

Rocklands Parish Council (RPC)
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Rocklands Village Hall
7.00pm on Monday 10th November 2014

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| Present: | David Howie | Chair |
| | David Witt | |
| | Shirley Colenutt | |
| | Roger Steel | |
| | Cath Jones | |
| | Kim Austin | Clerk |
| | Bill Smith | District Councillor |

Also present: 2 members of the public.

- 1. To consider accepting apologies for absence**
RESOLVED to accept apologies from Nicola Southgate.
- 2. To record declarations of interest from members in any items on the agenda**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3. To approve the minutes of the last council meeting on Monday 8th September 2014**
RESOLVED to approve the minutes that had been circulated prior to the meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair, Cllr. David Howie.
- 4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda**
There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.
- 5. To adjourn the meeting for public participation**
Meeting adjourned at 7.04pm and opened to the public.
There were no comments from the public in attendance.
The meeting re-opened at 7.08pm.
- 6. To agree 2014 Donations to churches and other organisations**
After some discussion it was decided that the donations to churches and other organisations in the village would be the same as last year. It was agreed that the churches should continue to be supported. Cllr. Steel mentioned that £700 raised from the Halloween quiz had been distributed to various groups within the community recently.
- 7. To discuss NCC grants for Local Highway Improvements**
Although £200,000 was available in grant money from Norfolk County Council, the Parish Council would still have to find 50% of the total spend. No areas for improvement were identified that the Parish could afford. Flashing speed signs were discussed. It was thought Great Ellingham's sign had cost ~£7000. NCC had quoted between £2,600 and £4000. Would be nice to have one on the main road or even better, in The Street. It was agreed that the cost was prohibitive.
- 7. To agree meeting dates for 2015**
The Clerk had booked the meetings for 2015 with Mrs. Scholes. The dates were confirmed as:

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Monday 23rd February 2015
 Monday 13th April 2015 (Annual Assembly - Annual Parish Meeting
 followed by Parish Council Meeting)
 Monday 11th May 2015 (AGM - Annual Parish Council Meeting)
 Monday 6th July 2015
 Monday 7th September 2015
 Monday 9th November 2015
 Monday 4th January 2016

Cllr. Witt said he could not make the September meeting.
 Cllr. Steel said he may not make the May meeting.
 It was noted that the elections were on 7th May.

9. To report on Finance

9.1 Parish Council Budget and Precept 2015-2016

There is a unique situation where there could be three elections, General, District and Parish at the same time. There was some confusion over the cost of the elections to the Parish Council. It was confirmed that if there wasn't a Parish Election then there would be no cost to the Parish. It was agreed that the precept for 2015-2016 would be set at £5000. Cllr. Howie signed Form B (Request for a precept). The Clerk would send the Precept Request to the Council before the deadline of 31st Jan 2015.

9.2 Financial position

The bank account balances as at Monday 11th Nov 2014

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| Barclays Community Account | £ | 3956.64 |
| Barclays Saver (Reserve) Account | £ | 702.10 |

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| TOTAL as per bank | £ | 4,658.74 |
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9.3 Money in since last meeting

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| 26/9 Precept from Breckland Council | £ | 2567.95 |
| 6/10 Dividend from Consolidated Stock | £ | 0.28 |

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| TOTAL IN | £ | 2568.23 |
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9.4 Cheques out (to sign)

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| CHQ 529 | Ian Scholes - Reimburse Website Domain costs (Already signed and Ian reimbursed) | £ | 52.78 |
| CHQ 530 | Daykins solicitors - SE Deed - LR Registration fees | £ | 279.00 |
| CHQ 531 | Rocklands Village Hall (Hall Hire - council meetings) | £ | 77.00 |
| CHQ 532 | Kim Austin - Clerks expenses (6 months) | £ | 45.84 |
| Donations: | | | |
| CHQ 533 | All Saints PCC | £ | 85.00 |
| CHQ 534 | St. Peters PCC | £ | 85.00 |
| CHQ 535 | Rocklands Playing Field | £ | 160.00 |
| CHQ 536 | Rocklands Village Hall | £ | 80.00 |

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TOTAL OUT £ 934.62

10 To consider planning applications.

10.1 Planning outcomes since last meeting

3PL/2014/0724/O THACKER/Next Mon Arch/2 storey dwelling (51) PERMISSION
3PL/2014/0779/F CALLOW/Old Rectory/Park home/ 5 years (52) PERMISSION
3PL/2014/1017/F **Batch**/Holly Cottage, Chapel St/Minor alterations (54) PERMISSION
(Note: See below in new applications)

10.2 Applications pending outcome

3PL/2012/0654/CU Breckland Storage/Swangey/Retail caravans - (15)

10.3 New applications since last meeting

3AG/2014/0019/AG Bidmead/Tuppins Farm/ Extension to existing agri building - (53)

(Note: This is NOT a planning application BUT a consultation to confirm building requested is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within the holding. There is 'intensive' cattle farming at Tuppins Farm. The hedges have been taken out and the neighbours are still complaining.

