

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2014 at 19:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

Present were:-

Chairman Jim Papworth, Vice Chairman John Gouldsmith, Cllr. Neil Thrush, Cllr. John Newstead, Cllr. Liz Moulton, District Cllr. Glyn Williams.

Guests:-

Steve Blatch, Corporate Director North Norfolk District Council
Tom Fitzpatrick, Leader of North Norfolk District Council
Revd. Keith Dally, King's Beck Benefice

Apologies:-

Cllr. Tim Papworth, PCSO Bill Kerr and Cllr. Chris Allaway

Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting, warmly welcoming all present.
The visiting guests were invited to address the meeting.

Matters Arising

Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of 29th October 2013 as a true and accurate record.

Revd. Keith Dally is the new incumbent for the six parishes forming King's Beck Benefice, that includes Felmingham, living in the rectory in Felmingham. His main aim is to identify areas where the community and the church can work together and to enable that to happen.

Tom Fitzpatrick is the Leader of North Norfolk District Council and emphasised that the Council was set on keeping council tax at its current level but in doing so had to reduce the number of staff and identify areas of service delivery that were able to be cut or reduced.

Recycling would be expanded to include glass and plastics by the end of the year in order to increase income holding down Council Tax.

The pre-Christmas storm surge hit North Norfolk hard. Repairs will be carried out with no increase to Council Tax by drawing on existing funds.

Feed back on planning issues has been recognised as an area requiring improvement and this is being worked on. Hopefully improvements will be seen, but if not the Council want to know.

An enforcement board has been set up within the Council to deal with empty homes encompassing all parties that should/could be involved to ensure that the property becomes fit for purpose as quickly as possible.

The council was working on a balanced budget for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 in preparation for the elections to be held in May 2015.

The use of CCTV was going to be withdrawn to save money.

Steve Blatch is one of three Corporate Directors at North Norfolk District Council. He outlined the history of the affordable housing scheme in Goulders Lane from the perspective of NNDC and committed to confirm if the pre-commencement clauses of the scheme had been met.

He was asked to report back on three issues:-

- Affordable housing scheme parking provision.
- Affordable housing scheme sewage and drainage provision.
- Access to maintain sewage works.

The affordable housing scheme enabled priority to be given to families with a local connection such as living or working in the village. Better promotion was needed.

PCSO Report

Christine Westlake, Clerk presented the crime report supplied by PCSO Bill Kerr for the period 30/10/2013 to date as follows:-

3 Breach of anti social order

1 Causing /inciting female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity

6 Domestic abuse incidents

1 individual accounts for the 3 ASBO breaches AND 1 Domestic Abuse incident.

Bryants Heath

The fire brigade have contacted the parish council expressing their concerns about access to water hydrants on the heath. The problem being that they are not close enough to the heath in the event of a heath fire. They wondered if it would be possible to put a well into the beck at the bottom of Heath Farm. The beck is the responsibility of the Internal Drainage Board. Liz Moulton has volunteered to investigate the options.

Allotments

Following the commencement of the affordable housing scheme it is now necessary to reorganise the layout of the allotments. A working party has been set up, made up of Neil Thrush, John Gouldsmith and John Newman. It is thought that John G has the current plans.

Highways

The drain outside Toad Cottage on Aylsham Road has been sorted out. Nothing else to report.

Planning

The Cottage, Aylsham Road has been granted planning permission

Affordable Housing

See discussions under Steve Blatch and Tom Fitzpatrick

Financial Report

Still trying to get the change of address implemented by Barclays Bank. All allotment rents up to date except for Mr Dyer who is in arrears. Rent for Stowheath has been received from Mr van Poortvleit, who has decided to withdraw his notice and continue renting Stowheath.

Any other business

Each parish will produce a roll of honor to commemorate WW1 in August. There will also be an article in the Kings Beck magazine and there will be a themed WW1 weekend on 3rd/4th August.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th April 2014 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman

Date