



SHIPDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Paul Chubbock Clerk/RFO: Rosemary Martin



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2013 IN THE WI HALL

Present: Councillors: Chubbock (Chairman), Arnold, Crane, Fawcett, Hewett, Ralph, Secker, and Rosemary Martin (Clerk); 6 parishioners in attendance.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Cllr Chubbock expressed the Council's condolences to Cllr Dodd on the recent death of his daughter. Cllr Secker will represent the Parish Council at her funeral.

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367. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dodd, Kidd, Turner and Winchester.

367. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Crane declared an interest in planning applications 3PL/2013/0095 and 3PL/2013/0144

368. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11th February 2013

It was proposed by Cllr Hewett and seconded by Cllr Ralph that the minutes were a true record of the meeting. All agreed, and the Chairman signed the minutes.

369. Matters arising from the previous minutes (for information only)

Cllr Fawcett: LED street lights appear to be very good value (use less electricity, last longer, and maintenance costs are lower than for sodium lights). The Council should get comparative sodium/LED quotes for all replacement lights.

The gate post behind the bus stop does not need attention

Cllr Secker: Notice boards to be repaired by Thursday new locks and spare keys will be required.

370. Routine Finance

a) Invoices

To agree payment of the following invoices (including those received after the preparation of the agenda)

R Martin	Expenses to 11 March 2013	102097	£59.02
R J Martin	February wages	102097	£400.00
HMRC	February PAYE	102098	£100.00

It was proposed by Cllr Ralph and seconded by Cllr Secker that these invoices be paid. All agreed. Cllr Fawcett had received a query from a parishioner as to whether it was necessary to pay the Clerk mileage expenses to drive to Shipdham to post the agendas and minutes on the Parish Notice boards; could this not be done by someone else? After some discussion it was resolved to continue the current practice.

b) Direct Debits

ANGLIAN WATER	111259883 Cemetery	-£31.41
ANGLIAN WATER	113458285 Allotments	-£29.98
ANGLIAN WATER	132285586 Village Green	-£27.87
ANGLIAN WATER	116355496 WI Hall	-£150.59
ANGLIAN WATER	122917628 Allotments	-£37.28
BIFFA		-£79.70
BT		-£38.00
E.ON	8006076408 WI Hall	-£18.27
E.ON	1139766098 Street Lights	-£217.08

c) Bank Account Balances (Clerk)

The balances on 11th February were:

Community Account	£51,368.91
CEP Account	£25.13

The Community Account balance includes an electronic receipt of £15.85 from the bond account. It is presumed that Barclays are now paying the interest into the Community



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371. To consider quotations for removal of Acer tree in Churchyard

Two quotes have now been received:

D Crowdy Tree Services	Dave Crowdy	£750.00
Norfolk Trees	Ashley Barnes	£650,00

It was proposed by Cllr Fawcett and seconded by Cllr Secker that the Norfolk Trees quote be accepted, and the cut wood to be left on site. All agreed.

Clerk

372. To adjourn the meeting for Parishioners Questions

The meeting was adjourned.
The meeting was reconvened.

373. To resolve to carry out a Spring Clean of the village

Cllr Secker to ask Neil Hardingham and Stacey Secker whether they would do a litter pick again this year. Cllr Turner is speaking to the dog warden regarding the problems with dog mess. The bus shelter will be cleaned. The footpath from Dodds to the Old School Playing Field needs to be sprayed with weed killer by Gary Lake (Clerk). Cllr Secker to take photographs of dangerous spikes in this footpath.

Cllr Secker
Clerk
Cllr Secker

374. To receive update on Time Capsule Project (Cllr Fawcett)

The engraved plates have now been delivered. The cost was £103.20, which was paid by the British Legion and they need to be reimbursed. Cllr Fawcett will schedule the installation of the capsules as soon as weather permits.

Clerk
Cllr Fawcett

375. Planning

To receive and consider new planning applications (and any received after the preparation of the agenda)

a) Planning Applications

3PL/2013/0095/O	The SH1 Consortium Proposed Residential Development of 90 homes at the Coal Yard Site The planning subcommittee would like to go away and look through this application in detail before making a recommendation. There are concerns about the water runoff, sewage and access. Clerk to ask BDC for extension.
3PL/2013/0144	Mark Crane Removal of condition associated with 3PL/2007/0735/F The planning subcommittee have no problems with this application. It was proposed by Cllr Ralph and seconded by Cllr Arnold that this application be supported. All agreed. (INET8158)

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b) Planning Decisions

3PL/2012/1294/F Mr Langham, Park View
Minor amendment to 3PL/2005/0868/F

c) Planning Appeals

3PL/2011/0854/F Ecotricity
Erect 2 100m wind turbines at Wood Farm, Bradenham
The 2 day scheduled hearing started on 6th March. However, the whole of that day was spent on procedural discussions. At the end of the day the Inspector ruled that there should be a full public enquiry to decide this matter and the hearing was aborted. Cllr Chubbock had put together a report on behalf of the Council to be presented at the hearing. This report is appended to these minutes.

