

Minutes of a Full Council meeting of **PUDDING NORTON PARISH COUNCIL** which was held on **Wednesday 24th August 2011** at Fakenham Sports Centre (Dining Room), Fakenham Racecourse, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:- Sheila Robson (Chairman), Christopher Hartop (Vice-Chairman), Andrew Blyth, Mike Ainger, & John Tuck, also, District Cllr Becky Palmer & County Cllr David Callaby.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 4.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – There were none.
2. *Adjourned for the **Open Public Session** at 7.30pm & reconvened at 7.35pm.*
3. **Declarations of Interest** – There were none.
4. It was *proposed & agreed* that “the **MINUTES** of the AGM & The Full Council Meeting dated Thursday 30th June 2011 are signed as a true record.”
5. **GUESTS & CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following **PCSO Report** was given by PCSO Jo Robotham & PCSO Sarah Kirby. Since the last Parish Council meeting, there has been one hate crime and four calls to Pudding Norton. Two were domestics and the other two were related to the hate crime. We have requested speed checks from our traffic unit and are awaiting information from them, but many of our officers have attended the London and Birmingham riots. We are working with local people and in particular the Parish Council to try and get a Homewatch Scheme up and running in ‘Green Lane and Parklands’, the figure needed for the signage is in the region of £25 00. Ideally the Police would like two if not three co-ordinators, one has been found, and possibly a second and we are currently trying to arrange a meeting to sort out the finer details.

6. **PLANNING**

- 6.1. **Power & Recycling Centre** planned for Willows Business Park, Saddlebow, King’s Lynn. After much consideration it was *proposed & agreed* that “we oppose the idea of an incinerator in Norfolk as we do not feel that we want other waste from other counties coming in, just to make it viable. Therefore the proposal does not fulfil the need of Norfolk, but that of a commercial company.”
- 6.2. It was *proposed & agreed* that “we support the following proposal made by a Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Councillor in principle, but the wording needs to be clarified.” “*We seek new planning guidance for major developers, urging them as a matter of planning procedure to i)*

Attend meetings to answer questions about their planning application, should a Parish/Town Council wish them to do so & ii) Make them provide resources (if wished) to enable Parish/Town Councils to assess their applications, which may be over 1000 pages long, based on a professional critique of their evidence.”

6.3. **Homewatch Scheme** - This was dealt with under the PCSO report.

7. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS –

Becky Palmer (District Cllr) – I have been having discussions with one resident in Green Lane Estate, who wants to have lower kerbs outside their property, and am trying my best to assist them, although clarification of responsibility and cost is needed. I am planning to attend the forthcoming Parklands Estate Committee meeting as requested and will go to look at the rough play area piece of land before then.

David Callaby (County Cllr) – Some of you will be aware that Social Services are changing to a personal care allowance/budget, which each individual will be responsible for, with the emphasis being that they will have more choice. If you encounter any problems with the service provided by the Highways Rangers, then please let me know. I am aware of the real problems on the Parklands Estate with regard the fire hydrants and that out of 14 only about 2 of them work. This is of great concern and I am waiting to hear more from NNDC who are the owners of this park, and have now asked Becky Palmer to assist us with this also. This problem creates a danger to both the vans and the lives of the residents. The whole site appears to have become rundown and NNDC really should come and see what they can do to help.

8. FINANCE

8.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that “the **Accounts** for the month are paid, including a £60 payment to Gerald Rawlings for the replacement notice board.”

8.2. The **Clerk/RFO Report** – The NCC Highways Rangers are due to visit the parish of Pudding Norton during the week commencing 26th September 2011. They will carry out maintenance works identified by the Highways Inspector and they will welcome any additional tasks which we feel need attention whilst in the area. Any items for their consideration must be emailed to highways@norfolk.gov.uk and you must include the word ‘Ranger & Pudding Norton’ in the ‘subject title box.’

Also James Winter, the Highways Engineer has replied to say that he would be happy to meet with members of Pudding Norton Parish Council at a time to suit during the working day. The members agreed that as a list of items would be compiled following the above, then there was no need for us to ask for a meeting with him for the timebeing.

The leaflets reminding residents of their legal obligations when it came to their canine friends were ready for distribution as well as the general information about the new Parish Council, including meeting dates, names, addresses and contact details of Parish, District & County Cllrs and the Parish Clerk, and a reminder of the website address etc.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1. Members had not been approached by anyone from the **Travelling Fraternity** about obtaining permission to use or purchase local parish land. The Police wish to know about any positive or negative responses.

9.2. Cllr Mike Grainger reported that a number of Parish Cllrs, the Clerk and the County Cllr had all gone to take a look at the site in 'Parklands' which the residents have asked for assistance with, to establish a safe **Children's Play Area** on the land owned by NNDC. (The District Cllr will also attend.) Letters from the children were handed to the Clerk, which will be circulated for members to read. The 'Parklands Committee' are initially trying to arrange a meeting with NNDC to establish what they will do to help move this idea forward. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that "we wait to hear the outcome, but we will support this in principle, however we can."

9.3. **Speeding** within the village has been mentioned to the Police, (see PCSO report earlier) however we need to remind the Police of the real problem past the houses on Beacon Hill and ask if they could address this area as soon as possible. The Chairman also suggested that perhaps the 'Speedwatch' group could target this area, and she will mention it to the team.

9.4. Cllr Mike Ainger, has mentioned the possibility of community celebrations for the **Queens Diamond Jubilee** in 2012 to the 'Parklands Committee' but didn't feel that there was initially much enthusiasm, although he plans to try again and will report back.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman _____

INFORMATION ONLY LIST - UPDATE, PROGRESS & INFORMATION REPORT

1. NNDC PLANNING DECISIONS –

- i) Planning Application no. PF/09/1270 – *proposal; Installation of buried electrical cable system in connection with off-shore wind farm at, **Land from Weybourne to Gt. Ryburgh.***

At the meeting on 14 July 2011 the NNDC Development Control Committee resolved to defer the application for the following reasons:

1. To await the outcome of the inquiry in respect of Little Dunham substation.
2. To seek the applicants' views as to whether they are willing to delete Stage 2 from the current application.
3. To request the applicants to reconsider the precise route at Westwood Farm, Great Ryburgh.
4. To seek further information on the short term impact on tourism and agriculture.
5. To seek the applicants' view as to the use of horizontal direction drilling across the Rivers Stiffkey and Wensum.
6. To seek further information in respect of soil heating.

It is not the intention of the Council to refer the application back to Committee until all of these matters have been responded to and in the case of point 1 a decision made on the appeal, hence the Case Officer is not therefore in a position at this time to advise when the final decision is likely to be made.

2. CORRESPONDENCE – Items in circulation to read include;

- a) SUTCLIFFE PLAY – Play Spaces for communities & parishes.
- b) NNDC– Green Buildings in Norfolk – Open Days 2011; Weekends of 17th -18th & 24th – 25th September.
- c) THE PLAYING FIELD – Norfolk Playing Fields Association Newsletter – Summer 2011.