosley Road.

4.4 Precept Request – NNDC 2011

A request was received from the Local Council with regard to the level of Precept that is required for next year. This would have to take into account the Parish Council Elections which happen next year April/May 2011 and the costs which are associated with this. The Parish Council also felt that it had to take into account the current situation with the Village Hall and the possibility of have to fund all or part of the running costs. Thus a decision was taken to increase the precept from 4000.00 to 5000.00 an increase of 1000.00. The increase was proposed by Mark Harrison and seconded by both Laurence Jordan and Stanley Sutton. Thus motion carried.

5. Finance

The following expenditure was approved.

E-on Energy 47.95 Paid via DDR from main account.
Lynx Fee 57.50

Review of Audited Accounts – discussed and signed off

6. Planning

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7. A.O.B.

7.1 Homewatch – Neighbourhood Watch



No further information received since the last meeting.

7.2 Village Sign

Mr. E Proctor attended the meeting to advise that the sign should be completed towards to end of November 2010 and when he receives confirmation that the sign is ready to collect he will go to collect it but would like another of the Parish Council team to go with him in order to inspect the sign before the work is signed off and the money paid. Mr. Proctor said that he would keep up to date with the situation.

7.3 Trees on Greenway

Mark is still chasing both Oliver Vaughan-Jones and Anglian Water. So far no contact has been received from Anglian Water regarding the matter.

7.4 Street Lighting

A request was made for contact to be made with Jones with regard to the following street lights that are not working correctly:-

No 15 - Council Houses, Wells Road, Stiffkey.

No 5 - Hollow Lane

The work will be carried out within the next few days.

7.5 Allotments

A request had been made by Martin Green from NNDC for numbers from the village interested in Allotments. Between 8 – 10 parties have expressed an interest in having an allotment. The Clerk will advise Mr. Green of the numbers await information as to what happens next. Still awaiting further confirmation from Mr. Green.

7.6 Bottlebank

Mrs. Pickels advised that she had spoken to someone from North Norfolk District Council. There is a problem with the lorry accessing the car park for collections; it appears that the lorry may not be able to get into the Village Hall Car Park. This is due to overhead cables. There is also the question of whether the village is able to receive more than one lot of funds from the recycling. We are awaiting answers from NNDC.

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7.8 Village Hall

A request was made from one of the Parishioners with regard to the current situation with the Village Hall. Mrs. Pickels kindly brought all the Parish Council up to date with the situation and the things that need to be addressed. The Village Hall needs to be run as a community building which costs approximately two thousand five hundred pounds a year just to keep going. The Clerk was going to look into the issue of Insurance and what is covered for the Parish Council Members. We are specifically looking for Professional Indemnity Insurance, this may already be covered. The Parish Council stated that they are responsible for the Village Hall as Trustees.

Meeting Closed at 20.15

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Re Planning held on Monday 25th October 2010.

PLANNING ISSUES

- **Rose Cottage**

The Parish Council was unhappy with the comments made by the appealing party (Mr. Hickey). It was stated in the appeal document that one of the Parish Councillors should not have voted due to a disagreement, and that the Chairman would have voted in his favour had this happened. The party that has the disagreement with Mr. Hickey is Mr. Harrison but there were other members present who voted against this. Even if Mark had not voted the motion would still have been carried and stood as refused.

The Chairman was also upset with the implication that his vote was to be in favour of the application – this would not have been the case. He felt that there was a suggestion that Mr. Hickey was able to predetermine his decision which could well call into question his integrity.

It was decided that the decision made was to stand with no further comments but it should be noted about the Chairman's anger with regard to the comments made about his vote.

The Clerk would send the necessary documents to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol.

- **Proposed Development - 46 Wells Road, Stiffkey**

We received a Planning Application for the above mentioned. A decision was required by the 29th October 2010, however the plans had only just been received (23rd October 2010) although they were dated the 4th October 2010.

It was decided that the Parish Council was unable to give a decision at this time until we had held the next meeting so that it could be discussed with the parishioners. It was understood that there were a few interested parishioners who would like to see and hear more. It was suggested that the Applicant should be invited to the next meeting to discuss further and it was also noted that the Applicant had a model which he was willing to bring along to the meeting. It was also noted that the Architect concerned was also willing to attend.

The Clerk was requested to advise Mr. Linder (Planning Dept) of the Council's decision.



- **Proposed Development – Stiffkey Campsite – Agricultural Building**

Another planning application was also received which was for a replacement agricultural building on the Old Military Camp, Greenway, Stiffkey.

