

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: The only topic raised was the proposed garden village/town of up to 10,000 houses put forward by Lanpro which would be situated between the villages of North Elmham, Bintree and Billingford. Without exception, every member of the public who spoke on the subject vehemently opposed this project. Comments made included:-

- a) Shock at the size of the proposal.
- b) A request for both the Parish and District Councils to strongly oppose the plans.
- c) It is well publicised that any application has to be submitted with the full support of the local planning authority. This scheme does not have it and seems to be led solely by the developer.
- d) Suggestion to form an organised campaign group working with the Parish Councils and fully involve the neighbouring villages to oppose this development.
- e) It is planned to site the development on prime agricultural land, some of which has not been approved by the owner.
- f) There had been a report of collaboration with the Mid Norfolk Railway but this was clearly not the case. The maximum speed allowed on the privately owned heritage railway is 25 mph.
- g) The proposed site is in the Wensum Valley where a number of areas have SSSI status.
- h) There has been no engagement with local communities.
- i) Access would be via the A1067, a single carriageway road with varying speed limits between 30 mph and 60 mph. This road is already under considerable daily pressure and would be unable to cope with a massive increase in traffic.
- j) Infrastructure concerns (roads, schools, GP surgeries and increased demands on the local hospital which is currently under severe pressure)

## **North Elmham Parish Council**

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**Minutes of the  
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
held at 7.30 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion on  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2018**

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**128 Those Councillors Present Were:**

Mrs. J. Borgnis (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. M. Gower, Mr. P. Grainger, Mr. J. Labouchere, Mr. C. Robinson, Mr. C. Smith, Dr. P. Wade-Martins and Mrs. D. Warner.

**Also in Attendance:** Mr. K. Webb (Clerk), Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor), Mr. B. Borrett (County and District Councillor), Mrs. M. White (Elmham News + Dereham and Fakenham Times), Ms. P. Gilluley (Police Community Engagement Officer) and forty one parishioners.

**129 To Consider Apologies for Absence:**

None

**130 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.

**131 Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2018:**

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

**132 P.C. Paula Gilluley – vehicle speeding in the village**

P.C. Gilluley is the Community Engagement Officer for the area, having recently replaced P.C. Amy Lucas in this role. There have been major speeding issues in the village for some time and various actions (20 mph limit, speed cameras, pinch point, signage and SAM2 cameras) have been taken in attempts to bring about improvements. P.C. Gilluley says there is a need for drivers to be encouraged to drive more safely but the police have issues with resource problems. If speed data recording equipment is situated on key streets, the camera enforcement team will then be able to visit at a later date. The village has been involved in trialling new equipment in conjunction with Westcotec and with the knowledge of the police. It is confirmed that speed traffic controlling measures are to take place after 11<sup>th</sup> August. P.C. Gilluley strongly recommended that the parish commences a Community Speedwatch scheme. In addition, she suggested attendance at the local SNAP meetings. Three issues are voted in at each meeting and these receive the attention of the police for an agreed period.

**UPDATED INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING**

**133 Land Management Matters (item 088)**

(a) Village Green Thanks were expressed to Mr. Brown for all his work with the new plastic bench. Mrs. Warner said that there has been yet more vandalism to the shelter which has been reported to the police.

(b) Cathedral Ruins Nothing to report..

(c) Cathedral Meadows Mr. Gower expressed thanks to Mr. Appleton for all his work on the wildlife survey which has a dedicated page on the website. Over 700 species have been recorded.

(d) Broom Green Nothing to report

(e) Millennium Wood Seven angle irons are needed to secure posts at a total cost of about £200.

