

Present Mr. D.Blake(Chairman),Mrs V. Knowles, Ms G. McArthur, Mr G.Shaw, Mr R.Smith, Mr K. Wheeldon and Mr B Ansell (Clerk).
In attendance District Councillor Mr V Thomson & 4 parishioners.
Apologies Mr R.Simmonds,

15.58 Declaration of Interests –None offered.

15.59 Minutes of the previous meeting held 18th May 2015, which had been circulated, were approved.

Matters arising:

15.60 Appointment of Representatives

Village Hall Liaison –Veronica Knowles & Geoff Shaw(who would now replace Joan Coles).

Payroll Manager -Jacquie Clarke (Adepta Ltd).

Appointment of Auditor – It was noted that it was good practice to separate payroll & audit – Councillors would review the appointment.

15.61 Playground Inspection Report

Councillors considered the report, and whilst no immediate actions were required, a number of maintenance items had been highlighted.

Councillors would “walk the playground” with the report to hand to list a schedule of any actions required.

15.62 Anglian Water grant

The Council considered the suggestions that had been submitted including refurbishment of The Street pond, Bowls Club fencing, Water Aid & a Community orchard on the grazing land. As all householders had received a rebate off their bills, parishioners could donate directly to Water Aid. The Bowls Club had not followed up on its suggestion and the Clerk would seek the costs of replacing part of the fencing. The Bramerton Society had suggested a Community Orchard on the grazing land and had offered to meet half the cost of £660 (£330). Whilst the proposal would increase amenities in the Village, the Parish Council would seek an undertaking from the Bramerton Society to manage & maintain the site. A further question of whether the use as an orchard was compatible on a site set aside for allotments would be taken up with NALC. Finally, the refurbishment of The Street Village Pond – action to seek a further quote to tackle the reeds had not been successful. A suggestion that great crested newts had colonised the pond was treated with scepticism, although Councillors did agree for a visual survey before seeking to carrying out the remedial works

15.63 Village Sign - Frosty weather had delayed the installation of the Village sign earlier in the year but there still seems no action– the Chairman to discuss with Bill Glover to chase Mark Williams.

15.64 District Councillors report

Vic Thomson District Councillor – The Clerk had circulated his report to Councillors. Councillor Thomson highlighted where his contribution could make a difference having been appointed to the Broadband Task and Finish Committee (looking to ensure high speed broadband covers South Norfolk); South Norfolk representative on the Broads Authority – looking to increase liaison between the Authority and Parishes within or bordering the Broads.

15.65 County Councillors report

Roger Smith, having circulated his report, noted the approval of the Solar Farm at Trowse, and a further waste amnesty in September.

15.66 Parishioners Questions

The hedge alongside The Street footpath had been cut earlier this year for which the Council offered its thanks. The redundant “Surlingham Road” sign would be removed now the replacement had been installed.

15.67 Correspondence

SNDC – Election correspondence.

Clerk & Councils direct

Letter from Simon Mitchell

FLP Outdoor Play Solutions

15.68 Planning

SNDC 2015/1181 Church Farm development – Changes to conditions to planning approval 2013/0087 – Proposed Offices replaced by 5 bedded detached house – (no apparent interest in offices) approved.

SNDC 2015/1438 Orchard House – Siting of 140kw solar panels array in field behind house– no neighbour objection – no comment.

BA 2015/0203 Chestnut House Hill House Road – Various works – no comment.

BA “Waters edge” – further external works – awaiting application papers.

15.69 Finance

Balance @ 15/07 £10,814-43

Receipts - mooring rent £185, Lloyds share div - £0.32p, Allotments £60, VAT refund £492-92

Grants -nil

Payments

100985 LK Chilman/TC Gotts topping of grazing (3) £90-00

100986 B. Ansell Clerks sal/admin June/July £372-78

100987 HMRC PAYE £73-90

100988 Eden tree & Hedge care Ltd – Tree Cutting - £900-00

The payment schedule was proposed by Roger Smith, seconded by Keith Wheeldon, and passed for payment.

Statement of Accounts – Not yet returned from Mazars – External Audit Transparency Code – awaiting above Statement to be approved before placing on web site. Asset register to be prepared by Geoff Shaw.

1570 Parish Land & property

Collection of Waste from the Common.

Waste had collected on the concrete standing within the hurdles left by Broads Authority. Both had now been removed.

Footpath Report – A report from Richard Simmonds was noted.

Tree Warden – A report from Jane Wheeldon was received. Action on a diseased Oak adjacent to the Village Hall was agreed.

Land Registration – Geoff Shaw had reported on the further discussions with Mills & Reeve with regard to the letter received from Simon Mitchell. A meeting would be arranged by Geoff Shaw, with Simon Mitchell, and accompanied by David Blake & Roger Smith.

Playground Inspection – Replacement of the climbing net had been proposed by Geoff Shaw possibly using funds from Helping Hands with their proposed grant of £300.

Quay headings – Broads Authority would replace the quay headings at The Parish moorings next year. The Clerk would again remind the Broads Authority that they were responsible for the total length of moorings not just those used as public moorings.

Memorial bench – (Charlie Taylor) had been installed on The Common.

Bus Shelter – Remedial works – Roger Smith/ Veronica Knowles

Information Booth (phone booth -The Street) – painting -Roger Smith

Jubilee Bench (The Common) – Teak stained – Keith Wheeldon

15.71 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 28th September 2015

Meeting closed at 23-15hrs