

pudding Norton & Testerton Parish Council

VENUE 7A Dereham Road Pudding Norton	MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL	DATE 13 th November 2009 7:30pm
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1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 PRESENT

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

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

These were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. FINANCE

3.1 CURRENT POSITION

Account Name	Date	Balance
Current Account	10/11/09	£2234.48
Deposit Account	10/11/09	£498.78

3.2 MONIES PAID

- 01/09/09 – £27.05 – MHB Services Ltd – lighting maintenance
- 01/10/09 – £27.05 – MHB Services Ltd – lighting maintenance
- 04/10/09 – £68.99 – E-On Energy – Energy costs
- 01/11/09 – £27.05 – MHB Services Ltd – lighting maintenance

3.3 MONIES TO BE PAID

- 5/11/09 – £125.00 – Wensum.net – Web Site expenses
- 06/10/09 – £57.50 – Mazars – 08/09 Audit fee

3.4 MONIES RECEIVED

- NNDC – 25/09/09 – Precept 2nd Instalment – £750.00

3.5 ANNUAL RETURN

The clerk reported the return from Mazars, the auditors, of the annual return. The only comment made by the auditor referred to rounding the figures on the return to whole numbers.

3.6 2010/11 PRECEPT

After discussion of the clerk's precept planning document, members decided on maintaining the precept at the same level as last year. ie £1500. The precept request document was duly signed and given to the clerk to send to NNDC.

3.7 BANKING CHANGES

Clerk reported some minor changes to the banking facilities, which he felt would not affect the council.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 DEREHAM ROAD SPEEDWATCH

Clerk read out an email he had had from Janet Overton of the Norfolk Police. In summary it said that the results of the SAM survey were not bad enough to warrant further action but the council might like to consider Community Speedwatch. This option had been considered by the council in the past and rejected. They maintained their position at this meeting. The matter was therefore considered closed unless something else happened to revive it.

4.2 PNPC WEBSITE

Clerk reported completion of the initial version of the parish website and the fact it was now live on the Internet. Some minor changes were requested by the members which the clerk will action.

4.3 BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

Cllr. Robson outlined the current situation as being one of waiting for the courts.

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4.4 PLANNING

The passing of a planning application to build an extension at the rear of 4 Dereham Road was noted without comment.

5. MATTERS CONSIDERED

5.1 BUS SERVICES

Cllr Robson reported that since the last meeting, when a bus stop had been considered, one of the routes through Pudding Norton had been withdrawn. The matter of bus services was then discussed and the main problem was felt to be a lack of publicity. If more people knew about the services more might use them. The following ideas were aired:

- A timetable by the roadside in Dereham Road
- A link to the relevant information sites from the Parish website.
- Entry on a parish information sheet.
- Find out information from NCC and see what ideas this generated.

Clerk agreed to follow up on all these matters and let councillors know what transpired.

5.2 FAKENHAM AREA FORUM MEETINGS

Following the smaller meeting held in Stibbard in June, which Cllr Robson had attended, she reported the main points from a larger meeting held in Cromer.

- First of these points was regarding the inclusion of younger members on the council. (This had also been a theme at the earlier meeting.) After some discussion regarding how difficult it was to get councillors no matter what age, it was decided to allow councillors to air the matter amongst their parishioners and report back.
- Cllr Robson reported the gist of a presentation by Mr Smith of the NNDC who highlighted the negative effects that the current recession will have on the area and how local businesses, tourism etc should be promoted and made use of as much as possible.
- The question of quality status had also been raised at the meeting and Cllr Robson reported the feelings of one council present, which felt that it had been no benefit whatever to them. Clerk outlined the requirements for a council to obtain quality status. He said that over time non-quality councils would become less effective in representing the interests of parishioners. The biggest hurdle to obtaining quality status he felt, was one of requiring the council to be elected rather than co-opted. He pointed out that an uncontested election cost the parish £75 whereas a contested election would cost over £500. Past members had always felt that it was more important to keep the council tax to a minimum and had therefore not encouraged more members than seats on the council, which would have triggered an election. Current members, duly informed, will consider the matter.

5.3 NORFOLK LOWLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE

An appeal for funds from this organisation was deferred.

5.4 BRITISH LEGION WREATH

Clerk explained that the poppy wreath laid every Remembrance Day at the Hempton memorial hall was "recycled" every year. This effectively meant that costs were kept down at the expense of the poppy fund. He suggested that councillors might like to consider making a donation to the British Legion Poppy Appeal every year that a new wreath was not purchased from the Legion. Councillors agreed to this unanimously and suggested Clerk arrange for a £20 donation.

5.5 BOTTLE BANK

Cllr. Massingham agreed to check out the bottle bank to see if a notice indicating that any colour glass could be deposited in it had been stuck to the bin and let the clerk know.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

REF	DATE	Sender	Description
1.	3/9/09	NNDC	Your choice – your home lettings scheme
2.	18/9/09	NNDC	Fakenham Connect
3.	29/9/09	Fakenham PPG	Surgery Notes
4.	2/10/09	NNDC	LDF – reuse of rural buildings strategy
5.	17/10/09	NCC	Minerals and waste plan – <i>Taken by Cllr Hartop</i>
6.	28/10/09	NNDC	New planning computer
7.	1/11/09	NNDC	Fakenham Urban Expansion Draft Masterplan

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Plus various publications received since the last meeting

7. CRIME REPORT

Clerk presented a bar chart, which showed a breakdown of the crime figures over the last 12 months, for the Raynhams, rather than Pudding Norton specifically. Cllrs. noted that most of the crime was anti-social behaviour related but was still at a low level.

8. AOB

Cllr. Hartop said that he had visited the Hempton Parish website and seen that they had considered the possibility of passing a bylaw to prohibit motorcycles on the Bullock Hills. He asked if there had been any news of this. Clerk said he would contact District Councillor Wakefield, who was also a Hempton parish councillor to see what the situation was on this.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Set for Friday 5th February 2010 at 7A Dereham Rd at 7:30 PM

The meeting closed at 9:30PM

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