

Minutes of Stiffkey Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th July 2011.

Present: Laurence Jordan, Jamie Lawrence, Mark Harrison, Janey Sugden, Christopher Cooke, Karen Pickels, Councillor Peter Terrington, Councillor Marie Strong & 5 Parishioners & Clerk.

Apologies: Police & Councillor Jonathan Savory.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting have been duly signed off.

2. Declarations of Interest

Given for various parties as matters discussed – see further through minutes

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Police Crime Report

Report from the Wells Police Dept with regard to the village since the last meeting. They report that there has been no crimes committed within the village since the last meeting.

3.2 Councillor Strong's Report

BROADBAND

Following the successful bid for funding for the County with regard to Broadband they are hoping to obtain approximately 2 Meg speed for the entire Country. Hopefully this will help the Country retain businesses and also private individuals with regard to streaming television etc.

SURESTART CENTRES

This matter is being sorted out and details will follow in due course.

COASTHOPPER BUSES

The main costs with regard to the above mentioned bus service is the providing of free bus passes. The costs are particularly high and they are hoping to recoup some of the costs from other areas/parties. They are trying to find out who is using the service and when so that they can ascertain from the information who is benefiting the most from the Coast hopper service. There have also been suggestions that a small fee could be charged to those with the free passes from outside the County to assist with keeping the service. The company is doing all it can with regard to running the service as cheap as possible. The main cost is the fuel.

WELLS RECYCLE CENTRE

The dump at Wells has limited opening hours and they are finding that this is causing problems with the smaller businesses and companies who need to use the premises. They are causing congestion when the dump is open. Ways are being looked at in order to sort this out and suggestions have been put forward to allow the smaller businesses to use the premises out of opening hours.



ROYAL MAIL SORTING OFFICE – WELLS

The Royal Mail has said that it will close the sorting office at Wells and Holt in the near future. Concerns have been raised with regard to local jobs and local knowledge. There will be a letters in the local newspapers with regard to this but should people wish to they can write to the Chief Executive – Moya Green, Royal Mail, 148 Old Street, London. This is not just simply a case of inconvenience for the locals the mail will be sorted at Fakenham and the post will therefore be later. More fuel will be used in the running of staff over to Fakenham only for them to turn round and bring the post back. There is also the matter of the premises at Wells. At this moment in time they are let by the Postmistress to the Royal Mail Sorting Dept but the loss could mean that she would have to shut the Post Office at Wells due to the loss of income. So the Royal Mail is being asked to look further at this proposal and the consequences of closing this Sorting Office.

LAND REGISTRATION

All local villages have been written to by the Land Registry with regard to land registration and what is required. There is a website that you can go to view the current situation for a small fee.

3.3 Councillor Jonathan Savory's Report

Jonathan did not attend the meeting.

3.3A Councillor Peter Terrington's Report

Stiffkey Parish Council welcomed Mr. Peter Terrington to its meeting as the new member of NNDC for the Priory Ward. Mr. Terrington reported on the following:-

LITTER – WELLS

Peter reported that litter in Wells is a problem at this time and it does impact on the overall view that people take away with them of this area. He will take this on board and report it to the local Town Council for them to sort. But he did note that tourism has an impact on this problem and these needs to be factored into the response.

FOOTPATH

Peter understood the importance of the Footpath to the village and said that he would be willing to help with regard to planning etc.

KNOLL WIND FARM PROPOSAL

The above mentioned proposal does not show where the cables will come ashore. There is no response from the Company at this moment in time as this has yet to be decided. It could end up in the Stiffkey Area. It was suggested that we should wait and see before giving any form of agreement. Wait for the full plans with regard to this Wind Farm Project.

3.4 Correspondence

Letters from the following have been received this month:-

Various Circulars from NCC & RCC.



N N D C
Triton Knoll Windfarm
Bulb Catalogue from Parkers
Norfolk Waste Research Group
Waste Management

4. Parish Council Vacancies

The co-option Notice has been displayed and will continue to be displayed for any further applicants to come forward.

5. Finance

The following expenditure was approved.

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

New forms with regard to signatories on the accounts will be circulated by the Clerk to get the relevant parties to sign. The replacement for Mr. S Sutton is the present Chairman Mr. J Lawrence.

6. Footpath Proposal

The working party reported back to the Parish Council. They found their way through the trees and undergrowth and slow progress is being made. The Parish Council was asked for permission to work on the Parish land and this was passed by all members. Peter Wordingham has suggested a route through and how the work should be completed. The parish Council members feel that they should yield to his expertise with regard this matter as he works with Highways on other matters. With this route it does look like no steps would not be required. They are trying to make it as user friendly as possible for all people. The path is a great idea but it must be done properly. It was noted that the work is quite challenging but doing the path as has been suggested by Mr. Wordingham would make to the path more natural and slightly windy giving views over the valley and river at certain points It was asked was there any planning issues. It was suggested that the Planning Officer Gary Linder should be asked to provide clarification with regard to the matter of planning consent and could we have that in writing for the records. The path has to be completed to the requirements of NCC Highways and they may have concerns with regard to construction and layout so we must ascertain from the new guy who has taken over from Paul as to the specific requirements for this footpath. A definitive answer from NCC Highways is required.

The Parish Council has to accept permissive right from the landowners with regard to the footpath.

A vote of thanks was carried out for all those that are involved with the footpath and for all the work that has been carried out so far. The path will be moving forward and



Stiffkey Parish Council will do their part and expect NCC Highways to complete the work that they have undertaken.

It was said by one of the members of the Parish Council that the land is showing on the records as joint ownership between Stiffkey Parish Council and North Norfolk District Council. This joint ownership was recorded in the land registry records after 1975.

It was decided that there should be a weekly update with regard to the work that is being carried out so that the village people are kept informed.

Some funding may be required for lighting but the insurance would be covered by the Parish Council as part of their overall insurance from AON.

7. Planning

Planning Application LA/11/0506 (PF/11/0508

Harbour House, 1 Greenway, Stiffkey, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, NR23 1QF

Demolition of outbuildings and re-construction to provide habitable accommodation.

Nothing further heard with regard to this planning application at this time.

