

**NEWBOROUGH and BOROUGH FEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in The Village Hall,  
Guntons Road.**

PRESENT: Mr N Harris, Mr. J Rowell, Mr. G Britton, Mr. R Ward, Mr. K Angrave, Mr D Harrington, Mr. D Briston, Mr A Jacobs, Mr. W Cave, Mrs D Clipston, Mr. P Fowler

1 member of the public

**242/14-15 All Parish Councillors to sign Acceptance of Office and declaration of interests (if changed since last election). Return of election expenses form.**

Acceptance of Office and declaration of interests returned by Councillors

**243/14-15 To elect Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting in 2015.**

It was moved by Councillor Cave, seconded by Councillor Jacobs and unanimously agreed that Councillor Harris be elected Chairman for the municipal year 2014/2015.

**244/14-15 Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Chairman**

Councillor Harris then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**245/14-15 To Appoint the Vice Chairman for a similar period.**

It was moved by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Angrave and unanimously agreed that Councillor Briston be elected Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2014/2015.

**246/14-15 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Mr G Jones

**247/14-15 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations**

Personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda – none declared

**248/14-15 To approve minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Minutes of the Council meeting held of 19 May 2014 were confirmed and signed

**249/14-15 Matters arising from minutes**

1. The land at Harris Close. Following the agreement to proceed in principle at the last Parish Council meeting, a quotation for the work from Mr Harding was submitted to the Parish Council. After a discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would proceed with this project as it would be an area for community use. Cllr Harris suggested the Parish Council could provide a bench for the area. It was also agreed that no fence would be erected as this would exclude people from using the area (which had been mentioned at the last Parish Council meeting). Cllr Harris will arrange the top soil and the Parish Council will accept the offer of Mr Spridgeon to spread and level the area. Mr Harding will grass seed and provide ongoing maintenance to the area.
2. Thorney Road- there is subsidence through the traffic calming – reported to Peterborough City Council
3. Lee Moore has been contacted to request the cutting of the grass verges at junctions
4. Cllr Ward requested that the planning department is contacted to enquire where the holiday homes in application 14/00105/FUL will be placed.
5. Safety issues were raised regarding cars parked on the B1443 near the junction with Thorney Road, especially when the bus stops. The Clerk will contact PCSO Webber

**250/14-15 Public Participation**

**251/14-15 Matters for Information and Reports**

1. Crime report – written report from PCSO Webber:  
15 calls for service and 3 crimes.  
05/06 – criminal damage to a vehicle– Fenside Drive

05/06 - criminal damage to a building – Fenside Drive

01/06 to 08/06 – Arson not endangering life – Village Hall

'The four lights at the front of the old post office were all smashed and damage done to a car parked outside. Enquiries continue.

The Village Hall has been subject to petty vandalism recently, graffiti in chalk and a football kicked at windows. However the most recent event where a plastic protective cover on a post was set on fire could have been more serious. As far as I know the fire brigade did not attend. Enquiries are ongoing. I would ask that anyone who sees children playing at the Village Hall contact the police on 101 so that we can identify the children.

There have been reports of horses with a foal on the bank. I have made a number of calls and have been assured that the horses will be moved.'

2. Community Association report - Cllr Briston gave the report.

There have been incidents of vandalism to the village hall. The defibrillator and solar panels are both ongoing projects.

Cllr Clipston will liaise with the Sean White (Chairman Village Hall committee) about a possible alternative for the solar panels

3. Northern Footpath Forum - No report

Their AGM will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### **252/14-15 To receive report from City Councillor**

Cllr Harrington outlined the areas he is working on at Peterborough CC.

### **253/14-15 Finance**

1. To note income

John Lucas	Inter Mr Goodale	£150.00
Yorkshire Bank	interest 188546	£100.00
Mr G A Allen	Allotment rent	£190.00

2. Agree payments

Mr Harding	Cemetery Maintenance	001457	£875.00
Cambs ACRA	Payroll service	001458	£17.10
Anglian Water	Allotment water	001459	£15.73

3. The bank reconciliation was presented by the clerk and signed by the Chairman

4. To fix the Chairman's allowance

At this point Councillor Harris left the room.

It was proposed by Councillor Rowell, seconded by Councillor Briston and agreed the Chairman's allowance should be £250.00.

Cllr Harris returned to the meeting

5. Doctors Surgery - The Clerk and the Chairman of the village hall committee returned the draft lease to Kelly Peck. We are now awaiting NHS Solicitors. They have been with the NHS Solicitors for two weeks and no further update available.

