

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: Mr. Gower said that he was concerned by the speed of vehicles and the size of lorries travelling through the village. Mr. Grainger and Dr. Wade-Martins considered this to be a very relevant point. There is currently an advisory sign for vehicles in excess of 7.5 tonnes and it was wondered if Highways could be requested to make it compulsory. Mr. Labouchere said that it was a European route (vehicles up to 44 tonnes permitted) but felt there could be a better chance of getting it changed after Brexit.

Mrs. Payne asked if Mr. Seaman had made a planning application to remove trees from Prince William Wood. It was confirmed that nothing had been received in this respect.

Mr. Johnson repeated his previous worries regarding telecommunications masts and stated that house prices nearby would fall and the levels of illness would increase. He said that compensation could be obtained from the Parish Council in both cases.

Mr. Starling thanked the Chairman for a letter in response to his. He asked how many people supported the mast and how many had objected. He also wondered if dates of future Parish Council meetings, together with a note of the bank balances of the accounts, could be put on the website. He said that he had visited five neighbours to discuss the mast and they broadly supported his views.

Mr. Wyatt disagreed with Mr. Johnson's assertions regarding the health risks. He said that he had closely investigated the website of Cancer Research U.K. and it clearly stressed that there are no links between cancer and mobile 'phone masts.

Mr. Fletcher stated that his son had worked on electronics for 35 years in the Foreign Office and had told him that there is no problem with the latest technology involving masts. He would, however, have preferred the mast to have been sited at the northern end of the village.

Mrs. McKinn asked where the mast was to be sited and the Chairman explained the location.

North Elmham Parish Council

**Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held at 7.30 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion on
Wednesday 12th July 2017**

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066 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, D. P. Wade-Martins and Mrs. D. Warner

Also in Attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk), Mrs. M. White (Elmham News + Dereham and Fakenham Times) and 19 parishioners

067 To Consider Apologies for Absence:

Mr. C. Smith and Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor)

068 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.

069 Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2017:

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

UPDATED INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

070 Land Management Matters (item 038)

- (a) Village Green The new play equipment is being delivered in the week commencing 24th July. The RoSPA inspections have been done
- (b) Cathedral Ruins Mrs. Keeble said that the new sign giving updated Health and Safety information had been installed.
- (c) Cathedral Meadows Nothing to report
- (d) Broom Green Elmham News had received a comment from a parishioner that the pond was better when it had reeds in it.
- (e) Millennium Wood Mr. Duffield had forwarded a cheque for £60 for the timber.
- (f) Bridleway on disused railway line Nothing to report
- (g) Prince William Wood Mr. Fitzalan Howard had received a complaint from a parishioner who felt that the Wood represented a fire risk. Mr. Brown had carried out some work which removed this concern.

071 Street Lights (item 039)

Nothing to report

072 Highway Matters (item 040)

Dr. Wade-Martins said that the potholes had not yet been repaired. The deadline for Parish Partnership applications is 11th December. The invoice for the Feasibility Study has not yet been received. Money has been paid in respect of the trod but work hasn't yet started. Mr. Grainger felt that it was important that we continue to press the police for action in respect of the village's speeding problems. It was most disappointing that three letters to the Police Commissioner had produced nothing, not even an acknowledgment. It was agreed to write to the member of Parliament, George Freeman.

- 073 Eastgate Centre (item 041)**
Nothing to report
- 074 Pavilion and Playing Field – Play Area (item 042)**
The gutter on the pavilion has not yet been fixed. A new lock has been put on the door.
- 075 Dog Fouling (item 043)**
Nothing to report
- 076 Allotments (item 044)**
Nothing to report
- 077 Community defibrillator (item 045)**
Mrs. Warner is to get some free cards printed.
- 078 Play equipment and car park proposals (item 046)**
Replacement equipment is due to be delivered in the week commencing 24th July.
- 079 Community Farm (item 047)**
Nothing to report
- 080 Detailed information map for village/Notice and Information Boards (item 048)**
Nothing to report
- 081 Volunteers (item 049)**
The pavilion car park has been sprayed with weed killer.
- 082 Village Maintenance (item 050)**
Nothing to report
- 083 Village Institute Hall (item 051)**
Nothing to report
- 084 Village Resilience Plan (item 052)**
Mrs. Warner is proceeding with the plan.
- 085 Bus routes (item 053)**
Nothing to report
- 086 Discussions with the Mid-Norfolk Railway Company (item 054)**
Dr Wade-Martins reported that the problem with the drains had been resolved. In the result of planning applications in this area, it is important that the safe route to school should be safeguarded.
- 087 Website (item 055)**
Nothing to report