Planning Application – PF/10/0045

Mill Pightle House, Hollow Lane, Stiffkey, Wells, Norfolk

Response from Kate Steventon, NNDC

The tiles approved for the house were Anthracite from the old hollow 451 range. When I visited the site the tiles looked shiny black which was not the tile approved however it had just poured down with rain. The building is taller than the approved plans and I will be conducting another site visit with a senior planning officer. Following this visit I will be able to advise you on what action the Local Planning Authority may take in relation to this breach of planning control.

The Planning Dept will be back in touch with the Parish Council when it has looked at this matter further. We have heard nothing from the Planning Dept with regard to this matter at this time.

3 Church Street, Stiffkey, Wells, Norfolk – No Planning Application

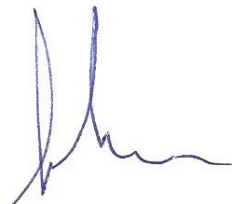
A response was received from the planning department with regard to this property and they confirmed that they would be looking into this further.

Planning Application - 46 Wells Road, Stiffkey, Norfolk

Nothing further has been heard with regard to this application and no work has started on the plot. We wait to see what happens.

Planning Application – LA/11/0659

Owl Cottage, 6 Wells Road, Stiffkey, Norfolk, NR23 1QH



Internal alterations and demolition of rear extension to facilitate erection of replacement extension, installation of replacement window, additional window and dormer windows and replacement porch.

The Parish Council reviewed the above application and it was decided by all parties (majority vote) application. The Clerk was asked to respond to the planning dept.

Planning Application – PF/11/0602
Stiffkey Red Lion, Wells Road, Stiffkey, Norfolk

Installation of two front dormer windows and photovoltaic solar panels to annexe.

Declaration of Interest made on behalf of this application by Mr. Cooke and Mr. Lawrence.

Plans viewed and discussed by other members of the Parish Council.
Karen and Janey wanted to take a further look at this proposal so the plans have been taken by Karen to view. Karen was concerned about the solar panels will they be able to seen from the road and are they very reflective and will this cause a problem. The remaining members would meet to discuss further and get back to the Clerk with their response to be forwarded to the Planning Dept. The question was raised did you need planning permission for Solar Panels but this is something that in light of the energy situation in this country the rules may change due to policies by Government.

Nothing else from NNDC Planning Dept to be presented at this time.

8. A.O.B.

8.1 Parking

The Parking is still being monitored by the Police and they will keep us informed.

8.2 Village Knoll Tree

Since the last meeting the Flags have been removed from the tree. It was suggested that we should give the ground around the knoll area a rest and put some form of tubs or a boat will flowers in for the time being,. We do not need to plant a tree straight away and it was said at the last meeting that we would not act until the autumn anyway. Laurence suggested that we should approach one of the boat builders to see if there was an old boat available that we could use for the time being.

8.3 Village Sign

At a previous meeting a Parishioner asked about the sign that Randall Fielden had made



Asking firstly the signs whereabouts and why could it not be put up at the Cockthorpe end of the village. The sign has now been found and it was brought to the meeting and at some point its placement will be sorted.

8.4 Dog Bin

The Parish Council was requested to place a Dog Bin on Hollow Lane. This was declined at the last meeting but it is still a matter of concern for some of the Parishioners.

8.5 Bottle bank

Karen has spoken to NNDC and there are two Bottle banks in the village at this moment in time.

High Sand Creek Campsite – The money goes to the church.

The Red Lion Public House – The money goes to Stiffkey Parish Council.

It appears that in the past cheques have been sent to Mrs. T Temple-Crowe and the Parish Council members are concerned that the monies may not have reached the Parish. The Cheques now go to the Parish Council. In light of the previous cheques payable to Mrs. Temple Crowe the matter will have to be looked into further and questions asked of the District Council as to have they been cashed in. Karen has more information from the Recycle Dept at NNDC and will look further into this matter.

Both of the Bottle Banks can be used by the public. It was suggested that an article should be placed in the local Lynx magazine so that the people understand the current situation and where they can go to recycle their bottles/glass etc.

With regard to putting a bottle bank on the knoll – this would not earn any money and we would actually fall into deficit. Rent has to be paid on the bottle banks and this would cause problems. It was also mentioned that the glass is white/green and not mixed at this moment in time.

8.6 Footpath Warden

Laurence requested that he should have somebody to help him with regard to the checking of the footpaths in the village. This is something that needs to be done to ensure that they are all OK. Both Karen Pickels and Janey Sugden volunteered to take this on and report back to Laurence.

8.7 National Trust

It was also brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there is a problem with people who are using the campsite leaving cars in the car park overnight. There was also a few other matters that the National Trust need to be made aware of and they are concerns with people driving down Bangey which is a bridleway, people driving along



the bottom of the marshes when they should park in the car park and walk and the matter of the general public not paying any attention to the signs with regard to fires, BBQs and dogs. The Clerk was therefore requested by the members to put together a letter to the National Trust asking them to look further at the current situation in Stiffkey.

8.8 Website

It was proposed that we (Stiffkey) should have a website. Janey said that she would look into this further and report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting. This was looked at once before but nothing further happened.

Meeting Closed at 20.40

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a tall, thin vertical stroke on the left, followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal tail extending to the right.

Minutes of Stiffkey Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2011.

Present: Laurence Jordan, Jamie Lawrence, Mark Harrison, Janey Sugden, Karen Pickels, Councillor Peter Terrington, Councillor Marie Strong & 3 Parishioners & Clerk.

Apologies: Police & Councillor Jonathan Savory. Christopher Cooke,

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting have been duly signed off.

2. Declarations of Interest

Given for various parties as matters discussed – see further through minutes

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Police Crime Report

The Crime report from 4th July – 5th September 2011 as follows:

1 x criminal damage to a vehicle – stone was thrown at a passing vehicle by unknown person
1x Burglary in a building other than a dwelling – a shed was broken into a bike stolen from within

There are no calls to rowdy nuisance behaviour over this time and with only 18 calls from that time all together, relating to found/lost property to missing people etc.

Also just to note that our three main priorities to work on for the next 3 months as decided by our SNAP panel at the meeting held on August 30th 2011 are as follows:

- 1. *Anti-social behaviour in the area of The Elms, Hindringham***
- 2. *Vehicles being driven on Stiffkey marshes and foreshore, on designated bridle paths and footpaths***
- 3. *Presence in the area of the Buttlands, Wells in relation to anti-social behaviour, parking and criminal damage***

3.2 Councillor Strong's Report

Marie reported that she has listed most of the items in the Quay Magazine but the one that she wished to focus upon was the Footpath.



