

FILBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 28 September, 2009, at 7.00 pm. in the Clubroom

Present: Mr. D. Thompson, Mrs. L. Elms, Mr. A. Thompson, Mr. P. Chapman, PC Richard Cook, Mr. D. Balls (Clerk), and 5 Members of the Public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mr. J. Baldry, Mr. P. Hudson, Mr. R. Stanton, and Mr. M. Carttiss (NCC) and PCSO Judith Ward.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST Mr. D. Thompson - item 8b(i), Mrs. L. Elms - item 7c.

3. POLICE REPORT

Police Crime Report read out by PC Richard Cook - 62 calls received for minor incidents and 9 reported crimes - 1 burglary, 2 attempted burglaries, 2 thefts, 2 assaults, and 2 motor vehicle thefts.

4. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TIME - *The meeting was adjourned for Public Time from 7.19 pm. to 7.24 pm.*

Q. Who do I complain to regarding neighbouring bonfires and smoke interference

A. Public Health Department of GYBC.

Q. What is being done about early morning speeding on Main Road.

A. Reported that police have this in hand and are carrying out regular checks on this road.

5. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS, MAY- SEPTEMBER 2009.

It was proposed by Mrs. Elms, seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously agreed that these minutes be signed.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE MINUTES

(a) The Highways Department reported on the following issues:

(i) Main Road resurfacing from Fleggburgh to Ormesby Lane is, subject to funding programmed for the year 2013/2014

(ii) It is inadvisable to provide centre line markings through built up section of Thrigby Road as this encourages an increase in traffic speeds.

(iii) Overhanging tree and hedges on corner of Pound Lane are being addressed by GYBC. The Chairman reported that whilst the hedges have been trimmed back the tree still remains. The Clerk will chase this up.

(b) GYBC Planning Enforcement Officer is investigating fence and hedge positions with Mr. Woodhouse of The Spinney, Main Road, and will report findings to council in the new year when work is finalised.

(c) Copy of correspondence by NPS to Mr. Nichols of Braebum, Thrigby Road received outlining steps to be taken in restoring allotment boundary on Thrigby Road.

(d) Design section of Highways Department report that they are monitoring the situation regarding over-running of grass strip in bell-mouth of access into Mulberry Tree Close.

(e) The Clerk reported that following numerous communications with GYBC to relocate the bus stop sign on the Main Road near Pound Lane without success, he resorted to asking the Highways Department to move it. They did within 24 hours.

(f) The Clerk reported that he is awaiting a response from Land Registry regarding registration of Filby Common land near Filby Broad off Common Road.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS FOR INFORMATION/READING

Correspondence

(a) Received Safer Neighbourhood report from Police Officer Johnathan Smith.

(b) Invitation received from BA to "Planning Parish Forum" meeting in Norwich on 30 September, 2009. There were no delegates available to attend.

(c) Revision of existing Tree Preservation Order received on land at Filby Bridge Cottages.

(d) "Thank You" letter received from Filby in Bloom Committee for 2009 donation.

(e) NCC reported that the Speed Awareness Message (SAM) has been in operation during April and May this year. The dates and results of this exercise were read out and are now filed with the Clerk for information.

(f) Invitation received from Highways Department to their "Open Day" event on Tuesday 6 October, 2009.

Publications for Reading/Information

(a) GYBC - Committee Agendas/Minutes

(d) NALC - Annual Report/Norfolk Link

(b) Environment Agency - Coastlines

(e) BA - Parish Tree Warden Meeting Minutes

(c) NPS - County Farms News

(f) Clerk and Councils Direct

8. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Notices of Decisions:

(i) BA/2009/0144/FUL - Erection of Store, Shed & Greenhouse at Broadwater Cottage, Thrigby Road - Approved.

(ii) BA/2009/0063/FUL - Proposed Extension to Dwelling & Garage at Carousel, Broad Lane - Approved.

(iii) 06/09/0259/F - I Residential Dwelling & Double Garage at Plot 8, Mulberry Tree Close - Refused.

(iv) TPO/2009/12 - Pollarding of 64 Poplar Trees at Hall Farm, Main Road - Approved.

(b) New Applications:

(i) 06/09/0580/F - Proposed Detached Garage at 6, Paddock Farm Close. It was proposed by Mr. Chapman, seconded by

Mrs. Elms and unanimously agreed to offer "no objections"

(ii) 06/09/0588/F - Proposed 10 Million Gallon Irrigation Reservoir at Grange Farm, Main Road. It was proposed by Mr. D. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously agreed to offer "no objections" subject to the following reservations which must be taken into account if approval is granted:

(a) There is a danger that as the reservoir is adjacent to a public right of way then it could encourage walkers to look into the reservoir. With this in mind it is suggested that a 2 metre high fence be erected at foot of bank to deter members of the public from "sightseeing" .

(b) The fence should be screened by hedging as a second line of defence and to make it less obtrusive to neighbouring properties.

(c) **Appeal notice**

(i) 06/09/0259/F - Plot 8, Mulberry Tree Close for 1 Residential Dwelling & Double Garage by G & C Homes.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICERS AND OTHER MEMBERS

(a) **Allotments**

(i) The Chairman reported that more garden plot allotments have been made available within field plot south of new community orchard.

(b) **Drainage** - Nothing to report.

(c) **Footpaths** -Nothing to report.

(d) **Highways** - Nothing to report.

(e) **Claypits Car Park** - Nothing to report.

10. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

(a) **PFC**

(i) The Chairman reported that plans for new village hall are progressing towards submission of renewal for planning permission later next month.

(ii) Mr. Chapman reported that he is still in process of applying for grants for new village hall.

(b) **GYBC/NCC** - Nothing to report.

(c) **Filby School**

(i) The Chairmen reported that the new Head Teacher has started and she has settled in well.

(d) **BA/The Staithe/Boats**

(i) Mr. Chapman reported that overgrown reed bed near Staithe area had not been cut back. Mr. Chapman will attempt to progress with councillor Hudson in the near future.

11. FINANCIAL REPORT & APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS - For authorisation, if agreed

<u>Bank Balance on 28.9.09.</u>		<u>Bills for Payment</u>		
PC Current a/c	£11,904.92	Clerks Salary (Aug/Sept '09)	£226.20	
<u>Received since last meeting</u>		Expenses	£ 3.60	£ 229.80
NCC (Claypits rent)	£ 700.00	PAYE (Clerk)		£ 56.40
Essex & Suffolk (Insurance)	£ 151.61	Mazars (Audit fees)		£ 161.00
GYBC (1/2 Year Precept)	£ 4,405.00	Andrew Tuddenham (Playing Field Grass)		£1,081.00
HM Customs & Revenue (VAT)	£ 312.20			

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman, seconded by Mrs. Elms that the above accounts be paid.

12. AUDIT OF 2008/2009 ACCOUNTS

The Audit for the 2008/2009 accounts has been completed and Mazars on behalf of The Audit Commission has issued a certified Annual Return for the year ending 31 March, 2009 which the Clerk has posted on the Parish Council notice board for public inspection.

13. RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND PARISH PRECEPT FOR 2010/2011

The parish Council considered the draft budget prepared by the Clerk ,which anticipated gross expenditure of £8,900 (£8,400 net after taking account of potential income). On the proposal of Mr. Chapman, seconded by Mr. D. Thompson it was resolved unanimously to set a precept of £8,400.

14. A.O.B.

(i) **Mr. A.** Thompson reported that he is in negotiation with Essex and Suffolk Water over problems with the Pound area water supply.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47 pm.