088 Neighbourhood Plan (item 056)

Nothing to report

089 Shared Access – telecommunications mast (item 058)

The Chairman confirmed that responses had been received from Shared Access in respect of questions asked by the Parish Council. Members were content with the answers. If and when it is necessary to dig a trench around the perimeter of the field, there will be no interference with cricket matches. It is not desirable to have the mast painted green as the paint can be subject to fading and flaking. There will be two cabinets and the existing electricity supply will be utilised with a separate meter being installed.

The Parish Council had received three letters and one e-mail from residents criticising the proposal. Shared Access had received three letters (Mr. and Mrs. Starling, Ms. Ketteringham and Mrs. Cleall). There had been no letters in support sent to the Parish Council.

With regard to health issues, Mr. Labouchere referred to the Dunham mast which was erected in 2009. Nobody has complained of illness resulting from this mast since that time. He had spoken to the neurology department at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital who confirmed that there was nothing linking oncological deaths to masts or any radiation emanating from them. Mr. Phillips could find no evidence on the internet to support problems caused by masts. Mr. Grainger had visited the Cancer Research U.K. website and their report advises that much research has been carried out. They cannot, however, find evidence of a causal link between telecommunications masts and cancer.

The Chairman had obtained information from:-

- a) Health and Safety Executive. There are very low levels of non-ionising radiation linked to masts but these are well within the permitted guidelines.
- b) Ofcom. They have identified instances which are a very small fraction of permitted levels.
- c) National Health Service. The levels are well below international guidelines and represent less than 0.005% of guideline values.

In answer to Mr. Fletcher's query regarding the siting of the mast, surveys had been carried out and the most suitable site identified. The church is a listed building and, because of the complexities that this produces, they tend to be avoided for mast siting purposes. Mr. Brown felt that giving the residents and visitors the ability to use mobile 'phones in the village would produce a safer environment, particularly in the case of emergency situations. The Chairman concluded by saying that evidence is needed for not proceeding with this project. Despite thorough research, no proof of any health issues had been identified.

Mr. Labouchere was of the opinion that all complaints have been addressed. He felt that the mast would be of enormous benefit to the village and the residents. He proposed that the project to install the mast should proceed. This view was seconded by Mr. MacEwan. Seven members voted in favour and there were two abstentions (Dr Wade-Martins and Mr. Fitzalan Howard – previously declared interest).

The Chairman stated that, in the extremely unlikely event of future legal action being taken, as suggested by Mr. Johnson, in respect of reduced property values or health issues, the body defending the lawsuit would be the District Council, not the Parish Council.

A technical problem had arisen as the deeds for the Playing Field could not be located, the transaction to purchase having been completed probably before 1925. Therefore, statutory declarations are to be prepared by the solicitors (cost £250 + VAT). Acceptance of this was proposed by Mr. MacEwan and seconded by Mrs. Keeble. All in favour.