6. Cemetery extension – The heads of terms had been agreed and are now with Church Commissioners Solicitors. However, a copy of an email sent to the Church Commissioners by Mr Critchley stated "Your last email to me was nine months ago on the 20 August 2013 promising to "get the fence dealt with" but there has been complete silence since then. I believe the sale of the Vicarage garden to the Parish Council is near completion and I really would like the dreadful state of the fence sorted beforehand please". Clerk has emailed Church Commissioners asking for them to repair the fence, but has not yet had a response. The Clerk will chase this.

## **254/14-15 Burial Authority**

## **255/14-15 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

14/00509/HHFUL - 1 Harris Close - Two storey side extension – Resubmission. Status:- Permitted

## **256/14-15 Planning Applications**

### 1. Planning applications

Cllr Harrington abstained from all voting on planning matters

Ref:- 14/00789/HHFUL Address:- 1 Belmont Cottages Guntons Road Newborough Peterborough PE6 7RU 2 storey extension to the side - Recommend approval

Ref:- 14/00702/FUL, Ivy Cottage Guntons Road Newborough Peterborough

Proposal:- Demolition of existing two storey cottage and the erection of a new detached four bedroom house with attached double garage

Recommend refusal- this is outside the village envelope and over- development

Reference:- 14/00908/FUL, Fen Cottage Werrington Bridge Road Milking Nook Peterborough PE6 7PP - Change of use of agricultural paddock to parking and storage of vehicles in association with the existing plant hire business.

Recommend refusal- there is no business need demonstrated in the application. It would be overdevelopment of the site, which is also at risk of flooding.

### 2. Planning application circulation process within Parish Council for comment

Cllr Jones will circulate the weekly planning updates to all those on the planning committee.

The Clerk will request a paper copy on the planning applications be sent to Cllr Harris and Cllr Ward.

The Clerk will 'copy in' the members of the planning committee to the email sent to planning control with the Parish Council observations.

## **257/14-15 Countryside**

## **258/14-15 Roads and Footpaths**

### 1. Street lighting

Cllr Ward will report the street lights that need attention.

### 2. Walkway from Fenside to School Road and Griffins Close has now cut back by Mr Harding

Letters have been sent to the owners of the hedges in the past with little or no action occurring.

Peterborough CC is unwilling to complete this maintenance in the long term. The Clerk will write to Peterborough CC to advise they have a duty of care and enquire whether they will reimburse the Parish Council for maintaining these areas.

## **259/14-15 Allotments**

The Clerk will advise Mr Britton the allotments that were in breach on the last inspection, in order for these to be checked to ensure they are now meeting their tenancy agreement.

## **260/14-15 Committee/area specific members**

Existing members

1. Burial - Councillors Rowell and Ward
2. Allotments - Councillors Cave and Britton
3. Planning - Councillors Harris, Jones, Fowler, Angrave, Clipston
4. Countryside - Councillors Harris and Jacobs
5. Street lighting - Councillor Harrington and Ward
6. Playing field - Councillor Britton and Rowell
7. Finance - Councillor Harris and Briston
8. Roads and Footpaths – Councillor Harris, Rowell, Angrave, Clipston
9. CAPALC and Parish Liaison – Councillor Cave
10. Police Liaison – Councillors Harris
11. Complaints – Councillor Harrington and the Chairman
12. Handyman Supervisor – Councillor Ward
13. Village Hall – Councillor Briston

14. Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Harris
15. Notice board posting – Clerk
16. Village Hall arrangements for meetings – Clerk
17. Engagement group- Cllrs Fowler and Cllr Clipston

**261/14-15 Village Matters**

1. Skate Park facility. The Parish Council is still awaiting a meeting with Church Commissioners. The Contact at Smiths Gore is currently on holiday.
2. The Chairman has spoken to the Cricket Club to express the parish Council disappointment that the project is not moving forward.
3. Cllr Ward advised Thorney Abbey will be joining Newborough and Eye as part of the Diocese of Peterborough.

**262/14-15 Playing Field**

**263/14-15 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

- Circulation of agendas and minutes

**262/14-15 Correspondence**

1. Exhibition of wind farm destined for Willow Hall area Thorney

**263/14-15 Any other business**

- French Farm- the proposal has been 'called in' to the planning committee by Eric Pickles, Secretary of State, and therefore there will be a public inquiry.
- Cllr Briston expressed his disappointment with the tone and contents of Mr Mason's article in the Magazine. Mr Hovell (former Clerk) will be asked to provide article for the Parish Magazine in response to Mr Mason article

**The meeting closed at 9:50pm.**

**Date of next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 at 7:00pm**