Marie advised the Parish Council that due to certain items the cost has increased from £10K to £15K for Norfolk County Council. The forms have been signed for responsibility by the Chairman on behalf of Stiffkey Parish Council. Planning Permission is required and the Parish will have to pay the sum of £167.50 for the planning permission in order to change the use.

It was discussed that Jonathan Savory and Peter Terrington could go to various parties to perhaps bring funds to the table for the footpath planning permission costs.

Mr. Laurence Jordan asked if there was a problem and was any trouble being created by the public with regard to the footpath? It was stated that the Parish should ensure that all the required records are in place for the footpath so that there is a paper trail. Is there paperwork with regard to the piece of land held by the Parish if this is not the case then it should be put in place.

Karen Pickels spoke to the Norwich Records Office to see if records existed. Nothing on record whatsoever. There may well be a copy held in the Parish Records. But these would need to be looked at and there may be some items missing due to the former Clerk. It appears that the Former Clerk did not forward any records whatsoever to the Norwich Records Office. This needs to be sorted so that there are items on file for future reference.

3.3 Councillor Jonathan Savory's Report

Jonathan did not attend the meeting.

3.3A Councillor Peter Terrington's Report


Footpath

Peter reported that NNDC does not have registered title deeds for the piece of land is therefore unable to give permissive rights. This item is pending as it is being investigated further to see who owns the land.

Peter also reported that he had spoken to the Planning Officer Gary Linder and the fee cannot be waived. Peter would approach the Head of Planning at NNDC when he returned from his break. The fee needs to be paid in order to get things moving but it was decided that we would wait for a fortnight to see if this fee could be waived before issuing any cheque Peter also said that he would try another source to see if he could get the fee paid by another party. He will report back to us at the next meeting.

A motion was carried for the Parish Council to wait until the next meeting until Peter had spoken with the Head of Planning and other parties with regard to the Planning Fee.

Re. Planning Application. Gary Linder's words. "Parish Council's pay a half fee which in this case would be £167.50. I am not aware there is any precedent for waiving the whole fee." As you know NNDC were not able to provide additional funding.



46 Wells Road, Stiffkey – Development

Peter would also follow up this matter as nothing else appears to have happened on this site since Planning Permission was granted a while ago. Peter will check to see what the current situation is with the Planning Officer. Mr. Mark Harrison also offered to get in touch with Mr. Nigel Weston, to see what the situation is at this moment.

3.4 Correspondence

Letters from the following have been received this month:-

The National Trust
CITB
Norfolk L C
Norfolk Police
Norfolk RCC
Norman Lamb MP
Glasdon Direct
Willows Power
R H S
North Norfolk Pathfinder
Letter from Mrs. C Halford – Co-option Request SPC

4. Parish Council Vacancy

The co-option Notice has been displayed and we have received a request from Mrs. C Halford to become a member of Stiffkey Parish Council. The Parish Council took a vote and the following was decided – Accepted under provision of party attending correct number of meetings. This was voted upon and agreed by all members of the Parish Council present. Mrs. C Halford was welcomed onto the Parish Council and the forms that she is required to complete duly handed over. The Returning Officer at NNDC would be advised by the Clerk of the appointment. This brings the Parish Council to the correct number of members so the Notices will be taken down in due course.

5. Finance

The following expenditure was approved.

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

The Audit for the tax year 2010-11 was duly signed off and agreed by the Parish Council. The Audit would not be forwarded to the Auditor to be signed off. The delay has in part been due to the fact that the previous years accounts when submitted had brought the previous Clerks errors to the surface and the new members of the Parish Council putting place controls and checks to ensure that this could not happen again. A complete internal Audit took place as required ensuring that everything was in order.



The Parish Council was also presented with the request from NNDC for the Precept for the next year. This has been carried over until the next meeting so that it can be discussed in greater detail.

It was also noted that that detailed records are being kept with regard to the donations for the footpath, so that at some point letters of Thank you can be sent to the various parties.

6. Footpath Proposal

See above notes with regard to the footpath. Agreement sent to Phillip Schramm with regard to maintaining the footpath by Stiffkey Parish Council. Also sent at that time was the Permissive Rights from the Land Owners Mr. M Harrison and Ms J Sugden. Which they duly noted in their records and returned to the Clerk. Records will be forwarded to the Norwich Records Office in order to create a form record for the Village. We are still waiting for a response from AON with regard to any additional costs for the Insurance. Trees near the footpath to be cut in order for street light to reach some of the footpath

7. Planning

Planning Application LA/11/0506 (PF/11/0508)

Harbour House, 1 Greenway, Stiffkey, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, NR23 1QF

Demolition of outbuildings and re-construction to provide habitable accommodation.

Nothing further heard with regard to this planning application at this time.

Planning Application – PF/10/0045

Mill Pightle House, Hollow Lane, Stiffkey, Wells, Norfolk

Response from Kate Steventon, NNDC

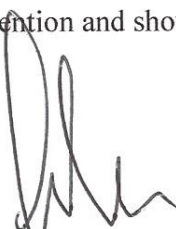
I write to advise that the roof tiles used at Mill Pightle house are those approved by the planning officer. The building is taller than shown on the approved plans and a retrospective planning application has, without prejudice, been invited within the next 28 days. If a planning application is submitted this will be advertised on site in accordance with the Council's normal policy and the Parish Council would be consulted by the Local Planning Authority in the normal way.

No Planning Permission request has been received by the Parish Council

3 Church Street, Stiffkey, Wells, Norfolk – No Planning Application

Letter received from Kate Steventon Enforcement Officer at NNDC Planning, dated 5th July 2011. I write to you to advise you that there is no breach of planning control because planning permission was granted on the 23rd October 1991 ref- 91/1205. This planning permission is still live as the development was commenced and therefore the Local Planning Authority will be taking no further action in this matter.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.



The Clerk was requested to call up the plans from NNDC records and bring them to the next meeting as it was no a set of plans that the older members of the Parish Council remember. This would then be discussed by the Parish Council when they had all the full records in front of them.

Planning Application - 46 Wells Road, Stiffkey, Norfolk

Nothing further has been heard with regard to this application and no work has started on the plot. The matter is to be chased up by Peter Terrington.

