

pudding Norton & Testerton Parish Council

VENUE 7A Dereham Road Pudding Norton	MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL	DATE 12 th February 2010 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. District Cllr Dawn Wakefield was also present for part of the meeting.

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	12/02/10	£1,861.18
Deposit Account	12/02/10	£498.84

3.2 MONIES PAID

- 13/11/09 - £18.80 – Cllr Robson's expenses
- 01/12/09 – £27.05 – MHB Services Ltd – lighting maintenance
- 01/01/10 – £29.01 – MHB Services Ltd – lighting maintenance
- 05/01/10 – £68.99 – E-On Energy – Energy costs
- 05/02/10 – £205.00 – Zurich Insurance – Annual Insurance Premium

3.3 MONIES TO BE PAID

- 01/02/10 – £29.01 – MHB Services Ltd – lighting maintenance

3.4 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The clerk confirmed that in line with emails sent to councillors, the 3 year contract had been signed with MHB Services Ltd.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 PNPC WEBSITE

Clerk confirmed that all changes requested at the last meeting had been completed.

4.2 BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

Cllr. Robson reported the arrival of a letter from the Unitary Structures Team. She said that the proposals were far from detailed and that it was her opinion that if there was a change of government at the next election the whole scheme would be terminated.

4.3 BUS SERVICES

Clerk reported that he was in contact with Robert Pratt from the NCC and discussions were in progress to establish exactly what buses actually passed through the parish and how best to publicise them.

4.4 BRANCHING OUT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Clerk summarised a letter from NNDC regarding a new initiative which is trying to encourage new parish councillors. Part of the project involved each councillor filling out a questionnaire. Clerk had received one of these and had specifically contacted NNDC to see if he was supposed to circulate it to the councillors. He was told no they would get their own. None of our councillors had received such a document. Clerk would write to enquire about the matter.

4.5 BULLOCK HILLS BY-LAW

District Cllr. Wakefield explained that following the changes on the Hempton PC it appeared that this project had been shelved and details of what stage it had reached had been lost. She indicated that it would be reinstated on the Hempton PC meeting agenda. She had, however made enquiries of the legal experts at NNDC and was exploring other avenues including anti social behaviour legislation. She passed website details to clerk who will investigate further and report back.

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

4.6 DEREHAM ROAD SPEEDWATCH

District Cllr. Wakefield reported that the Speedwatch team had carried out a survey at the garages in Dereham Road and had caught nobody exceeding the speed limit. This was possibly because of the signage they had to use, warning drivers that a speedwatch survey was ahead. She went on to say that monitoring of the sites that they had been working on had indicated an overall fall in vehicle speed and it was hoped that continual surveys at Dereham road would also prove effective.

5. MATTERS CONSIDERED

5.1 PLANNING APPLICATION – POWER CABLE

The application was discussed with no comment being passed.

5.2 FIRST FOCUS – INFORMATION

Clerk had received a letter from First Focus in Fakenham promoting their services mainly for the disadvantaged. They had sent one poster which was given to Cllr. Massingham to display on the Green Lane notice board. Clerk said he would get hold of another to display on the Dereham Road noticeboard.

5.3 GRIT BIN AT GREEN LANE

Clerk reported a call from a parishioner, who had been having problems exiting from Green Lane during the recent icy conditions. He had enquired about provision of a grit bin. Clerk had investigated this with help from DC Wakefield and Cllr Massingham. Cllr Massingham had reported to clerk that some parishioners remembered a grit bin at the location and that it had been removed by NCC. Clerk had asked NCC for comments on this and had been told that NCC would not have removed it. Cllr Massingham would find out more and let clerk know.

Clerk said that failing the return of the errant grit bin the scheme was that we applied to NCC to survey the situation. If the site was approved the Parish Council could buy the bin and the NCC would keep it filled free of charge.

5.4 NORFOLK RCC GOOD NEIGHBOUR PROJECT

Clerk had received a poster publicising this project which he gave to Cllr Massingham for the Green Lane noticeboard. Clerk will obtain another for Dereham Road.

5.5 NORFOLK INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

The changes imposed by NCC on the use of the second home rates was discussed and Clerk and Chair were asked to write to NCC indicating their objections to the changes which would result in the locally raised money leaving the area where it had been used to generate affordable houses, to be used more generally in large conurbations like Norwich, Thetford and King's Lynn.

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	21/11/09	Environmental Agency	River Wensum Restoration Strategy
2	03/12/09	NCC	2 letters re road gritting
3	04/12/09	Norfolk Knowledge	Intro
4	17/12/09	NCC	Planning application changes
5	08/01/10	NNDC	LDF changes and newsletter
6	25/01/10	Fakenham PPG	Surgery Notes – issue 2
7	04/02/10	NSPCC	Promoting the NSPCC
8	10/02/10	NNDC	Parish Council Toolkit <i>District Cllr. Wakefield said she would pass on complaints regarding the expense of generating the document which was not required as other sources of information were available.</i>

Plus various publications received since the last meeting

7. CRIME REPORT

Clerk reported that he had reviewed the police website and found nothing to report. He said that he would do his best to get a police representative to the May meeting.

8. AOB

Cllr. Massingham reported that the recent cold spell had damaged the path surface in Parklands. He will obtain photographs and pass to clerk who will then contact the relevant authorities.

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Due to other commitments some difficulty was encountered setting the meeting for the Annual meeting of the Parish Council which must be held in May. After some discussion it transpired that Sunday the 2nd of May was acceptable to the councillors and clerk was asked to see if this could be arranged.

The meeting closed at 9:00PM