This development was on behalf of L G Harrison & Sons and thus Mark Harrison was asked to explain the development and then the other members of the Parish Council came to the following decision;-

- (1) Supports the Application.

The Clerk was requested to advise the Planning Dept at NNDC of the decision.

Meeting Closed 19.50



Minutes of Stiffkey Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st November 2010.

Present: Laurence Jordan, Stanley Sutton, Mark Harrison, Karen Pickels, Jamie Lawrence, Councillor Jonathan Savory & 5 Parishioners & Clerk.

Apologies: Marie Strong Country Councillor & Police

1. Minutes

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2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Interest

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Police Crime Report

Nothing to report for this month for our area..

3.2 Councillor Strong's Report

Cuts and Consultation:

You may have read in the press the County proposals on savings. It is important for you to know that you will have an opportunity to have your say by Monday 10 January 2011. You need to read the proposals in detail so go on-line to Norfolk County Council and enter 'Norfolk's Big Conversation' and NCC's proposals. If you do not have a computer ask a friend or relation to make you a copy; failing which ask at the Library where staff have kindly agreed to help anyone access the information and will have a hard copy available; or telephone 0344 800 8 020 and ask for a copy to be sent to you. The document tells you how to respond. In addition various key stakeholders will be invited to explanatory meetings and I anticipate parish councils and/or other groups will be holding discussions. If I am wanted at such meetings I will do my best to attend. We all know cuts have to be made just make sure you have your say - say what you feel should not be cut and if possible offer alternatives. I need time to study the proposals in greater detail but for my part I will be saying that rural areas must not be disproportionately disadvantaged.

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3.3 Councillor Jonathan Savory's Report

Councillor Savory is delighted to see that something is being done about the site at 46 Wells Road, Stiffkey. He believes that this will be better than it is now. He advised us that there was an Appeal taking place for Rose Cottage.

He also informed us that the land at Bangey Lane was cut and asked what the situation was with regard to getting allotments on this land. The Clerk informed him that she was awaiting further information for NNDC (Helen Dixon) regarding this matter and will bring any results to the next meeting. One of the Parish Council members asked if we had any idea of the value of the land. But Councillor Savory was unable to comment on this at this time.

3.4 Bridge

We have been advised that the Ivy has been cut through but we are still waiting for the other work to be completed. Mark said that he would chase.

3.5 Parish Council Vacancies

There have been no further applicants to join the Parish Council.

3.6 Little Hill

Little Hill has been cleaned up since the last meeting.

3.7 War Memorial

The War Memorial has been sorted since the last meeting but concerns were raised about that state of the writing on the memorial and Mrs. G Green said that she would kindly assess to see if she can help.

There was also concern expressed about the state of the wall and the surrounding trees. Eddie Proctor said that he was prepared/willing to do the work. There was also the question of ownership of the land on which the War Memorial is situated.

4. Correspondence

Letters from the following have been received this month:-

N C C Waste Management
Active Norfolk
Pathfinder
Highway Road Closure information
N C C Spending Cuts
Playground information
Playing Field (Leaflet)

5. Finance

The following expenditure was approved.

E-on Energy 47.95 Paid via DDR from main account.

6. Planning

Present at the Meeting was Mr. N Weston and Mr. B Porter (Architect) parties relating to the Planning Application for 46 Wells Road, Stiffkey. They had brought with them a scale model for the members to view and discuss as required. The Plans were also available for all to view with regard to this application. There was some concern expressed as to whether the design would fit onto the plot and it was decided that a site meeting should be held and this was to take place on Tuesday 2nd November 2010 at 11.00am. Until that time no comment will be made to Mt Gary Linder (Planning Dept) with regard to this application.

No other matters with regard to planning, as a meeting was held on the 25th October 2010 that covered all other applications.

7. A.O.B.

7.1 Street Lighting



Some of the work has been completed and the Clerk will chase with regard to the outstanding items. It was possible that one of the poles may have been missed due to the fact that it is enclosed within trees and ivy.

There was also the question of the light that is in the Phone Box. This is still on and who is paying for the electric? There was also a pane of glass broken in the box - Karen would chase this matter up with Janey Sugden.

7.2 Village Sign

Nothing further with regard to the sign for the time being.

7.2 Trees on Greenway

Still Outstanding at this time.

7.3 Allotments

See note above re Councillor Savory's report.

7.4 Bottlebank

We are awaiting answers from NNDC.

