

Pudding Norton & Testerton Parish Council

VENUE Pavilion Bar Fakenham Racecourse	MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL	DATE 29 th May 2009 7:30pm
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1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 PRESENT

Cllr. Tuck (Chairman), Cllr. Balderstone, Cllr. Massingham, Cllr. Robson, Cllr. Hartop, Mr. Siseman (Clerk) and 1 parishioner.

1.2 APOLOGIES

District Cllr. Wakefield sent her apologies, saying that she could not attend owing to illness. However, confined to the house as she was, she was able to send comments to the meeting based on the agenda the clerk had sent to her. These comments are reported in these minutes in the appropriate place.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

These were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr. Tuck had previously made it known that he wished to retire as Chairman, although he was happy to remain a councillor. After some discussion, Cllr Massingham, seconded by Cllr. Tuck, proposed that Cllr. Robson be elected to the Chair. The motion was passed unanimously and Cllr Robson accepted the post. Further discussion resulted in Cllr. Balderstone, seconded by Cllr. Massingham, proposing that Cllr. Hartop be Vice-Chairman. The proposal was passed unanimously and Cllr. Hartop accepted the post. The clerk voiced the gratitude of all the people present in thanking Cllr. Tuck for his hard work over the years in his role of Chairman and pleasure that he was continuing on the council.

4. FINANCE

4.1 CURRENT POSITION

Account Name	Date	Balance
Current Account	29/5/09	£2298.60
Deposit Account	29/5/09	£498.65

4.2 MONIES PAID

- 01/04/09 – £27.05 – MHB Services Ltd – lighting maintenance
- 02/04/09 – £68.99 – E-on – Power costs
- 12/04/09 – £30.00 – Chq 100195 – Fakenham CAB – Donation
- 01/05/09 – £27.05 – MHB Services Ltd – lighting maintenance
- 08/05/09 – £116.61 – Chq 100196 – NNDC – emptying of Dog bins

4.3 MONIES TO BE PAID

- NALC(was NCAPTC) – fees – £88.66

4.4 MONIES RCVD

- 24/04/08 – £750.00 – NNDC – 1st Precept payment

4.5 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN

Councillors reviewed and discussed the Accounts and the Annual return that was extracted from them, without comment. They then carefully considered all the aspects covered by the Annual Statement of Governance, answering the questions contained in it. The various sections of the Annual return were then signed by the Chairman and Clerk where required.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 DEREHAM ROAD SPEEDWATCH

Clerk reported he was still awaiting results.

District Cllr Wakefield had sent the following message to the meeting which clerk read out:

"I am currently co-ordinating the Fakenham Speedwatch teams. It is quite possible we could extend our coverage to Pudding Norton if you request it. The main thing holding back wider coverage of the area is the need for more volunteers - so if anyone would like to join us - you have a much better chance of some help. Please give my contact details to anyone who is interested." Cllrs.

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Received the news and generally expressed the opinion they had held on previous occasions, that it exposed members of public to a danger which was more properly the area of the police and they could not recommend it. They would however not discourage anyone from joining the group.

5.2 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Clerk reported that the website was in the design stage and he hoped it would be working in time for the next meeting. He reported that District Cllr. Wakefield had reminded him of the free website facility offered by NNDC. She said that it was allegedly not the easiest system to use but two people had recently got the Hempton one up and running. Clerk had already considered the NNDC solution and had reported on its shortfalls at the last meeting. Having looked at the now much improved Hempton website he still felt the path the council had decided to take would offer a better solution. Councillors agreed and looked forward to the new website.

Clerk asked for some ideas on pictures for the website. Suggestions included the Pudding Norton Church ruin, an aerial view of the parish and the racecourse, which was in Pudding Norton, not as often believed in Fakenham.

6. MATTERS CONSIDERED

6.1 COUNTY COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

Cllrs. Noted the dates for the elections.

6.2 BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

Cllr. Robson, who is overseeing this matter for the council, reported that we had been given short notice to respond to a request for views on the proposed boundaries by the 15-5-09. She had consulted with Cllr. Tuck, the then chairman and the Clerk and sent a letter expressing the views discussed by Cllrs. At previous meetings. In brief this meant the Council supported the status quo.

6.3 STREET NAME SIGNAGE

Clerk reported that all street signs were now in place and in good condition.

6.4 LETTER FROM STALHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Stalham town council had written asking the Council to write to authorities supporting their complaints regarding the NNDC planning process. Cllrs. Noted the contents of the letter without comment

6.5 CLEAN UP NORFOLK

Cllrs. received details of the Clean up Norfolk campaign without comment.

6.6 NORFOLK ACCIDENT & RESCUE

Norfolk Accident and Rescue had written to the council appealing for funds. Cllrs. unanimously decided to send a £25 donation as they had in other years.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following mail was reviewed by the councillors and any comments made are recorded below in italics.

REF	DATE	Sender	Description
1.	20/2/09	NNDC	Environmental awards
2.	25/2/09	Fakenham Area Partnership	Questionnaire and Consultation Report
3.	2/4/09	Norfolk Constabulary	"Changing Times" letter - <i>Cllr. Massingham would enquire re town parking</i>
4.	2/4/09	NNDC	Site Specific Proposals – Draft Plan
5.	11/4/09	NNDC	LDF update report
6.	23/4/09	East Anglian's Children's Hospices	Intro and appeal for funds. <i>Cllrs. decided this was outside their mandate to donate to.</i>
7.	6/4/09	NCC	Local List Validation Requirements: Consultation
8.	8/4/09	Breckland Council	LDF submission
9.	11/4/09	Fakenham Area Forum	Invite to meeting
10.	17/4/09	Equality and Human Rights Commission	Public Sector Duties – letter and leaflet.
11.	18/4/09	NNDC	Standards Committee – Annual Report
12.	30/4/09	Norfolk Police Authority	Policing plan 2009/12

Plus various publications received since the last meeting

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Set for Friday 14th August 2009 at 7A Dereham Rd at 7:30 PM

Signed as a true record of the meeting: _____ Chairman Dated ___/___/___