Clerk



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376. To receive reports from Councillors and Clerk

Cllr Arnold: reported that the PCC were very grateful for the £6k contribution from the Parish council towards the Church roof fund. Cllr Turner had also provided help in applying for a £20k grant from BDC. Together these two amounts were very helpful in securing funds from other providers.

Cllr Secker: reported that parishioners wanted to know when the footpath through the Churchyard will be repaired. This will happen after the work on the Church roof is completed. She has commissioned the repairs to the Parish Notice Boards.

Cllr Fawcett: reported that a survey of potential usage of the proposed new Community Centre will be required. Information on this will appear in the next Shipdham News.

Cllr Turner: BDC are setting up a consortium to purchase cheap energy on behalf of residents. It will be possible to register for this scheme in March.

An enforcement order has been served on Otterwood Kennels – no caravans or commercial activity and the site must be returned to bare field.

Clerk:

No response received from Cllr Jordan regarding Parishioners' Questions in February
Responses from Highways

Bradenham Road: On the day of inspection no standing water was seen outside the property, however, the kerb offset outside no 31 is scheduled for clearing.

High Street, Nr Cedar House: repair of the pothole around the cover is scheduled to be repaired again. This will be completed as soon as resources allow.

Flooding

Pumping station flooding – down to house owners Clerk to write to them
Letton road .A1075 - reported (see above #396185)

Street Lights

There are 2 lights on Red alert viz.

77 swan lane – removed

71 pound green lane – fractured underground

Other lights which need replacement fairly soon are numbers 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 15 in Bradenham Road.

Clerk to get quotes for replacement of all these lights (sodium and LED)

Items for next agenda

Cllr Chubbock:

What should be included in this year's grass cutting contract
(Clerk to write to NCC asking if they will cut footpaths this year.)

The footpath between Chapel Street and Pound Green has over-arching trees which need attention.

Annual meeting of the parish

Cllr Arnold :

Whether cars should be able to go to the church

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377. To receive correspondence (including any received after the preparation of the Agenda)

Brian Hughes	Wind turbines	Noted
Came & Co	Parish Matters magazine	Noted
Came & Co	Insurance renewal	Clerk
Dawn Dewar	Wayland Players	Noted
NALC	Norfolk Link	Noted
NALC	Retirement of Chief Executive	Noted
NCC	Parish Partnerships seminar	Noted
NCC	Flood risk strategy	Noted
Norfolk RCC	newsletter	Noted
BDC	Breckland Book Festival	Noted
SIA	POSTER Fish & Chips	Noted
TT Jones	Quotation for LEDs	Filed



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378. To confirm the next meeting of the Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 8th April 2013 at the WI Hall starting at 7:30 pm Doors opened to Parishioners at 7:15 pm. (planning sub-committee to meet at 6:45 pm)

Meeting ended 9:06 pm

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Ecotricity Appeal March 2013

Paul Chubbock – Chairman Shipdham Parish Council

We are disappointed that this application has come up yet again for appeal, but understand that this is the right of the applicant.

Shipdham Parish Council looked at this application as a brand new application. We asked the land owner if he would agree to opening up the site so that the public could go and look at where the proposed wind turbines would be located. This he agreed to and over a weekend in September this was done, it was well publicised with signage in the village. We as a Parish council visited the site on a separate day, on our own with permission from the landowner, but with no representation from the land owner or Ecotricity.

On 3rd October we held a full public meeting at Shipdham School. We invited:

- Our Norfolk County Council rep
- Chairman of Breckland Council
- A representative from CATS
- Our Breckland Council Ward rep
- NIBYISM
- General public

Whom all attended.

We also invited a representative from Ecotricity, who after lengthy phone calls from Shipdham Parish Clerk, the land owner and myself, declined to come. They did however offer to come and talk to the Parish Council about the application. This we said could be done if this was at a Parish Council meeting which is public, Ecotricity could not agree to this. The land owner was also invited, but he said that if Ecotricity could not come, he felt he could not answer any technical questions.

We held the meeting and around 60-70 people attended. It was a sensible, balanced meeting, with people talking for and against the application. Things said **against** were:

- Noise
- Appearance



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- Problem of getting to the site (i.e. getting past the listed church wall)
 - Amount of concrete that would be used
 - Proximity to a memorial wood
 - Migrating birds

Things said **for**:

- Didn't think appearance was an issue
- Too far from the village to be a noise issue
- They are environmentally better than a power station

There was no vote taken at this meeting, the parish councillor's sat with the parishioners to hear and understand their views.

The Parish Council held their meeting on 10th October 2011. There was a discussion about the application, taking into account the site meeting, the public meeting and parishioners views given to Councillors.

A vote was taken, with 4 against the application, 1 for the application and 3 abstentions.

Other information if asked:

Reasons minuted for PC decision:

- a) Application is not materially different from previous applications which were refused by BDC*
- b) It does not satisfactorily address concerns about health, wellbeing, wildlife, etc*

A belief the community would be harmed if the application is grant