090 Report on Breckland planning meeting (item 059)

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting

091 Accounts for Payment and Schedule of Income

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

24/6/17	Friends of North Elmham School (library donation)	£500.00
12/6/17	E-on (street lights – May)	£144.06
11/7/17	E-on (street lights – June)	£139.41
12/7/17	E-on (pavilion from 13/3/17 to 12/6/17)	£236.66
12/7/17	D. Tyson (pavilion cleaning – June)	£90.00
12/7/17	K. Webb (Clerk’s pay for June)	£524.16
12/7/17	HMRC (tax on Clerk’s pay for June)	£74.40
12/7/17	Thinking Rural (payroll for May)	£12.00
12/7/17	Thinking Rural (payroll for June)	£12.00
12/7/17	Norse (monthly grounds maintenance)	£822.66
12/7/17	J. Duffield (work in Cathedral Ruins)	£292.00
12/7/17	J.R.G. Fletcher (key keeping for April, May and June)	£93.75
12/7/17	T.D. Gardens (strimming banks in Eastgate Street)	£75.00
12/7/17	Brown and Co (Basic Payment Scheme advice)	£456.00
12/7/17	Anglian Water (pavilion from 8/4/17 to 13/6/17)	£26.33
12/7/17	Mole Country Stores (fertiliser)	£17.47
12/7/17	Playsafety Ltd (Annual RoSPA inspections)	£163.80
30/5/17	Public Works Loan Board (village green loan repayment)	£626.45
1/6/17	Public Works Loan Board (street lights loan repayment)	£1,753.41

(Expenditure approved by all members)

b) Schedule of Income:

2/6/17	Rural Payments Agency (Higher Level Entry Stewardship)	£1,349.40
7/6/17	North Elmham F.C. (April rent – three matches)	£75.00
21/6/17	Pavilion lettings	£70.00
29/6/17	Pavilion hire for elections (County and General)	£320.00
4/7/17	Crawford and Co (insurance payment re street light)	£650.00
11/7/17	J. Duffield (payment for wood)	£60.00

092 To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations:-

a) Applications

- (i) Mr. and Mrs. Sansom, conversion and extension of existing garages to provide accommodation for aged parents (3PL/2017/0730/F) – Herons Haunt, Church Road, Worthing, Hoe
- (ii) Mr. A. Pearson, erection of two four bedroom dwellings including new vehicular access and garages (3PL/2017/0759/F) – land adjacent Millers Old Cottage, High Street. (In principle, the development of this land is supported. However, the properties proposed are considered to be too large for this part of the village. The style should be more in keeping with the surrounding properties)
- (iii) Mr. T. Tibbenham, installation of a new oil tank (3PL/2017/0407) – The Vicarage, 48 Holt Road (no objections)
- (iv) Residential development at Station Yard, North Elmham – 19 residential houses. It is believed that there is to be a meeting between the Railway Company and Lanpro Services, who are preparing a planning application, within the next few days. Members should, if possible, attend this meeting. Dr. Wade-Martins is to make arrangements for himself and Messrs Phillips, Labouchere and Fitzalan Howard to be present.

b) Determinations

- a) Mr. T.R.E. Cook, extension and alterations to dwelling (3PL/2017/0586/HOU) – Bakehouse Farm, Broom Green (approved)
- b) Mr. and Mrs. Spalding, Long Barn, Back Lane (3PL/2017/0687/HOU) – proposed replacement front porch (approved)

093 CORRESPONDENCE –12/7/17

- 1) Clerks and Councils Direct magazine for July 2017
- 2) Police Crime Update report for May 2017
- 3) Community Action Norfolk Signpost magazine
- 4) Vattenfall – proposals for two offshore wind farms
- 5) Norfolk County Farms Tracks magazine – Summer 2017
- 6) 24 hour Tennisathon for Cancer Research – 18/19 August (agreed – organisers to deliver letters of advice to neighbours in the vicinity of the tennis courts)
- 7) Drone in North Elmham (concern expressed – item to be placed in Elmham News)

094 Announcements

None

095 Agenda items for next meeting:

Report on planning meeting (plus Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan)
Fire precautions in public buildings in the village

096 Next Meetings:
Wednesday, 2nd August 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, this part of the meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.

097 Confidential item: update on position regarding legal proceedings in respect of non-cutting of private hedge

It was agreed by all to continue with legal proceedings in this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.36 p.m.

Chairman

Date