Planning Application – LA/11/0659
Owl Cottage, 6 Wells Road, Stiffkey, Norfolk, NR23 1QH

Internal alterations and demolition of rear extension to facilitate erection of replacement extension, installation of replacement window, additional window and dormer windows and replacement porch.

The Planning Dept at NNDC granted planning permission for this development

Planning Application – PF/11/0602
Stiffkey Red Lion, Wells Road, Stiffkey, Norfolk

Installation of two front dormer windows and photovoltaic solar panels to annexe.

Declaration of Interest made on behalf of this application by Mr. Cooke and Mr. Lawrence.

The Planning Dept at NNDC granted the planning permission on this development.

Planning Application LA/11/0948
Warborough Place, Wells Road, Stiffkey,

Internal alternations, alterations to existing single storey wing and erection of two storey extension.

Plans sent to all Parish Council members for their comments. Clerk was requested to respond to the Planning Dept at NNDC that we had no objection to the development... We are awaiting the Planning Depts. final decision.

Nothing else from NNDC Planning Dept to be presented at this time.

8. A.O.B.



8.1 Parking/Speeding

The Parking is still being monitored by the Police and they will keep us informed. The Parish Council felt that the whole matter of parking and speeding should be looked at further so it would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting. There was an article in the Local Newspaper EDP with regard to flashing lights for villages with speeding problems but it appears that the villages that have been proactive with regard to the speed camera are the ones that will have priority with regard to the flashing lights. Marie Strong said that she would enquire further with regard to this matter and get back to the Parish Council. The Parish Council felt that the 30 mph and 20 mph signs should be moved to different locations within the village for safety. This would be taken further by Marie Strong and NNDC Councillors.

8.2 Village Knoll Tree

Since that last meeting the tree has been removed and the ground left to rest. Mark asked what the tree that was there before was – it was a flowering cherry. Chris Halford said that they had been talking to a tree specialist and they had recommended a Field Maple or a Copper Maple. If there is a problem with Honey Fungus in the ground then Mark would look into this further and assess what action needs to be taken.

8.3 Village Sign

At a previous meeting a Parishioner asked about the sign that Randall Fielden had made. Asking firstly the signs whereabouts and why could it not be put up at the Cockthorpe end of the village. The placement was discussed and also the matter of Planning permission being required. In the past the Post on which the other signs have been erected was provided by NNDC. Janey was going to take a photo and request permission from NNDC.

8.4 Dog Bin

The Parish Council was requested to put in place some dog bins for the village. This would cost approximately £38.00 or with a lid £74.00. The members asked how many would we need 3 or more perhaps. It was reported the Mr. Cooke said that he would sponsor one. The question was asked what was going to be the annual cost to the village. This will be discussed further at the next meeting in greater detail.

8.5 National Trust

Letter was sent to the National Trust for the attention of Mr. John Sizer. Letter attached and response from Mr. Sizer attached.
Letter sent from Stiffkey Parish Council –

STIFFKEY MARSHES & FORESHORE



I write on behalf of the above Parish Council. They have asked me to bring to your attention the problems that are being experienced by the people who live and work around the Stiffkey Marshes and in the village area.

Stiffkey is in the middle of two areas that charge for parking for the use of the marshes and as it does not charge it is being abused by people who are looking for a cheap afternoon out or holiday destination. People still drive down to the marshes along areas that are classified as footpaths or bridleways. They have even been known to use the local farmer's fields to gain access to the Stiffkey Marsh area. Once they are down there they drive along the bottom along the shoreline and park up. They let dogs run free without any supervision. They have fires without any regard to the signs. They lit BBQs even though they are sitting directly under the sign that advises them not to do this. They have even been known to camp down on the marshes. When the local people advise them that this should not be happening as it is against the rules they will respond with a lot a verbal abuse.

There is also the matter of people parking on private property and going down the marshes for a walk. In some cases they have blocked access in and out to the village property.

It seems that due to our situation we are going to be overrun with people looking for the cheap option and the Parish Council is concerned that nothing seems to be done to ensure that this situation is managed or something put in place to stop some of the problems from getting out of hand. Local villages have in the past taken down number plates and reported them to the police but nothing seems to happen to help to curb the situation.

The Parish Council has therefore asked me to bring these matters to your urgent attention. They would be grateful if you would look into these matters to see what can be done so that the summer can be pleasant for all those concerned visitors and locals alike.

Response from Mr. Sizer –

Thank-you for your letter rec'd on 27 July regarding Stiffkey Parish Council's concerns relating to people accessing the marshes and foreshore. As an immediate response to your letter we will increase our wardening presence at Stiffkey. Over the next few weeks the team will increase the number of visits to Stiffkey, although we can only do this within our existing resources. This will not solve our collective concerns, but I am keen that we work with the Parish Council to understand the problems and identify suitable solutions. In the fullness of time I would hope that we can find some local volunteers who can help increase our presence at Stiffkey.

The problems referred to in your letter will require the support of adjacent landowners, including Natural England whom lease the foreshore from the Crown Estate, local community and other organisations including the Community Policing team. I therefore suggest that we work together to organise a meeting which I think should initially involve Natural England, local Police, Stiffkey Parish Council and adjacent landowners (i.e. Mark Harrison and Stiffkey Amenities/Buxton family).



I will be away from work until 22 August, however, in the meantime I would be pleased if you could contact Marilyn Lubbock (Property Administrator, Blakeney) and let her know whom you think should be invited from the Parish Council. I have copied in Michael Rooney (Natural England) and Jason Pegden (Norfolk Constabulary) for their information. Please do contact the Blakeney Office on 01263 740241 should you at any point have any concerns and the team will respond.

Yours sincerely
John Sizer

We have also received notification that the Police will be monitoring the situation for the next few months.

8.6 Website

It was proposed that we (Stiffkey) should have a website. Janey has drawn up a plan in order to develop a website for the village and Parish Council. So much information can be provided to people before they get to the village if they are staying in a cottage/campsite etc. This could be funded by commercial adverts/sponsorship. It could provide items for all people in the village to read – minutes of previous meeting, current projects for Stiffkey. It was requested that all members should look at the plan to see if they can see anything else that needs to be covered by the website.

