

L I T C H A M P A R I S H C O U N C I L M I N U T E S

of meeting held on 7th April 2008 Jubilee Hall Litcham 7.30 pm

Present Councillor M Oldfield (Chair)
Councillor R Payne
Councillor T Carter
Councillor D Holland
Councillor C Holland
Councillor C Lawrence
Councillor C Mitchell

District Councillor M Kiddle Morris
1 member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence.

There were no Apologies for Absence.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Councillors Oldfield, Payne, Carter, C Holland and Mitchell all declared a personal interest in Item 5.3. Councillors D Holland and Lawrence declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5.3.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2008 having been circulated were approved and signed with the addition of £725 to Item 5.

4. Matters to Report.

4.1 Registering of the Green.

Further copies of the registration questionnaires were distributed for completion. A query was raised as to the meaning of the questionnaire and the Clerk would check the booklet to see if there is any guidance.

4.2 Community Emergency Co-ordinator.

As no one had responded to the request in the church and Village magazine the Clerk was appointed as the Emergency Co-ordinator.

4.3 Breckland Council Environment Strategy Consultation.

This was completed at the meeting and would be forwarded to Breckland Council

5. Planning.

5.1 Applications.

5.1.1 3PL/2008/0362/F-Land adjacent to Rose Cottage Weasenham Road-new cottage style dwelling and garage.

OBJECTION.

There is insufficient space for a vehicle to be parked off the road and have access into and out of the garage. There is also insufficient space for a vehicle to access and egress the garage and enter the highway in forward gear. The size of the property is too large relative to the plot and the materials i.e. flint on the front is out of context.

This was passed unanimously.

5.1.2 3PL/2008/0303/F-Southery Cottage Tittleshall Road-siting of garden shed retrospective

OBJECTION

The shed was visually intrusive where it is sited and should be sited to the rear of the property.

All were in favour of the decision.

5.1.3 3PL/2008/0464/F-Land adjacent to 19 Wellingham Road-2 storey, 3 bed detached dwelling and garage -re-submission

NO OBJECTION

However the Parish Council did feel that the property would be more visual attractive if the dwelling was realigned with the front of the properties alongside and parallel to the road. It would then look like an extension to the building line.

This was passed unanimously

5.2 Decisions.

The following decisions were noted

5.2.1 3PL/2008/0148/F-New Inn Cottage Dereham Road Permission

5.2.2 3PL/2008/0464/F-Land adjacent to 19 Wellingham Road Refusal

5.3 Norfolk County Council Minerals and Waste Site Allocations Consultation.

The village appraisal was to be checked to identify the traffic black spots.

Boreholes and wells are to be added to the comments of Councillor C Holland with the addition of any comments from the other Councillors.

6. Correspondence for circulation.

The following correspondence had been received and would be circulated.

6.1 LALGA Information

6.2 Norfolk County Council Care Choices

6.3 Clerks and Councils Direct

6.4 The Boundary Committee

6.5 LAG Minutes agenda and statistics

6.6 The Local Channel

6.7 East of England Regional assembly RSS Single Issue Review

Planning for Gypsy and traveller Accommodation in the East of England

District Councillor Kiddle Morris reported that Breckland Council's response to the Boundary Committee would be in favour of a three unitary council option of Norwich, Coastal and Southern Norfolk and would be submitted by 11 April and implementation is possible in 2011.

7. Highways

7.1 Parking at the Post Office.

It was queried why the bollards could not be sited on the white line outside the Post Office and Norfolk County Council are to be contacted again.

7.2 General.

The following are to be reported to Norfolk county Copuncil:-

A pothole on Lexham Road near to The Paddocks, a dropped man hole cover on Lexham Road, Tittleshall Road again, Dereham Road near the 30m.p.h. sign and the hedge at Litcham Hall.

8. Finance.

8.1 The budget sheets had been circulated and these were approved. It was noted that the rent had not been received and the tenant is to be written to to remind him of the due date.

8.2 Balances:

Business 30 Day account

Balance at 31 01 08 £13543.97

Interest £37.84

Balance at 29 02 08	£13581.81
Current Account	
Balance at 31 01 08	£2739.01
Less-Direct Debits- E-on Energy-	£60.82
	£2678.19
Less cheques authorised 04 02 08	£806.40
	£1871.79
Less unpresented cheques authorised 3/3/8	£408.85
Balance at 29 02 08	£1462.94
Amount available for Section 137 :487x5.86	£2853.82

Spend to Date : £ 00.00

The following cheques were authorised for payment.

583	B J Leigh	Salary-Mar	£214.88
584	Mr. Feeke	Maintenance Village sign	£50.00
585	Litcham Jubilee Hall	Donation	£50.00
586	NCAPTC	Membership	£124.03
587	Audit commission	External Audit	£158.63

8.3 Street Lighting Maintenance.

This was deferred to the next meeting.

9. Heritage Map.

A response is still awaited from Norfolk County Council

10. Nar Valley Way.

Norfolk County Council is still awaiting agreement from all the landowners.

11. Clerk's Corner.

11.1 Internal Auditor.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Internal Auditor for Beetley and Beeston.

11.2 Annual Parish Meeting.

The Clerk reported that this had been confirmed at last years meeting for 21 April and would be then and not on 14 April as previously stated.

12. Matters for the next meeting.

There were no matters for the next meeting.

13. Date of the next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 6th May 2008 at 1930 to be held at The Jubilee Hall, Litcham.

The meeting closed at 21:09pm