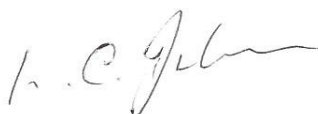
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A request was made from one of the Parishioners with regard to the current situation with the Village Hall. Mrs. Pickels kindly brought all the Parish Council up to date with the situation and the things that need to be addressed. The Village Hall needs to be run as a community building which costs approximately two thousand five hundred pounds a year just to keep going. The Clerk was going to look into the issue of Insurance and what is covered for the Parish Council Members. We are specifically looking for Professional Indemnity Insurance, this may already be covered. The Parish Council stated that they are responsible for the Village Hall as Trustees. A further update will be given at the next meeting.

7.7 Mrs. Clarke's Cherry Trees



It was brought to the attention of the Council that the trees outside of Mrs. Clarke's, Church Street, had some very dangerous branches which could cause injury to someone walking down the path. Clerk would bring this to the attention of the Highway Rangers to sort.

7.8 Path at Camping Hill

It was also brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the path at Camping Hill was in a very bad state. This is the path that runs to the front of the houses. The Clerk would bring this to the attention of the required parties in order to get this sorted.

7.9 Speeding Cars

There was concern raised about the speed of some of the vehicles that pass through this village and something needed to be done. Perhaps the Speed Camera could come to the village to bring this situation under control. A request would go to the Police with regard to this.

7.10 Public House Sign

Concern was raised over the Sign that is used by the Red Lion to advertise vacancies. It is dangerous and is an eyesore. Even when the sign is removed the remaining holder is sticking up and dangerous. Mark Harrison will speak to the party concerned regarding this matter.

7.11 Speeding On Greenway

Residents of Greenway have raised the concern over people speeding down Greenway, and asked if we could have a sign re advised speed. It was mentioned that Morston have in the past had this problem and had to resort to putting in speed bumps to stop the problem. It was decided that we would have a trial with a speed sign to see if this makes any difference. Mark would get a sign made up. It was also brought to the attention of the Council that cars are still parking close to the junction of Greenway. Greenway is a Bye-way open to all traffic so does that make a difference? It was pointed out that next year NNDC will take over parking and this could be something that they will have to deal with. Further questions will be asked.

7.12 Playing Field

It was asked by Mr. A Curtis considering the state of the Playing Field accounts will the up-keep end up putting more onto the precept in the future? This is something that may have to happen we would just have to wait and see what transpires.

7.13 Wreath At War Memorial 11/11/10



A volunteer has been asked for in order for the wreath to be laid and the names read out on the 11th November 2010. Mr. A Curtis said that he would do the honours.

7.14 Mr. A Nolan

Mr. Andy Nolan resigned from the Council on a verbally basis – due to circumstances he was unable to put it into writing. Thanks were expressed by Mr. Sutton for all his help over the last few years.

Meeting Closed at 20.15

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. C. J. A." with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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DECEMBER.
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3. Matters Arising

3.1 **Police Crime Report**

Please accept our apologies as we are unable to attend the meeting tonight. Since your last meeting on November 01st Stiffkey has had 1 crime which was a burglary in a building other than a dwelling. During the same period we had a total of 2 calls to our control room, 1 for the burglary and 1 to report a set of lost keys.

Following our SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) meeting, I am pleased to inform you that Speeding in Stiffkey and Morston has been chosen as one of our priorities for the next 3 months.

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3.2 **Councillor Strong's Report**

Wells Field Study Centre

At the meeting of the County Council I pointed out that asset transfer to communities remains a key thread of the government's agenda – a route being followed by district councils including North Norfolk. I asked if selling Wells' fields Study Centre rather than offering it to the town at a peppercorn rent was not alien to the Government's localism agenda and the idea of communities taking control and creating the necessary social capital to thrive and be successful.



In other words please give the Centre back to the town. Surprisingly I did not get a yes but was told that whilst the Centre could not be gifted there is still opportunity for engagement with local community groups.

The earlier assurance remains that regarding a sale there will be a proviso that the Centre should continue to have an educational bias.

Broadband and mobile 'phone provision

I continue to urge everyone living in our division to ensure County knows we want better broadband. Please e-mail frances.downey@shapingnorfolksfuture.org and state your interest in second generation broadband. I have the impression that vast numbers have not registered for the BT competition so the race could be won by a small community – or small communities who have banded together. The website to register interest is: www.racetoinfinity.bt.com.

Cuts and Consultation

Decisions which will affect many people will be made following this consultation. You have until Monday 10 January 2011 to read the savings proposed by the County Council and to respond. Go on line to Norfolk County Council and enter 'Norfolk's Big Conversation'. If you do not have access to a computer ask for help at the Library or telephone 0344 800 8020 to obtain a hard copy.

