

FELBRIGG PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2015

The Meeting, held in Felbrigg Village Hall, commenced at 7.30 pm

Present: John Blair (Chairman), Denis Connelly, Michael Filby, Julia Lloyd, Paul Read.

In attendance: County Councillor Hilary Cox, District Councillor Sue Arnold, Lloyd Mills (Clerk to the Council) and four members of the public.

36/15 Apologies for absence

None

37/15 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

None

38/15 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th August 2015

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th August 2015, which had been circulated previously, were considered and confirmed as a true record and signed and initialled by the Chairman.

39/15 Matters arising

None.

40/15 Casual vacancy

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Julia Lloyd that Janet Nightingale be co-opted as a member of the Council. AGREED.

Mrs Nightingale signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office (witnessed by the Clerk.) She then took her seat with the Council.

41/15 Police Community Support Officer's Report

None.

42/15 County and District Councillors' reports

District Councillor Sue Arnold reported that the deadline for responses to the new Local Development Framework has been extended. She discussed small scale housing developments. She said she had attended a forum on Broadband provision and that BT claim that by the end of 2015 74% of households in North Norfolk would be able to receive a decent service, and this would rise to 85% in 2018. NNDC are having a six month trial of sharing the roles of Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer with Great Yarmouth Council. The intention of local devolution is to place more power locally. She also reported that NNDC have reached an agreement with the Citizens' Advice Bureaux to ensure that a service is still provided within the area.

County Councillor Hilary Cox reported that the planning meetings have been very successful; the Keep warm Programme is up and running for the winter; Trading Standards are recommending people be very aware of dangerous lights etc at this time of year; Cllr Cox chaired the Working Party on Libraries and believes they have persuaded the County Council not to close any. She holds a surgery in Cromer Library every fourth Friday of the month from 5 to 6 in the evening. She concluded by saying that Walking Festival has now finished. Cllr Arnold pointed out that Cllr Cox had also started a leg of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race and had then completed the Churches Bike Ride.

43/15 Adjournment for Public Comments

A comment was made regarding the standard of tv reception since the introduction of digital. Concerns were raised regarding Broadband service. Further concerns were again raised regarding the shooting season and the safety of walkers on public footpaths. Michael Filby said he would look into the rules and ascertain what guidance exists.

44/15 Planning

None.

45/15 Big Society Fund

Cllr Sue Arnold explained what types of project could be funded. She suggested that the website should be consulted

46/15 A148 roundabout

Cllr Sue Arnold had recently chaired a meeting with Cllr Cox and officers from NNDC and the County Council. The cost is estimated to be £552,000 though this can be reduced by £74,000. This means there is still a funding gap of £107,000. It is possible NNDC could provide a further £20,000. There is definite support for the project though the funding needs to be in place by March in case the existing funding is lost. Local businesses will be approached soon. Cllr Arnold paid tribute to Cllr Cox for managing to get the project this far.

Cllr Hilary Cox left the meeting at this point

47/15 Financial matters

- (i) The budget summary and bank reconciliation, having been previously circulated, were accepted by the Council.
- (ii) It was RESOLVED that payments totalling £243.02 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members:

HMRC, PAYE, £41.00
 T Heslin, Grounds maintenance, £50.00
 L. Mills, salary/expenses, £128.02
 Royal British Legion, Remembrance wreaths, £34.00

- (iii) The draft budget for 2016-2017, having been previously circulated, was considered and it was AGREED the precept should be set at £2900.00 and that the grant of £166 payable by NNDC be extra to this.

48/15 Items for information / future agenda

It was AGREED that Janet Nightingale and Michael Filby be funded to attend a NALC introductory training session.

Future agenda: Works to the pond and insurance

49/15 Date of next meeting

It was AGREED that the next meeting be held on Monday 14th March 2016.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

.....Chairman
Date.....

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