

Pre-Meeting Business: The Chairman stated that Mrs. White was present as a representative of the local press and was not a member of the Parish Council.

Public Participation: Ms. Ketteringham had received a letter from Pegasus Group, planning consultants working in partnership with Shared Access, regarding the proposed telecommunications mast. She agreed that the project would improve communications and provide additional funds for the Parish Council to utilise but wondered if any other sites had been considered. She said that she has had to put up with the tennis club lights for many years and wondered if larger shades could be used. Mr. Cameron also appreciated the benefits to the parish but felt that the mast would be visually detrimental to residents. In addition, it would be sited in a Conservation Area. He was surprised that the mast, if approved, would be 17.5 metres high as the original indication was 11 metres. He asked about the shape of the mast and if it could be added to within the term of the lease, i.e. 25 years. Mr. Howell, in time-honoured tradition, attempted to embark on a diatribe against various members of the Parish Council. He was firmly prevented from doing so. He then, yet again, attempted to ask questions concerning parish charities but was, yet again, advised to address any queries to the charity trustees. Mr. Fletcher remarked that, at the previous meeting, it was suggested that Elmham News should consider making public their financial accounts. He advised that this would not happen.

North Elmham Parish Council

**Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held at 7.30 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion on
Wednesday 3rd May 2017**

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001 Those Councillors Present Were:

Mrs. J. Borgnis (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips (Vice Chairman), Mr. J. Brown, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. P. Grainger, Mrs. A. Keeble, Mr. J. Labouchere, Mr. C. MacEwan, Mr. C. Smith and Mrs. D. Warner

Also in Attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk), Mrs. M. White (Elmham News + Dereham and Fakenham Times) and seven parishioners

002 Election of Chairman

One nomination as follows:

Mrs. J. Borgnis (nominated by Mr. Labouchere and seconded by Mr. Fitzalan Howard). All in favour.

003 Election of Vice Chairman

One nomination as follows:

Mr. M. Phillips (nominated by Mrs. Keeble and seconded by Mr. Brown). All in favour.

004 To Consider Apologies for Absence:

Dr. P. Wade-Martins and Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor)

005 To Receive Declarations of Interest:

The Chairman reminded the meeting that, should the occasion arise, interests should be declared by Councillors as soon as this was realised, and the interest should be minuted. Mr. Fitzalan Howard declared an interest in respect of the possible siting of the telecommunications mast.

006 Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 5th April 2017:

Resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. MacEwan. Agreed by all.

UPDATED INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

007 Land Management Matters (item 397)

- (a) Village Green Nothing to report
- (b) Cathedral Ruins Nothing to report
- (c) Cathedral Meadows Nothing to report
- (d) Broom Green Nothing to report
- (e) Millennium Wood Most of the timber has been removed with the brush, as previously agreed, remaining
- (f) Bridleway on disused railway line Nothing to report
- (g) Prince William Wood Nothing to report

008 Street Lights (item 398)

Mr. Fitzalan Howard said that there had not been any action yet on the new light in Larch Grove. Numbers 1 and 96 had been reported as faulty and duly repaired. The owner of the property to which light 57 is attached has asked for it to be temporarily removed to enable him to have the house rendered and painted. A quotation has been requested from Westcotec. The light near the King's Head which was demolished in a road traffic accident in September 2016 has now been replaced. A cheque in respect of the work involved is to be forwarded to Westcotec.

009 Highway Matters (item 399)

Dr. Wade-Martins had forwarded a report as follows:-

- Paul Grainger will update PC on our attempts to engage Bill Borrett in discussions about controlling traffic speeds in the village. I feel we should also be asking Highways specifically *why* they are recommending that they need their own traffic survey prior to doing the feasibility study when we already have the results of the survey carried out by the police. It is difficult to understand why the police report is not sufficient.

