

Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Hardwick Village Hall on Tuesday 6th September 2016

Present: David Alexander (Chairman), Andrew Penn, Mark Cann, Jeremy Alexander, Clive Ling and Josephine Murgatroyd (Clerk).

Apologies: Alison Thomas

There were no Parishioners present.

1. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May 2016 were read, confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Highways

The Highways Department had replaced the broken pipe under Low Road, Shelton by the Church. The damaged 30mph sign had been reported but had not yet been replaced.

The Highway Rangers were due to visit the Parish and a request for any work had been received. It was reported that a drain needed clearing on Low Road near to the field entrance opposite the school playing field. This would be reported to the Rangers to see if they could clear it. The Clerk was requested to contact the Highways Department about the road edge collapsing near to the junction of Slip Shoe Lane and Hardwick Road.

The Clerk had received notification that Common Road, Hardwick could be closed for 3 days this week to enable BT work to be done. However, no road closure signs had been placed on the approaches, so it was not clear if the road was to be closed or not. Any closure could result in a noticeable increase in traffic going through Hardwick.

3. Correspondence

a) South Norfolk District Council

There was nothing to report.

b) Norfolk County Council

There was nothing to report.

c) Miscellaneous

UK Power Networks had introduced a national telephone number of 105 to report a power cut.

The Local Government Boundary Commission was conducting a review of ward boundaries as due to population changes, there were notable differences in the population size in some wards.

CPRE were seeking support in their campaign to oppose new housing targets that were in the view of CPRE 'unnecessary and damaging development'. The Parish had a very low housing target and the PC decided not to participate in the campaign.

4. Planning Cases

a) Morningthorpe Farm, Ansons Lane, Morningthorpe(2016/0160)

The PC had considered an amended application to extend the height of the chimney and had repeated the comments previously made.

The planning application had been considered by the Planning Committee and Alison Thomas had spoken against the application. It had however been approved by SNDC with conditions including a limit on the quantity of bitumen that could be manufactured and the hours the business could operate. There was also a condition that the business must always be in the same ownership as the house.

b) Long Stratton Area Action Plan

There was nothing further to report.

c) Athrols, Mill Road, Hardwick

An application to extend the garage was granted by SNDC.

d) Shelton Hall Barn, Shelton

An application had been made to build a new access road from the rear of the barn and joining the existing driveway nearer to the Alburgh Road entrance. This was considered by the PC and approved.

5. Accounts

Bank Balance £281.15

The Clerk informed the PC that the Audit has been completed without comment. Jeremy Alexander has checked the Bank Statement ending 30th June 2016.

6. Meeting Suspended for Public Participation

There was none.

7. Any Other Business

There was none.

8. Date of Next Meeting

This was fixed for Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman
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Cheques:- Village Hall Hire

£15.00