Pudding Norton & Testerton Parish Council

VENUE

Small Meeting Room
Gallow Sports Club

MINUTES OF A

MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL

7:30pm

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 PRESENT

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

1.2 APOLOGIES

District Cllr. Wakefield and Cllr. Hartop sent their apologies.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

These were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. POLICE REPORT

(In order to free PCSO Kirby to leave and take up her Friday night public order duties, this item was moved up the agendum.)

PCSO Kirby reported that there had been 2 crimes logged in the area between 9th August and the 12th of November 2010. Both were common assaults, one domestic and the other received a reprimand. She explained that a common assault did not necessarily mean a fight. It might be that someone was grabbed forcefully by the arm during an argument, or indeed being spat at.

Other items from the agendum were raised for her comment and these are entered under the appropriate section of the minutes. PCSO Kirby then left the meeting.

4. FINANCE

4.1 CURRENT POSITION

Account Name	Date	Balance
Current Account	04/11/10	£2,199.77
Deposit Account	09/09/10	£499.02

4.2 MONIES PAID

- 01/09/10 £29.01 MHB Services Ltd lighting maintenance
- 01/10/10 £29.01 MHB Services Ltd lighting maintenance
- 01/07/10 £68.99 E-On Energy Energy costs
- 01/11/10 £29.01 MHB Services Ltd lighting maintenance

4.3 MONIES RECEIVED

• 30/09/10 – £750.00 – NNDC – 2nd instalment of precept

4.4 MONIES TO BE PAID

 Change to Lighting Maintenance due to VAT Increase (£29.01 to £29.63). A letter was signed by two bank signatories instructing the bank to change the Standing Order to MHB, the lighting contractors, to take account of the increase in VAT, due Jan 4th 2011.

4.5 SET ANNUAL PRECEPT

Councillors considered the detail of the precept planning document produced by the Clerk and decided to set the precept at £1650 for the year. They felt that this was justified in view of the fact that it had remained at £1500 for the last 4 years and overall the bank balance was beginning to decline on a year on year basis. This amount was proposed by Cllr. Robson, seconded by Cllr. Tuck and passed unanimously. The Precept request was signed and Clerk asked to forward it to the NNDC.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 BUS SERVICES

Since Cllr Wakefield was not at the meeting this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

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5.2 MOTORCYCLES ON THE BULLOCK HILLS

Clerk reported that Cllr Robson's letter to the Raynham Estate had received a reply, which confirmed that the council could erect notices prohibiting motorcycling on the Bullock Hills. Clerk was asked to email the Chair at Hempton to see if they would contribute anything to the project.

5.3 GRIT BIN AT GREEN LANE

Cllr Massingham suggested a site for the grit bin on NCC land near the junction of the A1065 and the Tittleshall road. He would talk to any householders in the vicinity to see if they had any objections. Failing which he would send details of the site to the Clerk for transmission to NCC.

5.4 PLANNING — HEMPTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME

Clerk reported comments from DC Wakefield that the planning had been passed subject to certain aspects in particular, drainage. She was still hopeful that the scheme might be abandoned.

5.5 HOMEWATCH SCHEME

Cllr. Massingham arranged with PCSO Kirby to meet at a convenient time to further the project.

5.6 PLANNING APPLICATION - POWERCABLE

Clerk reported that NNDC had again deferred this application.

5.7 PLANNING APPLICATION - 4 DEREHAM ROAD

Clerk reported that the planning application had been passed.

5.8 DOG BINS

Following decision made at last meeting Cllr Massingham had received no contact having put up notices indicating that the dog bin might be removed. He had also spoken to some dog walkers who had confirmed that they used the bins very little, if at all. Councillors then discussed the matter and decided to cancel the contract with NNDC. Clerk was asked to arrange.

5.9 SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Robson said that she had not been out since she joined the speed watch "patrol". Clerk reported that Cllr Wakefield, who organises the group, had been unwell recently. Perhaps when she was better more activity might occur.

5.10 CLERK'S JOB

Clerk reported that he had not progressed the appointment of a new clerk but Cllr. Wakefield had suggested someone who was already a parish clerk for other parishes. Clerk to progress with Cllr. Wakefield.

6. MATTERS CONSIDERED

6.1 VITALISE - APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Councillors felt their mandate did not extend to supporting this charity

6.2 NCC - Traffic management Fakenham to Toftrees

Councillors received the news of the extension to the speed limits on the A1065 without comment.

6.3 NCC - "NORFOLK MATTERS" ON EMAIL

Clerk reported that the NCC publication "Norfolk Matters" would henceforth be available only on the Internet. When he knew more about its availability he would inform Councillors.

6.4 NCC - MINERALS AND WASTE DOCUMENTS AND PLANS

No action.

6.5 NCC - NEWS OF SPENDING CUTS

No action

6.6 British Legion - Donation in Lieu of New Wreath

As last year, since they had re-used the poppy wreath for the Remembrance Day Service, Councillors decided to make a donation of £20 to the British Legion Poppy appeal. Clerk to arrange.

7. A O B

7.1 ROAD CONDITION IN GREEN LANE ESTATE

Cllr Massingham reported that there was a large pothole in the road outside his house on the Green Lane Estate. Clerk said if he would send him photographs he would inform the relevant authorities.

7.2 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Set for Friday 18th February 2010 at The Small Meeting Room, The Gallow Sports Club, at 7:30 PM

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