- I can make no headway with Highways over the repairs to the muddy areas on the Safe Route to School across the green, and I will be raising the matter with our County Councillor after the elections.
- Norman Clarke and others involved with the railway company should be congratulated on installing and painting the new railway gates which are very smart and make the crossing far safer.

Mr. Grainger has written to Mr. Green (Police Commissioner) on the issue regarding traffic speeds. He has also contacted Mr. Borrett (County Councillor) who is to encourage the police to help and also ask why another survey is required when one has already been done. Mr. Shoemith previously brought up the question of a hedge in Eastgate Street. There have been no reports of injuries or vehicles scratched and it is considered, therefore, not to be an issue.

010 Eastgate Centre (item 400)

Mr. Labouchere said that he would like to stand down as a trustee of the Eastgate Centre. The Chairman of the Centre, Mr. Fitzalan Howard, said that the position does not need to be filled immediately. The Chairman (Mrs. Borgnis) thanked Mr. Labouchere, on behalf of the Parish Council, for all his hard work in this role. The other Parish Council trustees are Messrs Phillips and MacEwan.

011 Pavilion and Playing Field – Play Area (item 401)

Mr. Brown reported that the moles were under control and the bottle banks had been emptied. Lettings of the pavilion this month amounted to £160.

012 Dog Fouling (item 402)

Mr. Smith reported that large amounts of dog mess had been deposited at the bottom of a private garden in Prince William Wood. He asked if a suitable “no dog fouling” sign could be positioned in the wood.

013 Allotments (item 403)

Mr. Phillips said that one more allotment had been let and he is awaiting the return of a contract in respect of another. There are two allotments left to let and, if anyone is interested, Mr. Phillips can be contacted on 668409.

014 Community defibrillator (item 404)

Mrs. Warner reported that there had been one new recruit making a total of six volunteers.

015 Play equipment and car park proposals (item 405)

The Play Area was subject to an arson attack on 6th April which resulted in extensive damage to one of the woodland towers. Police are investigating. A quotation has been received from NGF Play Ltd to replace the ruined equipment (£2,135 + VAT). Mr. Labouchere proposed that we proceed with having new equipment installed and this was seconded by Mr. Phillips. All in favour. The matter is to be reported to our insurance company. Mr. Brown suggested that this appalling act of vandalism should also be reported in the Elmham News.

016 Community Farm (item 406)

Nothing to report

- 017 Detailed information map for village/Notice and Information Boards (item 407)**
A draft is to be considered at the next meeting. In the meantime, Mr. MacEwan will discuss the matter with Mrs. Warner.
- 018 Volunteers (item 408)**
The work on the garden area in the car park near the church has been completed. There is a hole in the wall near the seat which Mr. Brown has previously mentioned to Dr. Spicer. Mr. Grainger volunteered to have a further discussion with Dr. Spicer on this matter. Mr. Labouchere has repaired the seat near the church.
- 019 Village Maintenance (item 409)**
Nothing to report
- 020 Village Institute Hall (item 410)**
Nothing to report
- 021 Village Resilience Plan (item 411)**
Nothing to report
- 022 Bus routes (item 412)**
Nothing to report
- 023 Discussions with the Mid-Norfolk Railway Company (item 413)**
Nothing to report
- 024 Website (item 414)**
Nothing to report
- 025 Neighbourhood Plan (item 415)**
Nothing to report
- 026 Funding Opportunity – mobile network coverage (item 416)**
Details of the proposed telecommunications structure had been sent by the planning consultants to all residents who would be able to see the mast from their homes. The siting is driven by the mobile ‘phone companies and Shared Access identify locations that will produce the best coverage. It was generally acknowledged that the service in the village is extremely poor and a number of members confirmed that they are unable to use their mobile ‘phones. It was also suggested that an improvement in this unsatisfactory situation may well enhance property values. It was agreed, in principle, to proceed with this project subject to receiving satisfactory answers to the following questions:- (Proposed by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Keeble. All in favour except Mr. Fitzalan Howard who abstained – please see item 005)

- a) Could confirmation of the type of mast be given?
- b) Can the type be changed within the term of the lease?
- c) What happens to the mast after 25 years?
- d) What protection will there be at the bottom of the mast?
- e) Are there any other positions where it could be sited?
- f) Can we see a computer generated image before committing?
- g) Could confirmation of the height be given?