Marie Strong suggested that we should speak to Keith Leesmith with regard to the software that he uses for the Wells Town Council and the Clerk said that she would do this and report to Janey when she had the information.. It was also suggested that perhaps we could approach the Coastal Communities Fund (monies re Wind farm) for funding as this is a fund that was set up in order to give back to local communities for local projects.

8.7 Grit Bins

The matter of Grit Bins was brought up at the meeting. It was suggested that the Parish Council should purchase a bin to be placed at the Bottom of Camping Hill turning. Marie Strong requested that she be advised of the placement of the Grit Bin.

8.8 Norfolk Records Office

Documents for Stiffkey Parish Council should be recorded at the Norfolk Records Office, Norwich, for future viewing. I was also noted that we have not received all the documents from the previous Clerk with regard to minutes etc. There appears to be at least two or three years missing. We will have to request these back from the former Clerk in due course. Some records are held in locked Filing Cabinets which are in the Village Hall and it was requested that at some point these should be viewed by some of the Parish Council members.

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The Crime report from 5th Sept to 4th Oct - NIL

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money cannot be held for an indefinite period. Marie also reported that in the future Parishes will have to bid for funding and will have to pay half of the costs.

Marie also reported that numbers would be changing for the Police 101 number instead of the 0845 and this was from the 7th October 2011.

Marie also reported on the new Marine Conservation Zones and the problems that could arise from these being set up. At this moment in time they reach to Morston. But she suggested that all members should take a look at these changes closely. Laurence said that he knew about these changes and he had an up to date map and further information regard this.

3.3 Councillor Jonathan Savory's Report

Jonathan did not attend the meeting. However, he sent a report to the Council with regard to the bin collection and the changes taking place.

3.3A Councillor Peter Terrington's Report

Footpath

Peter reported that a copy of the map with regard to the footpath was sent a couple of weeks ago as he required a copy of the complete footpath. He also reported that there was no way that NNDC would move with regard to the planning fee so the Parish Council had to pay the sum of £167.50.

46 Wells Road, Stiffkey – Development

Nothing further is showing on the NNDC records. Mark said that he had spoken to Mr. Porter the Architect. He had also received a phone call from reporting that they were hoping to go ahead in the spring with the development.

3.4 Correspondence

Letters from the following have been received this month:-

The National Trust
Norfolk L C
Norfolk Police
Norfolk RCC
NNDC

4. Finance

The following expenditure was approved.

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

T J Jones £72.91 Light Maintenance
Mazars Audit Fee £144.00
NNDC Planning Fee Re Footpath £167.50

The Parish Council was also presented with the request from NNDC for the Precept for the next year. Last year this was increased by £1000.00 with regard to possible problems with the Village Hall. But there is also the possibility of the Parish Council lowering the precept for this next year. There are matters that need to be looked into further with regard to the Village Hall and legal obligations. This has been carried over until the next meeting so that it can be discussed in greater detail.

It was also noted that that detailed records are being kept with regard to the donations for the footpath, so that at some point letters of Thank you can be sent to the various parties. The amount that has been donated for the footpath totaled £1986.86 and expenditure amounted to £1300.00 leaving the Parish Council with a surplus of £686.26. Detailed accounts will be in the next minutes once they have been signed off.

5. Footpath

The Parish Council had a sub meeting on the 29th Sept 2011 with regard to the footpath details of agenda below-

1. End to End of Path Finances
2. Thanking the Donors
3. Naming of the Path – Muckledyke Path
4. Planning
5. Press – Lynx
6. Future Maintenance of Path

A donation was also received from Marie Strong of bulbs to be planted along the path for future colour. Thank you letters etc will be forwarded to the various parties involved with this path

6. Planning

Planning Application LA/11/0506 (PF/11/0508
Harbour House, 1 Greenway, Stiffkey, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, NR23 1QF
Demolition of outbuildings and re-construction to provide habitable accommodation.

Nothing further heard with regard to this planning application at this time.

Planning Application – PF/10/0045
Mill Pightle House, Hollow Lane, Stiffkey, Wells, Norfolk

Response from Kate Steventon, NNDC

I write to advise that the roof tiles used at Mill Pightle house are those approved by the planning officer. The building is taller than shown on the approved plans and a retrospective planning application has, without prejudice, been invited within the next 28 days. If a planning application is submitted this will be advertised on site in accordance with the Council's normal policy and the Parish Council would be consulted by the Local Planning Authority in the normal way.

No Planning Permission request has been received by the Parish Council at the time of the meeting. The Parish Council is given to understand that there will be a Planning Application in due course. There is the matter of whether or not the plans will be viewed by the Parish Council as normally in this kind of situation the Planning Officer is the only party that the plans are submitted to.

3 Church Street, Stiffkey, Wells, Norfolk – No Planning Application

Letter received from Kate Steventon Enforcement Officer at NNDC Planning, dated 5th July 2011. I write to you to advise you that there is no breach of planning control because planning permission was granted on the 23rd October 1991 ref- 91/1205. This planning permission is still live as the development was commenced and therefore the Local Planning Authority will be taking no further action in this matter.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

The Clerk was requested to call up the plans from NNDC records and bring them to the next meeting. These plans were presented to the members and further questions arose about would the development meet current building regulations. The council was happy for Mark to speak to the Planning Officer with regard to this property and if they can comply with current building regulations in regard to the Septic Tank.

Planning Application - 46 Wells Road, Stiffkey, Norfolk

See note above with regard to this development.

Planning Application – LA/11/0659

Owl Cottage, 6 Wells Road, Stiffkey, Norfolk, NR23 1QH

Internal alterations and demolition of rear extension to facilitate erection of replacement extension, installation of replacement window, additional window and dormer windows and replacement porch.

The Planning Dept at NNDC granted planning permission for this development

Planning Application LA/11/0948

Warborough Place, Wells Road, Stiffkey,

Internal alterations, alterations to existing single storey wing and erection of two storey extension.

The Planning Dept REFUSED this application

Nothing else from NNDC Planning Dept to be presented at this time.

7. A.O.B.

7.1 Parking/Speeding

The Parking is still being monitored by the Police and they will keep us informed. The Parish Council felt that the whole matter of parking and speeding should be looked at further so it would be place on the Agenda for the next meeting. With regard to the Speeding the Police have had an increased presence within the village within the last month. It was noted that there is still an opportunity with regard to the camera scheme and Karen said that she would look into this further. It was mentioned was the donation that the Parish Council made in vain and did it count for anything with regard to this scheme. Quentin Barker, Highways, agreed to put up larger signs. This was being looked at further by Highways. There was a boundary issue with regard to Stiffkey and Muckledyke which was causing some problems with regard to signs etc.