- (f) Bridleway on disused railway line Nothing to report
- (g) Prince William Wood Mr. Brown has carried out some strimming in the area requiring it.
- 134 Street Lights (item 089)**  
The new light in Larch Grove has been connected. The light (number 60) near Millers Cottage needs to be moved about two feet to produce a better splay. The house owner will cover the cost. The light near Station Farm is permanently on.
- 135 Highway Matters (item 090)**  
A meeting with Highways Department and Westcotec has been arranged for tomorrow (9<sup>th</sup> August) to confirm positions for the new SAM2 camera. It was agreed by all to proceed with this project (proposed by Mr. Grainger and seconded by Dr. Wade-Martins)
- 136 Eastgate Centre (item 091)**  
Nothing to report
- 137 Pavilion and Playing Field – Play Area (item 092)**  
Longham Football Club wishes to use the pitch for the coming season with a charge of £30 per match to be applied. The line marker has been bought by North Elmham Cricket Club from the defunct North Elmham Football Club. The Parish Council is to acquire this piece of equipment for £50. This sum will be deducted from the Cricket Club's annual invoice. Moles have returned and the mole man has been duly notified.
- 138 Dog Fouling (item 093)**  
Nothing to report
- 139 Allotments (item 094)**  
Nothing to report
- 140 Community defibrillator (item 095)**  
Nothing to report
- 141 Detailed information map for village/Notice and Information Boards (item 096)**  
The surgery and positions of defibrillators are to be added to the map. There are to be two signs – one in the car park near the Cathedral Ruins and one in the car park next to the pavilion. The total cost is £2,059.24 plus VAT. There is no extra charge for the smaller versions and as many as needed can be printed for handing out.
- 142 Volunteers (item 097)**  
Work on the seat has finished and litter picking continues.
- 143 Village Maintenance (item 098)**  
Nothing to report
- 144 Village Institute Hall (item 099)**  
Nothing to report

- 145 Village Resilience Plan (item 100)**  
Nothing to report
- 146 Bus routes (item 101)**  
Apparently, there are no plans to change the bus routes at the present time.
- 147 Website (item 103)**  
Nothing to report
- 148 Shared Access – telecommunications mast (item 104)**  
Nothing to report
- 149 Neighbourhood Plan (item 105)**  
Nothing to report
- 150 State of the village (item 106)**  
Nothing to report
- 151 Individual duties/responsibilities of members (item 107)**  
Nothing to report
- 152 The new Data Protection regulations (item 108)**  
Nothing to report
- 153 Sewage flooding in Wensum Drive and adjacent areas (item 109)**  
Nothing to report.
- 154 Report on ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) system (item 110)**  
Nothing to report
- 155 Views on utilisation of monies received from Shared Access (item 111)**  
Responses from the consultation questionnaire have been received and are currently being analysed. Results will be available for the next meeting.
- 156 Flashing speed lights for Station Road (item 112)**  
Nothing to report
- 157 Original transfer of Prince William Wood from Breckland Council (item 113)**  
Dr. Wade-Martins wondered if it would be possible for Breckland Council to confirm the owner of the entrance to the wood.
- 158 Traffic and parking issues in Eastgate Street (item 114)**  
Nothing to report

- 159 Member to act as planning applications “watcher” (item 115)**  
Nothing to report
- 160 Report from District Councillor**  
With reference to the proposed garden village/town, Mr. Bambridge said that in July, 2016, Breckland Council rejected the concept of garden towns in its plan. The Government should have produced its prospectus on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2018 but it did not. Breckland Council does not currently have a five year land supply and it is not certain how significant this is in respect of garden towns. When the plan is finally accepted by the Inspector, there will be a five year land supply.
- 161 Report from County/District Councillor**  
Mr. Borrett said that he had been shocked by the scale of the proposal (10,000 houses) for a new garden town. He reiterated a number of the comments made at the start of the meeting (see Public Participation).
- 162 Purchase of oak tree**  
It has been agreed that a small tree should be purchased by the British Legion. Dr. Wade-Martins suggested that the Parish Council should pay for a small plaque (agreed by all) with suitable wording provided by the British Legion. Mr. Fitzalan Howard is to liaise with members of the British Legion.
- 163 Church Meadow update (item 117)**  
Unfortunately, Mr. Duffield is unable to work at the moment due to family illness. The necessary earth moving is to be done at a cost of £790 + VAT for the first day. If extra time is needed, the additional cost will be £690 + VAT per day. Proposed by Dr. Wade-Martins and seconded by Mr. Labouchere. All in favour.
- 164 Access gates to Millennium Wood and Village Green (item 121)**  
It was agreed by all to remove the frame of the gate at the entrance to Millennium Wood and to have a hinge swing. Further discussion was held regarding the Village Green gates with new suggestions made. After consideration, it was confirmed that another site meeting with the parishioners involved, to be arranged by Mr. Labouchere, would be appropriate.
- 165 Proposals for a new garden village/town**  
It had previously been agreed to send a letter to Breckland Council detailing the Parish Council’s views on this matter. This followed an emergency meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July of a working party of the Parish Council to discuss the proposal. Confirmation of the formal approval for this letter was agreed. Proposed by Mr. Labouchere and seconded by Dr. Wade-Martins. All in favour. A suggestion was made to form a campaign group to oppose the garden town proposal and it was agreed that all neighbouring villages (Foxley, North Elmham, Bintree, Bawdeswell, Billingford, Hoe and Worthing as well as the Mid Norfolk Railway) should have the opportunity to be involved with perhaps two people from each parish/organisation being representatives. It was also agreed that any parishioners who wished to support the group could leave their e-mail contact addresses. Proposed by Mr. Grainger and seconded by Mr. Gower. All in favour.