3PL/2014/1017/F Batch/Holly Cottage, Chapel Street/Minor alterations - (54)

(Note: This is a minor material amendment to 3PL/2012/1057/F originally REFUSED)

(Note: PERMISSION already granted - See above).

3PL/2014/1050/F Colchester/Cottage Farm, Bell Road/Ground solar array - (55) 20/11

Rocklands Parish Council has no grounds for objection to the solar array but would comment on the planning website as they would like the following points taken into consideration. Hedging to hide the installation should be fast growing and must be high enough and thick enough to completely hide the array from view. Construction traffic. Rocklands PC understand that the installation will take ~5 weeks and would ask that a sign is erected at Chapel Street saying that construction traffic is NOT to use this route to Cottage Farm, but instead should use the Scoulton Road. A concern was raised that agreeing to this application could open the floodgates in terms of other solar arrays in the area.

10.4 New applications since agenda issued

NONE

11 To update on the Defibrillator

The Clerk had been waiting for the Co-op's Property department to finalise a 'release of equipment' letter to allow the equipment (defibrillator and cabinet) to be **donated** to Rocklands Parish Council. This letter finally arrived on the morning of this meeting. A representative from the Co-op will now arrange to deliver the unit to Rocklands for their own installation at the Village Hall. The Clerk knows a company that runs defibrillator training courses and they would be willing to arrange an awareness session at the Village Hall if required.

12 To update on Village Shop and Post Office (RS).

There was good news that the shop had retained the Lottery. The Parish Council had sent a letter of support for the shop. Cllr. Steel thanked Cllrs. Bill Smith and Cliff Jordan, George Freeman (MP), Baroness Sheppard and the Post Office Staff as all had written letters of support which had almost certainly helped to sway decisions. The situation wouldn't have happened if Camelot had taken the 10

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weeks with no sales whilst the shop was closed for refurbishment etc. Lottery sales had been constantly maintained since the decision.

Halloween celebrations at the Shop had gone well. A large number of houses in the village had put up Halloween displays. There was an under 10s ghost walk attended by 100 children (and some adults). The adult ghost walk was amazing, round the village and ending up at the pub. Shop takings were £1300 and the cafe took a further £100.

Turn the village purple. An event to fundraise for pancreatic cancer. The Shop stayed open until 8 o'clock. The pub made purple cocktails. The Shop sold purple cakes. Houses were lit by purple bulbs. For 2015. Earlier planning and better advertising.

13 To receive update on Trees.

No update.

14 To receive update on Playing Fields and Deed of Dedication

Playing Fields (DH) A ball stop net had been installed and was now operational. ALL youth football was being played at Rocklands (Not all Rocklands children). Where things have been moved around, some flint had been brought to the surface causing danger to users. Mayflies had to be treated as they were damaging the grass. Still having problems with rabbits.

Deed of Dedication. A draft 'Certificate of Title' and a draft 'Declaration by RPC' has been received from our solicitors. The Declaration was circulated to all councillors for checking and Cllr. Howie confirmed that paragraph 3 needed amending and one paragraph was wrong. A revised declaration has just been received and needs signing. Land Registry fees are now payable (£279). The solicitor costs (£360) will be paid once the matter is completely finished.

ACTION Clerk to write to Playing Fields summarising costs incurred.

Further grants. It was suggested that a letter be written to the Village Hall and Playing Fields to say that grant payments should not be arranged to go through the Parish Council bank account unless prepared to pay fees/costs/additional expenses.

15 To receive update on Highways

Two lights that were out were repaired very quickly. Bamboo is still coming through the tarmac at Rigeons. Thieves Lane getting bad and can't see when pulling out. Many junctions are bad. It was commented that cutting round the pond was dangerous as the man hole covers were exposed. Cllr, Howie has spoken to Paul Sellick at the Breckland council and he is well aware of all of the problems.

16 To update on flooding

No issues with flooding. Flash floods have continued to clear.

17 To discuss any correspondence

No correspondence.

18 AOB - To receive items for next agenda

New look website. Councillors agreed to look at the website and feedback to Ian Scholes.

Chapel Green. Chris Sharpe keen to be fully involved so maintenance problem sorted. Chris will maintain a natural look.

Register of Electors. Although register had been requested, it had never been received.

Fields in Trust. Centenary Fields programme. FIT increased membership from £25 to £50 so agreed not to renew.

Fish and Chip van. The owner is not responding to request to reinstate the service at the Village Hall.

Signed

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**19 Date of next Meeting - Monday 23rd February 2015, 7pm, Rocklands Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 8.51pm.**

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