7.2 National Trust/Inter Agency Meeting

There will be a meeting held at Stiffkey Village Hall on the 20th October 2011 with regard to the above. All Parish Councillors had an invitation. Also to be present would be the local Police, National Trust, Local Land Owners and various other invited parties. This meeting was to discuss the current situation with regard to the marshes and surrounding area and the problems that are being experienced and the complaints that the Parish Council has received.

7.3 Village Knoll Tree

It was decided that the Parish Council will purchase a Copper Maple later in the year to be put on the Knoll. This tree would be approximately 5ft – 6ft tall. It was mentioned that the WI would make a donation towards the purchase of the tree.

7.4 Village Sign

At a previous meeting a Parishioner asked about the sign that Randall Fielden had made Asking firstly the signs whereabouts and why could it not be put up at the Cockthorpe end of the village. The placement was discussed and also the matter of Planning permission being required. In the past the Post on which the other signs have been erected was provided by NNDC. Janey was going to take a photo and request permission from NNDC. Janey will follow this matter up.

7.5 Dog Bin/Grit Bin

The Parish Council was requested to put in place some dog bins for the village and they also had a request for a Grit Bin at the Camping Hill junction/hill. With regard to the grit bin it was suggested that Victory Housing should be approached as the Camping Hill estate is their property and it is their tenants that use this junction. Karen said that she would look into this further.

With regard to the bog bins it was suggested that a trial run should take place on the new path to see how many people would use this facility. It was also noted that the cost of providing dog bins may have to increase the precept.

7.6 Telephone Box

It was discussed that the telephone box should be the next project that the Parish Council should look to undertake as it needs renovation. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

7.7 Website

It was proposed that we (Stiffkey) should have a website. Janey has drawn up a plan in order to develop a website for the village. This would be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting when Janey will bring the members up to date with the current situation.

7.8 River

It was brought to the Parish Councils attention that the river is only part dredged. It is understood that Kay Buxton will not allow her section to be dredged so another method will have to be taken. One of the possibilities will be some form of weed killer being used to sort out the problem. New rules mean that this has to be treated in this manner. The Parish Council will hear further in the future with regard to this matter.

Meeting Closed at 20.15

Minutes of Stiffkey Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2011.

Present: Laurence Jordan, Jamie Lawrence, Mark Harrison, Karen Pickels, Christopher Cooke, Janey Sugden, Chris Halford, Councillor Jonathan Savory, Councillor Marie Strong & 2 Parishioners & Clerk.

Apologies: Police & Councillor Peter Terrington.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting have been duly signed off.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest: - Christopher Cooke, Jamie Lawrence & Chris Halford.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Police Crime Report

The Crime report stands at NIL for the last month. Speeding and Foreshore still being monitored.

3.2 Councillor Strong's Report

Marie reported that she has listed most of the items in the Quay Magazine which included Buses and Digital TV, Broadband and the proposals with regard to Marine Conservation Areas.

Marie reported that there was quite a battle going on with regard to the proposals for Morston/Blakeney and the areas which have been proposed for special protection. The Wildfowlers at Blakeney are going to take a petition to Westminster. We wait to see what will follow. Stiffkey at this moment in time will not be affected.

Marie would follow up the request from the Parish Council for new 30 mph roundels at either end of the Village as they are missing. She will update the Parish Council at the next meeting.

3.3 Councillor Jonathan Savory's Report

Jonathan reported that there has been a review of Polling arrangements across the Council area, this is required by law to take place every four years, and the only changes that have been proposed to change is that at Gunthorpe and Bale they have two polling stations and this will be taken down to one. This will change from the 19th October 2011.

Jonathan also reported on the Refuse Collection. Councillor Lee reported at the NNDC meeting on the latest round of changes that are taking place. He also noted that Mr. Pickles (MP) has said that money would be made available for those Council's so that they could amend their refuse collections to weekly. North Norfolk District Council reported that they would not be changing. The matter of food waste would be looked at again. The last time that it was reviewed it was not thought to be viable considering the cost to the people of the district. Any change would have to be borne by the taxpayer. NNDC reported that the contract will not be changed at this time.

Cromer Crab Company – There will be a 90 day consultation period as to whether this will close. The Council was very disappointed with this. Crab processing accounts for only two percent of the total processing completed at this plant and the rest relates to Prawn processing and there prawns are shipped in from away. 230 jobs could be lost as a result of the factory closing.

3.3A Councillor Peter Terrington's Report

Peter did not attend this meeting.

3.4 Correspondence

Letters from the following have been received this month:-

Norfolk A L C
Norfolk Police
Norfolk RCC
NNDC
C G M
National Westminster Bank
N C C
Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons

4. Finance

The following expenditure was approved.

E-on Energy £47.95. Paid via DDR from main account.
T J Jones £76.78 Light Maintenance
Mazars Audit Fee £60.00
Mark Harrison £600.00 re Footpath reimbursement
Transfer for Savings Account re Village Hall £500.00
Transfer for Number One Account for E-on DDR £300.00

The Parish Council was also presented with the request from NNDC for the Precept for the next year. The matter was voted upon and the motion was carried 4 – 2 to remain the same at £5000.00 for the next 12 months. This was duly signed off and forwarded to NNDC.

The matter of whether or not the Parish Council could claim back any monies from the Bank with regard to the previous clerk and her fraud was discussed. Karen had looked at this matter and said that there was approximately £2000.00 that needs to be looked at in further detail. The Clerk had obtained copy statements from the Bank as Mrs. Temple Crowe was still in possession of the original bank statements for all but the final year of her term. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs. Temple Crowe to request all the records back plus she would also contact the Police to see if they have access to any of the missing records.

5. Footpath

The Parish Council signed the forms that had been sent to them from Ian Coupe with regard to the footpath NNDC section. The Clerk will forward these to Ian for final signing off. It was reported that the work on the Highways section will start in February 2012. The matter of signs for the footpath on the street was to be approached with NCC as to whether they can supply and fit.

On a completely different matter with regard to the footpath it was suggest that once we have all the relevant paperwork in our possession we should send copies to the Norwich Records Office. All documentation relating to this footpath etc.

