

TROWSE with NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the meeting of Trowse with Newton Parish Council
held on Monday, 27 February 2017 at 7.15pm
at the Manor Rooms, The Street, Trowse**

Present:

Cllr K Prentice – presiding
Cllr A Greenizan Cllr R Herring Cllr Cattee
Cllr H Smith (upon election)
Gina Lopes – Clerk to Trowse with Newton Parish Council – in attendance
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2016/103) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted as below:

Cllr L Fabre - hospital
Cllr C Steward - unwell
Cllr A Brown - other event

2016/104) Councillor vacancies

After consideration of 4 applications for the existing two councillor vacancies, a vote was taken.

RESOLVED to co-opt Daniel Benterman and Hazel Smith as Councillors of Trowse with Newton Parish Council.

Hazel Smith signed her declaration of acceptance of office form in the presence of members and then took her seat for the remainder of the meeting.

2016/105) Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were received as below:

Cllr Greenizan - Land for sale adjacent to allotments
Cllr Herring - Land for sale adjacent to allotments
Cllr Prentice - 2017/0267 – 5 The Paddock & Norfolk Homes application

2016/106) Implementation of Article 4 Direction

Chris Bennett, SNC Officer, gave a brief verbal report which included the following:-

- Model villages had been considered as a comparison to Trowse
- Article 4 will keep the character of the village
- Iron railings have survived which is unusual and very lucky and are worth preserving
- Windows have probably changed the most and noted “blind” windows which were deliberate but have been changed to windows in the past
- Consideration was needed as to whether timber windows must be used or if upvc was acceptable, if a good replica, as many are “humble” cottages and did not wish to place too much onto owners


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- The restriction, if implemented, is not the same as "listed" which is onerous and not all the buildings would be included
- Predominantly will be the front and side of the buildings
- Once the consultation has finished the response will be reviewed and there may be a need to re-consult as some addresses were found to be incorrect

RESOLVED to generally support the implementation of Article 4 with some flexibility for individual cases and the overall appearance is the most important factor

ACTION: CLERK

2016/107) Suspension of meeting for Public Participation

RESOLVED to suspend the meeting to invite members of the public to speak – please see "Public Participation Notes" attached

2016/108) Minutes of the meeting held 23 January 2017

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2017 as a true and accurate record of the meeting; the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman

2016/109) County Councillor's Report

A written report was presented by County Cllr Smith which included the following points:-

- *Norfolk County Council have voted to agree a budget for the year ahead which invests an additional £25 million net to support adult social care and children's services as part of a package designed to put the authority on a secure footing for the future. The decision, with 41 councillors voting in favour, 33 against and 3 abstentions, means the county council's share of the council tax increases by 4.8% to £1,247.94 – a rise of £57.15 for a Band D property. This includes a 3% adult social care precept permitted by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, with a further 1.8% to fund the recommendations of service committees. Last year the rise was 3.99%, with no rises in the five years prior to that. 2. An extension to Norfolk County Council's and BT's Better Broadband for Norfolk (BBfN) programme is now underway. More than £11 million of new funding is being invested in the latest tranche of BBfN's rollout of superfast broadband in the county, and as a result the availability of high-speed broadband is set to be extended to more than 95% of Norfolk's premises by 2020. Five of Norfolk's district councils including South Norfolk have committed over £3m which has been match funded by central government. The rest of the funding is from BT. 3. PC Stuart Sansbury is now the new Poringland Beat Manager, based at Poringland Police Station, NR14 7WB, tel: 01603 276207.*
- *The number of children taken into care by the County Council ("Looked after Children") many through neglect or abuse, has reached 1,113. Most of these children are looked after by foster carers. This situation has added emphasis to our concentrating greater efforts on those families in crisis and children on the edge of care. 8. Two major Transport for Norwich projects have started continuing work to deliver the Norwich Area Transportation Strategy. From 3 January, All Saints Street and part of All Saints Green in the city centre have been permanently closed to all traffic as work begins to complete improvements to the area around Golden Ball Street. The project as a whole*

started January 2016. Work in this third and final phase includes restoring All Saints Green as an attractive traffic-free open space. Phases 1 and 2 were about improving pedestrian and cycle connection with the rest of the city centre by removing traffic from Westlegate, and giving motorists easier access to car parks in the area by making Golden Ball Street two-way