027 Annual renewal of insurance

Aon Insurance had offered to renew the insurance, with effect from 1st June, with an annual premium payable of £645.54. This represents a reduction of 4.2% from last year (£673.82). The Clerk mentioned that the figure paid for this insurance was £1,451.75 in 2010 and subsequent years have seen negotiations resulting in decreased premiums. All agreed to renew the policy with a premium of £645.54.

028 Accounts for Payment and Schedule of Income

a) Resolved to approve the following Accounts for payment:-

11/4/17	E-on (street lights – March)	£131.71
3/5/17	D. Tyson (pavilion cleaning – April)	£90.00
3/5/17	K. Webb (Clerk’s pay for April)	£524.36
3/5/17	HMRC (tax on Clerk’s pay for April)	£74.20
3/5/17	Thinking Rural (payroll for April)	£12.00
3/5/17	Anglian Water (Playing Field – 14/12/16 to 7/4/17)	£133.04
3/5/17	Anglian Water (Pavilion – 14/12/16 to 7/4/17)	£31.20
3/5/17	NARS (donation)	£50.00
3/5/17	Norse (monthly grounds maintenance)	£822.66
3/5/17	Norfolk County Council (50% cost of trod)	£1,341.75
3/5/17	Mrs. W. Weston (50% cost of tree works)	£315.00
3/5/17	Community Action Norfolk (annual membership)	£20.00
3/5/17	Westcotec Ltd (supply and installation of new street light)	£930.00
3/5/17	Clanpress (King’s Lynn) Ltd (emergency plan forms)	£76.80
3/5/17	J. Duffield (work in Cathedral Ruins and the car park)	£410.00
3/5/17	Aon Insurance (annual insurance)	£645.54

b) Schedule of Income:

6/4/17	Pavilion takings	£130.00
7/4/17	Breckland Council (Precept – first six months)	£16,236.00
7/4/17	Breckland Council (Central Grant – first six months)	£516.50
2/5/17	Foxburrow Farm Ltd (A.M. Smith tenancy – six months)	£1,517.50

(Expenditure approved by all members)

029 To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations:-

a) Applications

- (i) Mr. and Mrs. G. Lotis, adjacent Home Farm House, Swanton Morley Road, Hoe (3PL/2016/1453/D) – demolish workshop building and erect dwelling
- (ii) Mr. G. Redwood, Granary Buildings, Eastgate Street (3PL/2017/0361) - demolition of existing storage buildings and construction of four 3 bed and two 2 bed terraced dwellings and five 3-4 bed three storey houses with integral garages. (In favour, in principle, of this area being tidied up. However, it is felt that the proposed buildings are inappropriately designed and not in keeping with the surrounding area. All in favour of objecting to the application)

b) Determinations

None

030 CORRESPONDENCE –5/4/17

- 1) Agenda of Local Plan meeting to be held at Dereham on 11/5/17
- 2) Police Crime Update report for January 2017
- 3) Environment Agency – Middle Wensum routine channel maintenance
- 4) Environment Agency – upstream of Elmham Mill weed cut River Wensum
- 5) Renewal of Parish Council insurance (w.e.f. 1/6/17)

031 Announcements

- a) The next Tea at 2 is to take place on Wednesday 10th May in the Institute.
- b) The Village Fete is to be held on 21st May.

032 Agenda items for next meeting:

Possible donation to School Library Fund

033 Next Meetings:

Wednesday, 7th June 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

(The Annual Parish Meeting is to take place on Wednesday, 24th May 2017)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman

Date