Grit Bins

If you spot an empty grit bin ring: 0344 800 8009.

The letter was received from NCC regarding Parish Councils taking over gritting etc. Marie Strong recommended that we should not proceed any further until there is clarity. There is the issue of who does what and what is covered with payment. Who is liable when carrying out the work should something go wrong. So the Parish Council did not respond to NCC until further notice..

3.3 Councillor Jonathan Savory's Report

Nothing to Report at this time

3.4 Bridge

The work on the Bridge is ongoing..

3.5 Parish Council Vacancies

There have been no further applicants to join the Parish Council.

3.6 War Memorial



Mrs. G Green has assessed the War Memorial and when she is able will attend to the letters. This will depend upon the weather and her time. The matter of the trees and the wall is still ongoing at this moment in time.

4. Correspondence

Letters from the following have been received this month:-

AON Insurance regarding Trustee Indemnity Insurance
NCC Expression of Interest for Gritting etc Dares 1 month
Dog Ownership Campaign – Norfolk Police
Norse
Norfolk R C C
Land Registry
Glasdon Council Supplies

5. Finance

The following expenditure was approved.

E-on Energy 47.95 Paid via DDR from main account.
Subscription to NALC 30.00.
Jones Lighting 16.74 Payment for Repairs.
Lynx 57.50 Backdated payment.

The Police have reported back that we are not able to have the Red Book back until February 2011 and advise that we should purchase a new one and start afresh.

6. Planning

46 Wells Road

Letter from Planning Dept, NNDC plus copies of letter from Mr. Porter, Architect for the project regarding adjustments to the original plans. But these adjustments do not even touch what was discussed before so it was requested that a meeting should take place with the Planning Officer and other parties to discuss further. This is to be arranged.

7. A.O.B.

7.1 **Street Lighting**

Jones Lighting has been completed the work and the bill has been paid.



There was also the question of the light that is in the Phone Box. This is still on and who is paying for the electric? There was also a pane of glass broken in the box - Karen would chase this matter up with Janey Sugden. This is still outstanding awaiting a response from Ms Sugden.

7.2 Village Sign

Nothing further with regard to the sign for the time being. This needs to be chased. The Clerk will discuss with Mr. Procter before the next meeting.

7.2 Trees on Greenway

Still Outstanding at this time.

7.3 Allotments

Letter to go up in the Notice Board asking for interested parties to apply in writing to the Parish Council. The Clerk will deal with this.

7.4 Bottle bank

Still nothing further to report on this matter.

7.5 Flashing Signs

It was requested by one of the Parishioners that signs should be put up in the village that read "We have no footpaths in this village". And a request was made for further information about cost and who should give permission for them. The Highways have given a reference for this and will get back to us in due course. This is still the situation and we are still awaiting information from Mr. Karl Rands (Highways) with regard to his inspection.

7.6 Village Hall

.The Clerk was going to look into the issue of Insurance and what is covered for the Parish Council Members. We are specifically looking for Professional Indemnity Insurance. The Parish Council stated that they are responsible for the Village Hall as Trustees. The Insurance Company has come back with a figure of 27.36 to add this to the Parish Council Insurance. The Cheque is to be issued for cover to commence.

7.7 Mrs. Clarke's Cherry Trees

It was brought to the attention of the Council that the trees outside of Mrs. Clarke's, Church Street, had some very dangerous branches which could cause injury to someone walking down the path. The Highways Rangers have completed this work.



7.8 Path at Camping Hill

It was also brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the path at Camping Hill was in a very bad state. This is the path that runs to the front of the houses. The Clerk would bring this to the attention of the required parties in order to get this sorted. This is still ongoing.

7.9 Speeding Cars

See the Police report above for further information regarding this matter.

7.10 Wreath Laying At War Memorial

Thanks were expressed to Alan Curtis for his part in the above on behalf of the Parish Council. It was also noted that there was a low attendance in the Church for the Sunday Remembrance Service.

7.11 Gritting Bins

In light of the current weather conditions it was suggested that a Grit Bin should be placed at the bottom of the access road to Camping Hill. This is particularly dangerous when you go to stop you could just slide straight out onto the main highway. The clerk will investigate and report back. It was noted that the Council may have to pay for this bin.

7.12 Parish Plan

It was noted that the reponse to the Parish Plan had appeared inside the Local Lynx magazine. It was asked would there be a Public Meeting called to discuss this further. A request was made for Mr Bashforth to attend the next meeting to discuss further.

Meeting Closed at 21.25

