

Horsham and Newton St. Faiths Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at St Faiths Centre on Monday 18th Sept 2008 at 7.30 pm

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Present Mrs J Fisher (chairman), Mr D Fisher, Mr R Wilks, Mr J Matthewson, Mr P Hurst, Mr P Holness, Mr P Woodcock, Mr D Fortescue, Mr R Cushing, Mr K Turner,

Apologies Mr C Thompson (BDC), Mr A Mallett, Mr B Coe, Mr A Williams, The Police.

1786 Public Participation: none

1787 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of meeting of 21st July and special planning meeting of 28th Aug were approved and signed by the chairman.

1788 Declaration of interests

D Fisher, all matters involving BDC,
R Wilks, burial ground & grass cutting, Mrs J Fisher, Medical practice
P Hurst, burial ground. P Holness, airport

1789 Matters arising from the minutes.

1) Burial ground. The quote from EJR Printers for printing a bound book for recording burials was discussed. It was agreed for the clerk to request a price for printing 260 pages at the smaller size. The wording would refer to "St Faiths' Cemetery," and "the parish council of Horsham and Newton St Faith."

Judy Fisher presented proposed wording for the commemorative plaque. It was agreed that she should seek agreement from Dr Eve's family and then get a price for casting it.

2) Grass cutting. The vicar has told the clerk that the standard is very much improved.

1790 Planning Applications

None received. There are new rules for which buildings need planning permission. The parish council have not been sent details, and all enquiries should be directed to B D C

1791 Planning Applications with Decisions

- a) 2 Newton Street 20080806 Approved
- b) 55 Norwich Road 20080988 Approved
- c) 26 Fairholme road 20080914 Approved
- d) 136 Manor road 20080901 Approved
- e) 128 Old Norwich road 20081002 (revised) Full refusal
- f) 128 Old Norwich road 20081005 (revised) Listed Building refusal

1792 Planning Enforcements. a) Elm Farm, file closed.

1793 Broadland D C report. None received.

1794 Norfolk C C report. None received.

1795 Policing matters. The clerk informed the council that the next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel will be on 25th Sept. J Fisher will attend. It was noted that there had been a break in at the Abbey Business Park at the weekend.

1795 Norwich Airport. A letter has been received from the airport informing the council that they are seeking planning permission for engine testing. The clerk (on behalf of Mr B Coe) raised the point that Norwich City Council own part of Norwich Airport and asked if they are the correct authority to hear the application. Mrs Fisher stated the this issue had been raised before, and that Norwich City Council will deal with the application. The office of the Deputy Prime minister could review any decision if necessary.

1796 Clerks update.

1. A waste skip will be provided at Horsham St Faith on 27/28 September.
2. Allotments. There have been reports of vandalism and theft at the allotments. The police have been informed of the thefts. Any other similar incidents should be reported to the police.
3. A replacement rubbish bin has been provided for the bus shelter opposite the church. R Wilks agreed to remove the old bin and fix the new one.
4. N Howe will remove some rubbish from Blind Lane allotments. There is a need for some posts to be in position to stop further tipping.

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Finances.

The clerk reported that we have received a repayment of VAT and so remain solvent. The second half of the precept will be paid on 30th Sept..

Income	EDF (way leave)	£59.66
	VAT Rebate	£4032.41
Items of expenditure:	e-on (Clink)	£24.73
	e-on (Aug)	£91.05
	e-on (Sept)	£91.05
	Clerks salary & expenses	£370.69
	TT Jones	£147.53
	P Canny	£40.00
	Auditor (S C)	£100.00
	Net Income	= £3227.02

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Correspondence discussed at the meeting;

- a) Affordable Housing. It was agreed that we should not ask the officer to future meetings unless the situation changes.
- b) NHS Horsham pharmacy – approval not granted. Noted.
- c) BDC Request for information re Clay Pits. We currently pay a £1 rent to Horsford, but nothing to BDC. The position of the boundaries is uncertain.
- d) Payphone at Newton to be retained. Noted.
- e) Play equipment inspection report. Fresh bark has been spread at Horsham. There are gaps in the hedges. No further action to be taken.
- f) Parish plan – grant support. It was proposed by D fisher and seconded by D Fortescue that the council do not wish to get involved with the plan. Carried unanimously.
- g) Draft proposals for unitary local government. These were discussed. It was agreed unanimously that the council would strongly prefer the status quo, failing that, there was a strong wish not to be tied in with Norwich City. The clerk and chairman to send a strongly worded letter to this effect to the Boundary Commission.

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Correspondence – Available at the meeting

- a) The Playing Field.
- b) Parish Pages (magazine).
- c) Norfolk matters (mag)
- d) Clerk and councils direct (mag)
- e) Policing plan 2008/2011
- f) Your Norfolk (mag)
- g) Society of local council clerks – notice of AGM
- h) Norfolk Link (mag) and Norfolk Association of local councils – notice of AGM
- i) The Local Channel – web site partner.
- j) Changes in electoral register.
- k) Synergy – Whitlingham outdoor festival.
- l) BDC – review of private hire / taxi policy and conditions.
- m) Komplan Ltd. Open space professionals – notice of seminar.
- n) Norfolk Rural Community Council – new development officer.
- o) Future of waste in Norfolk – notice of AGM
- p) Hazardous waste - Amnesty days.
- q) Norwich Fringe project – newsletter.
- r) Glasden UK Ltd – catalogue.
- s) Norfolk County council – year book, phone book etc
- t) BDC – draft supplementary planning document on affordable housing.
- u) Greater Norwich Development Partnership – core strategy.
- v) Norfolk County association of parish and town councils – notice of AGM
- w) Norfolk County Council – annual emergency preparedness study day.
- x) BDC – Feedback from Annual meeting for towns and parishes. Representations by 26 sept.
- y) BDC – changes in planning services.
- z) Broadsheet (tree wardens) magazine.
- aa) BDC – Broadland housing and planning forum.
- bb) East of England Regional assembly. Review of E of England plan.

Any other business.

- a) J Fisher was offered 6 oak trees for new burial ground. It was agreed to accept them.
- b) .The council are invited to the church at 7 pm on 3rd Oct for the St Faiths' Festival.
- c) The footpath sign by East Farm is missing. Clerk to inform Norfolk County Council.
- d) The drains in Newton Street, from Fairholme Road towards Hainford are blocked. Clerk to inform Highways.
- e) Horse riders have been reported as riding on the grass between the road and the crematorium. Clerk to write letter to the Journal.
- f) Rubbish has been dumped in the ditch at the side of West Lane. Clerk to inform Highways.
- g) There is a pothole in Norwich Road, next to the Swan. Clerk to inform Highways.
- h) The verge next to the bus shelter at the intersection of Newton Street and Fairholme Road needs cutting. Clerk to inform highways.
- i) J Matthewson asked if we could ask for a 30 mph sign on Spixworth Road. This has already been requested, and the reply was that there were insufficient funds available.
- j) The council were asked if we could provide more play equipment at the playing fields. It was agreed to look into this when we set our new budget for 2009/10.
- k) It was reported that the new gates at Blind Lane make it difficult to drive in when towing a trailer. This was noted and will be monitored.

Meeting finished at 8.30 pm

Next PC meeting is 7.30 on Monday 20th October 2008 at St Faiths Centre.