6. Planning

Planning Application LA/11/0506 (PF/11/0508
Harbour House, 1 Greenway, Stiffkey, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, NR23 1QF
Demolition of outbuildings and re-construction to provide habitable accommodation.

Nothing further heard with regard to this planning application at this time. The Council asked the Clerk to chase for further information which she will bring to the next meeting.

Planning Application – PF/10/0045
Mill Pightle House, Hollow Lane, Stiffkey, Wells, Norfolk

Response from Kate Steventon, NNDC

I write to advise that the roof tiles used at Mill Pightle house are those approved by the planning officer. The building is taller than shown on the approved plans and a retrospective planning application has, without prejudice, been invited within the next 28 days. If a planning application is submitted this will be advertised on site in accordance with the Council's normal policy and the Parish Council would be consulted by the Local Planning Authority in the normal way.

No Planning Permission request has been received by the Parish Council at the time of the meeting. The Parish Council is given to understand that there will be a Planning Application in due course. There is the matter of whether or not the plans will be viewed by the Parish Council as normally in this kind of situation the Planning Officer is the only party that the plans are submitted to.

Further to the above it was discovered that a Planning Application had been received but it would not be brought to the Parish Council for comment so a letter was sent urgently to the Planning Dept for the attention of Tracey Lincoln which we are still awaiting a response. Details of the content of the letter shown below:-

REF: MILL PIGHTLE, HOLLOW LANE, STIFFKEY, WELLS, NORFOLK
PLANNING APPLICATION REF: PF/10/0045

We write to you today with regard to the above mentioned Planning Application/Property. It was brought to our attention that the above mentioned property has applied for certain alterations to the previously approved plan. These alterations are in the form of non-material amendments.

It is the view of Stiffkey Parish Council that the alterations are substantial changes to the original plans and should be treated as a new planning application. We would be grateful if you would deal with this request as a matter of urgency since we raised the issue of planning changes to the property way back in February of this year with the Enforcement Officer for Planning, Kate Steventon.

3 Church Street, Stiffkey, Wells, Norfolk – No Planning Application

The Clerk was requested to call up the plans from NNDC records and bring them to the next meeting. These plans were presented to the members and further questions arose about would the development meet current building regulations. The council was happy for Mark to speak to the Planning Officer with regard to this property and if they can comply with current building regulations in regard to the Septic Tank. The Parish Council is still awaiting an update on this situation

Planning Application - 46 Wells Road, Stiffkey, Norfolk

This development should start in the spring so we wait to see what transpires.

Planning Application – Retention of Footpath
Land at Wells Road, Stiffkey – PF/11/1233

New Path – Change of use from Scrubland to Footpath

This is the planning application for the footpath from Stiffkey Parish Council. The Council was able to respond to the application as (1) supports the application.

Planning Application – Red Lion, 44 Wells Road, Stiffkey, Norfolk
PF/11/1257

Erection of ancillary holiday accommodation

There were three parties that made a Declaration of Interest with regard to this development as listed above. The public was invited to view the plans but asked not to make any comment. Mr. Cooke was asked to explain certain items and aspects about the development and then the remaining members voted 3 -2 for the development. Thus motion carried and the Clerk was asked to respond to the planning dept with (1) supports the application.

Nothing else from NNDC Planning Dept to be presented at this time.

7. A.O.B.

7.1 Parking/Speeding

The Parking is still being monitored by the Police and they will keep us informed. Marie will chase up the roundels for either end of the village. Chris Halford and Janey Sugden put themselves forward to the training and courses that would enable them to use the speed gun. This matter would be looked into and courses sorted.

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that Colin (Stiffkey Lamp Shop/Chapel) is parking on the road and this is not what was agreed with regard to the planning permission for the Chapel. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to Colin asking him to move in order to comply with the Planning Application Rules which was to use the Car Park of the Stiffkey Lamp Shop. How the cars etc park opposite the Chapel causes problems for all large vehicles that travel the village.

7.2 National Trust/Inter Agency Meeting

The meeting took place and the following items were reported back to the Parish Council: - There was at some point gates on Bangey and at the top of Hollow Lane and if this could be proved then they could be replaced. But before it could be done there had to be some photographic proof in order for this to take place. Some of the gates would be under the highways responsibility. Mark said as a Landowner he could put up gates if he wanted to. John Sizer (National Trust) said that he was very sympathetic towards putting up gates but they had to consider the Fire Police that may need access. Another meeting will be held in due course dates of which to be advised. There was also a request out for photos to enable the gates to be replaced as they used to be.

7.3 Village Knoll Tree

It was decided that the Parish Council will purchase a Copper Maple later in the year to be put on the Knoll. This tree would be approximately 5ft – 6ft tall. It was mentioned that the WI would make a donation towards the purchase of the tree.

7.4 Dog Bin/Grit Bin

The Parish Council was requested to put in place some dog bins for the village and they also had a request for a Grit Bin at the Camping Hill junction/hill. With regard to the grit bin it was suggested that Victory Housing should be approached as the Camping Hill estate is their property and it is their tenants that use this junction. Karen said that she would look into this further.

With regard to the bog bins it was suggested that a trial run should take place on the new path to see how many people would use this facility. It was also noted that the cost of providing dog bins may have to increase the precept.

Karen has been down and assessed the situation with regard to the Dog Bins and she reported that there were only two bags left under the large tree. Bin will be placed by the tree and this will be emptied by a Parish Council member. This is to be reviewed at the next meeting.

7.5 Telephone Box

It was discussed that the telephone box should be the next project that the Parish Council should look to undertake as it needs renovation. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

7.6 Website

It was proposed that we (Stiffkey) should have a website. Janey has drawn up a plan in order to develop a website for the village. This would be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting when Janey will bring the members up to date with the current situation.

7.7 Hollow Lane

It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that the dustcart is using Hollow Lane beyond Mill Pightle. This is a footpath beyond this point and should not be used for this. This matter was going to be raised in writing to Kier – they will have to consider using a smaller dustcart for this section of the village. Jonathan Savory suggested that the person that should be contacted should be a Richard Garfield.