- *In the eight months ended 30th November 386 drivers have been issued with speeding notices for speeding offences passed the speed camera near Framingham Earl High School on the B1332 which is of deep concern.*

2016/110) District Councillor's Report

Dist Cllr Lewis presented a report on the Community Governance Review 2017 which included the following:

Setting out options for local parishes to help discussions and Cllr Lewis will present to the Strategic Six Group on 13 March 2017

Options available -

- Recommend no change
- Seek to 'group' with one or more other Parishes to form a new parish council
- Seek to divide a current parish into Wards
- Seek to change the number of councillors
- Seek to change the boundaries of a Parish
- Seek to change what the Parish is called

The official Guidance states that the review ought to bring about

- improved community engagement
- better local democracy and result in
- more effective and convenient delivery of local services

Members briefly discussed the review and Cllr Greenizan will attend the Six Strategic Group meeting. All comments to be sent to the Clerk prior to this meeting to enable Cllr Greenizan to voice same at the meeting. Further discussion at next meeting.

ACTION: CLERK/ALL CLLRS

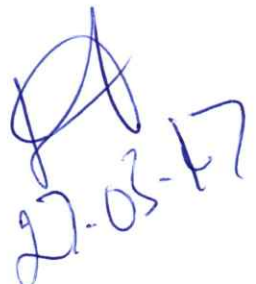
2016/111) Councillors reports

Cllr Cattee reported that the rough sleeper previously reported was still under the flyover bridge

Cllr Herring reported that the area of land previously reported had been cleared by Ben Burgess. The footpath behind Crown Point Villas has still not been cleared and is particularly overgrown behind no. 3. Suggested there should be a "name the train" competition for the local children following the installation of the new play train on the Common. Cllr Herring also confirmed he had spent many hours at the allotments sorting out a water leak with Anglian Water and searching for the stop-cock but his had now been found and marked and he had repaired the leak. – The Clerk and Chairman expressed their thanks to Cllr Herring for his efforts at the allotments and this was reiterated by the other members.

Cllr Greenizan reported that the sign post previously found lying down has now been removed but had left a significant hole and was a trip hazard – The Clerk will report to Highways for action

ACTION: CLERK



2016/112) Planning matters

a) Applications received to date –

After consideration of the following applications, members

RESOLVED to recommend as below:

2017/0177 – 34 Devon Way - works to trees in conservation area – Approve subject to no neighbour objections

2017/0287, 2017/0288 & 2017/0289 – Land North of A146 & East of White Horse Lane – Discharge of conditions ... - Object that the village is to be sole access to the site and request that all construction traffic must travel via White Horse Lane after 9.30am and comply with the bus gate and the speed limit and no deliveries before 9.30am. Concerns that there are High School children using the bus and waiting at the bus stop from 7.30 am and then later the primary school children are walking to school and there is a potential safety risk.

2017/0267 – 5 The Paddock – Remove two wooden sheds, erect timber framed garden building – Approve subject to no neighbour objections

b) Decision notices received to date – for information

2016/2979 - 21 Hudson Avenue - Part-Demolition of Garage to create single-storey side extension Garden studio space; insertion of bi-fold doors and conservation roof lights to rear elevation – Approved with conditions

2016/2954 – Hilltop, The Street – works to trees in conservation area – No objections

2017/0122 – Half Acre, White Horse Lane - works to trees in conservation area - No objections

c) Planning correspondence –

Norfolk Homes – Discussed under applications: 2017/0287, 2017/0288 & 2017/0289

Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm Consultation Summary Report & Newsletter – Brief discussion as mixed feelings whether the cabling would impinge on Trowse or not and members to forward any comments to the Clerk