The members of North Elmham Parish Council vehemently oppose this proposal and the choice of site. There has been no consultation with local communities as required by the Department for Communities and Local Government. It does not have the support of the District Council, i.e. it is not “locally-led” as required in the application process. The members fully endorse the comments made in “public participation” – please refer to page 1.

## **166 Accounts for Payment and Schedule of Income**

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

12/7/18	E-on (street lights – June)	£158.45
11/8/18	E-on (street lights – July)	£163.73
8/8/18	Norse (monthly grounds maintenance)	£847.34
8/8/18	K. Webb (Clerk’s pay for July)	£631.80
8/8/18	HMRC (tax on Clerk’s pay)	£102.40
8/8/18	HMRC (National Insurance on Clerk’s pay)	£9.03
8/8/18	K. Webb (Clerk’s pay for August)	£631.80
8/8/18	HMRC (tax on Clerk’s pay)	£102.40
8/8/18	HMRC (National Insurance on Clerk’s pay)	£9.03
8/8/18	Thinking Rural (payroll for July)	£12.00
8/8/18	D. Tyson (pavilion cleaning for July)	£117.45
8/8/18	R. Brown (cement, petrol, skate park and mixer hire)	£95.74
8/8/18	J. R. Fletcher (key keeping – June and July)	£62.50
8/8/18	NGF Play Ltd (play area maintenance and repairs)	£92.40
8/8/18	Westcotec Ltd (installation of lamp column at Larch Grove)	£3,390.00
8/8/18	Clanpress (proposed garden village leaflets)	£42.00
8/8/18	R P Environmental Services (treatment of wasps P.W. Wood)	£45.00
8/8/18	The Milestone Society (assistance with milestone refurb)	£50.00
8/8/18	Anglian Water (Pavilion from 6/4/18 to 3/7/18)	£27.82
8/8/18	Anglian Water (Playing Field from 6/4/18 to 3/7/18)	£25.97
8/8/18	Savills (Preparation of Farm Business Tenancy)	£194.40
8/8/18	Hardy Landscape Management (mowing of banks and moats)	£720.00
8/8/18	Brown and Co (completion of Basic Payment Scheme appn)	£456.00

(Expenditure approved by all members)

### **b) Schedule of Income:**

5/7/18	Allotment rents	£40.00
5/7/18	Pavilion takings	£40.00
16/7/18	English Heritage (local management fee re Cathedral Ruins)	£5,100.00

Balances (as at 19/7/18):- Current a/c - £71,855.53, Business Premium a/c £25,381.49

Mr. Phillips produced the Management Financial Report for the first three months of the financial year (to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018). This was broadly in line with expectations.

**167 To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations:-**

**a) Applications**

- (i) Garrod Developments Ltd – new design and layout for plots 1 and 3 – site adjacent to 10/12 Larch Grove - (3PL/2018/0677/F) – no objections.
- (ii) Mr. Howlett and Mrs. Braybrook – proposed development of four new bungalows – 36 Station Road – (3PL/2018/0030/O) – no objections.
- (iii) Miss Eleanor Longworth – rear single storey extension, create pitched roof and add additional dormer window – 45 Gemini Cottage, Eastgate Street – (3PL/2018/0808/HOU) – no objections.

**b) Determinations**

- (i) Mr. Howlett and Mrs. Braybrook – proposed development of four new bungalows – 36 Station Road – (3PL/2018/0030/O) - approved

**168 CORRESPONDENCE –8/8/18**

- 1) CPRE Field Work magazine – Summer 2018
- 2) CPRE Countryside Voice magazine – Summer 2018
- 3) Police crime updates – June 2018
- 4) The Highway Rangers are coming
- 5) Breckland Council reviewing its principles under the Gambling Act, 2005.
- 6) Vattenfall's accepted application for the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

**169 Announcements**

None

**170 Agenda items for next meeting:**

- a) Defibrillators
- b) Views on Shared Access monies
- c) Garden village/town campaign update

**171 Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.06 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date