7.8 Village Hall Monies

During the last meeting the question was raised with regard to the precept monies and can they be given to the Village Hall. Karen reported back to the Parish Council that under the rule of Section 137 £6.40 (approx) per person on the electoral register for the village of Stiffkey could be given to village amenities. This ruling meant that monies could be given to the Village Hall or the Playing Field; however these village amenities would have to be nominated. Karen will come back to the next meeting with clarity regarding the rules for Section 137. It was also noted that the Parish Council should have a Standing Order in place. This is an official term for a Rule Book. The Clerk would look into this further and report back.

7.9 Hedge

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the hedge at the Blacksmiths Cottage is still a problem. The Clerk was asked to write to the owners Mr. & Mrs. Bennett asking for the hedge to be cut back or the Parish Council would have to get the highways to do the job and then the bill for this job to be sent to the owners for settlement. The problem is that the hedge is encroaching on the highways and forcing people further into the road.

7.10 Training

One other matter that was discussed at the meeting is that training should be undertaken by both the Clerk and the Parish Council members. This was agreed by all parties.

Meeting Closed at 20.15

Proposed Dates for future meeting for 2012 (subject to confirmation)

9th Jan 2012
6th Feb 2012
5th March 2012
2nd April 2012
7th May 2012
4th June 2012
2nd July 2012
3rd Sept 2012
1st Oct 2012
5th Nov 2012
3rd Dec 2012

Minutes of Stiffkey Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th December 2011.

Present: Laurence Jordan, Jamie Lawrence, Christopher Cooke, Janey Sugden, Chris Halford, Councillor Jonathan Savory, Councillor Peter Terrington Councillor Marie Strong & 2 Parishioners & Clerk.

Apologies: Police, Mark Harrison & Karen Pickels,

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting have been duly signed off.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest: - Nil

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Police Crime Report

The Crime report stands at NIL for the last month. Becky Taylor came in third in the PSCOs out of the whole group for the Area.

3.2 Councillor Strong's Report

Marie reported that she has listed most of the items in the Quay Magazine. There was a couple of matters which she wished to discuss with the Parish Council. She wanted to bring to the attention of the meeting that there was a Scam taking place with regard to Energy Saving Devices.

Marie was glad to hear that the Path was proceeding and that she would be grateful if copies could be sent to Phillip Scram to bring him up to date with the matter. Work had started with regard to the Highways part which will be carried out in the New Year hopefully February 2012.

Marie reported that Quentin Barker (Highways) had done what had been asked of him with regard to the roundels on Bridge Street. The Parish Council was looking for both ends of the Village to be picked up as well. Marie would ask Highways to contact the Clerk for clarification.

Coast hopper Buses – they are looking to ensure that the fares are fair for all those that use the buses. They are expecting more from the government with regard to funding. It was suggested that big organizations might like to contribute towards keeping the cost for all low.

Zoning – another meeting has taken place with regard to the zoning. Stiffkey is not affected at this time. They are downsizing the numbers that need to attend the meetings. Stiffkey members might want to include themselves for future meetings as they may well be affected in the future and the Lake District is an example that we would need to take note of as they moved the zones outwards in the Lake District thus affecting a greater part than first explained.

The Children's Centre at Wells is running a work centre – to help getting people back to work the telephone number is 01328 710186.

3.3 Councillor Jonathan Savory's Report

Jonathan reported that the car park charges are to change increase in certain parts of the country and remain the same in others. They still consider the costs to be reasonable. Coastal charges will increase and Inland areas will remain the same. An extra 10p. Local residents can still purchase season tickets at the same level. These proposals will be voted on at the next full council meeting (NNDC).

Revenue and Benefits – we will now be sharing with Kings Lynn with regard to this matter. They are assessing to see if this Partnership can work and if so then it may be extended to other areas. They will report back at a later date.

Localism Bill – NNDC Partnership will be reconfigured and the money from the Second Home Council Tax will be put forward to be used for certain matters. Streamlined process so that more money will be available for the County.

3.3A Councillor Peter Terrington's Report

Derelict land and property – they will try and bring back to life.

There is also the Fisherman funding for which there is the total sum of 2.4 million available for projects relating to local fisherman. They are hoping to attract some of the funding to the local area such as Wells.

Charges will be placed on all New Build projects.

Your Choice, Your Home – local problem with regard to housing in the area. The Local Authority to be given more say on the housing situation and ways of dealing with them.

They will also have more say with regard to health matters for the area.

Marine Management will start in April – Planning Offshore areas. Locals will be able to give their views. DEFA will be making up a report of what this will look like in the near future. This also relates to Commercial confidential placement of cables for Offshore Wind farms.

The Clerk was asked to advise Peter/Jonathan with regard to non reply from Planning Dept as they would chase the matter up with the Dept on the Parish Councils behalf..

3.4 Correspondence

Letters from the following have been received this month:-

Norfolk Coast Partnership
Playground Supplies
Police SNP
NNDC - Cost of Election

4. Finance

The following expenditure was approved.

E-on Energy £47.95. Paid via DDR from main account.
NNDC Fee re Election - £32.34

5. Footpath

The Parish Council has completed all the required forms and they have all been lodged with the correct departments. It only remains that copies are lodged with the Records Office once everything is in place. The Parish Council is now waiting for the Highways to start their part of the footpath.

6. Planning

Planning Application LA/11/0506 (PF/11/0508
Harbour House, 1 Greenway, Stiffkey, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, NR23 1QF

7.8 Playing Field

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that a letter had been received from the Chairman of the Stiffkey Playing Field stating the he wishes to retire and would the Cricket Club like to take over the running of the Playing Field. Jamie went to see Stanley. The Insurance is the biggest cost and the one that is killing them. Could this be taken under the wing of the Parish Council and included ion their Insurance with AON? The Parish Clerk was asked to obtain figures from the Insurance Company with regard to this matter and report back at the next meeting.

7.9 Stiffkey Signs

It was asked by a member of the public what progress with regard to the sign at the Cockthorpe end of the village. Chris/Jamie will put up the sign.

7.10 Tardis

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that we have a Police Box (Tardis) present in a private householder's garden. It was noted that although it is quite an eyesore there is nothing that the Parish Council can do about it.

Meeting Closed at 20.00

Proposed Dates for future meeting for 2012 (subject to confirmation)

9th Jan 2012
6th Feb 2012
5th March 2012
2nd April 2012
7th May 2012
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3rd Sept 2012
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5th Nov 2012
3rd Dec 2012