Camping in Vans, Whitlingham Lane – Discussed and possibility of permit parking also considered – NCC Cllr Smith and SNC Cllr Lewis to forward correspondence and Officer/s to be invited to explain at next meeting and for next agenda

Resident's correspondence re traffic – Discussed as above item

2016/113) Finance matters

a&b) Summary of receipts and payments & Statement of accounts –

On the motion of Cllr Prentice, seconded by Cllr Cattee, it was

RESOLVED to approve and accept the Summary of receipts and payments and Statement of accounts for January to a total of £105,531.73

c) Defibrillator – There was a discussion about the need for a defibrillator.

On the motion of Cllr Prentice, seconded by Cllr Cattee, it was

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a defibrillator and the Clerk to write to the Manor Rooms Committee regarding placing the cabinet on the external wall of the Manor Rooms

d) Norse grounds maintenance contract £4,627.74 – There was some discussion and consideration as to whether another contractor should be considered. The Clerk to confirm the terms of the current contract with Norse and, if it is possible, to seek alternative quotes from other contractors

e) Request for S.137 donation – Norfolk Accident Rescue Service – not at this time as not in line with Council policy to donate only to Trowse based charities

ACTION: CLERK

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2016/114) Allotments, Churchyard, Common and Cemetery

a) Land for sale adjacent to allotments – Cllr Greenizan confirmed that she had attended the auction of the land and it had sold to an unknown buyer for £12,500

b) Cemetery gardening work – The quote for gardening work at the cemetery was discussed and also work already taken out by a different contractor which had been arranged by Cllr Steward.

On the motion of Cllr Prentice, seconded by Cllr Cattee, it was

RESOLVED to approve the quote for the work at the cemetery as listed and the Clerk to contact Mr Howard for his best price and also the planting scheme to be agreed beforehand

c) Inspection of play equipment – Noted all items were low risk and the Clerk to forward to Fenland Leisure for a cost to attend to all necessary items

d) Community Clearance of Stream – Briefly discussed and the Clerk to express an interest in a community clearance event and for further discussion at next meeting

ACTION: CLERK

2016/115) Correspondence received to-date

a) New Beat Manager, PC Stuart Sainsbury – Noted for information

b) Police Crime update – Noted for information

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

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Public Participation Notes

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak and points raised included the following:-

- Resident felt Article 4 would be a good idea and was fully supportive as village had a special character and should be given protection
- Suggestion to have a source of appropriate suppliers/fitters available to residents if they needed to replace windows as not always easy to find someone – SNC cannot recommend contractors
- Costs could be a significant factor if replacing several windows and could be expensive
- Query as to whether grants were available for windows – no SNC grants at this time
- Railings and pillars with finials sometimes need replacing and query how this could be done – The Clerk advised that she believed a cast could be made from the original and a replacement then made up but could not weld cast iron so difficult to make a repair
- Query if solar panels would still be able to be fitted if Article 4 implemented – SNC would approve as long as they are at the back of the house
- Concern raised regarding the number of “looked after” children and the NCC budget cuts
- Community Governance Review should ensure parishioners are consulted and noted that parishes are historic and this should be considered before any changes are made


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TROWSE WITH NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**Bank Reconciliation at 31/01/2017**

Cash in Hand 01/04/2016

87,917.25

ADD

Receipts 01/04/2016 - 31/01/2017

73,860.51

161,777.76

SUBTRACT

Payments 01/04/2016 - 31/01/2017

56,246.03

A Cash in Hand 31/01/2017
(per Cash Book)

105,531.73

Cash in hand per Bank Statements

Cash	31/01/2017	0.00
Lloyds Treasurers 04058297	31/01/2017	82,278.79
Lloyds Business 06378221	31/01/2017	15,206.17
Santander Bus Reserve	31/01/2017	8,988.30

106,473.26

Less unrepresented cheques
As attached

941.53

105,531.73

Plus unrepresented receipts
As attached

0.00

B Adjusted Bank Balance**105,531.73****A = B Checks out OK**