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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 15 September 2016 at 1930

2016/11

Those Present: Richard Cole, David Horton-Fawkes, Sue Lane, Tony Lilley, & Jon Smith (Chairman)
Keith Leesmith (Clerk)

1) Apologies Marie Strong (NCC) & Police

2) Declarations of Interest None

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21 July 2016 - Approved and signed

4) Reports

Norfolk County Council

Marie Strong was delayed at a function at County Hall and unable to attend. However, early the following day she sent a copy of the report that she had intended to give, and this is available on the website.

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Unable to attend, but they sent a report, which KL read. During the past two months there had been 5 calls to police from the Parish, as follows: 3 x Anti-social behaviour; 1 road traffic collision; 1 road related offence. None of these resulted in recorded crimes. Police are however concerned at a number of cold callers in the general area and offer various advice to people who encounter such. The full text of the report can be found on the website.

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The annual audit has been completed without problems. With effect from this month a new national telephone number of 105 will be available for electricity supply problems. Using this number people will be able to report power cuts, and enquire/report other problems with the power supply. NCC is carrying out a search for suitable sites for silica sand extraction. There are no such sites in the immediate area.

5) Planning Matters

None

6) To discuss possible improvements to the children's play area

The main problems with the area that warrant attention are the fence; which requires frequent repairs, and the swings, which being adapted from an earlier (now illegal) three-

bay swing set are always mentioned in the ROSPA report as being unsuitable. It would also be desirable to have a baby swing. There was a related problem of children playing football near the bus shelter at the top of Park Road. If the play area could be enlarged, this might include an area for football. It would make sense to see if this could be done, before attempting to renew the fence. JS would speak to the farmer to see if a larger area might be available. RC would make enquiries with regard to replacement fencing. KL would seek quotations for a new set of swings.

7) To discuss North Norfolk Forum of Parish & Town Councils – update

The forum committee had met with Norman Lamb MP and he had agreed to write on their behalf in respect of the attempt to get some of the "second homes money" remitted directly to the Parish in which it was generated. He had written letters to the Chief Executives of NCC, NNDC and to the government minister responsible.

8) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

A bank reconciliation had been circulated with agendas.

The following accounts were approved for settlement:

Keith Leesmith	Clerk's second quarter salary	463.88
HMRC	PAYE on above	111.60

9) Minor Matters

TL said that he was soon moving out of the county, and that therefore this would be his last meeting. He was thanked for his contribution to the Council and village generally. D H-F said that he wanted to reduce his workload and also wanted to resign soon, but was prepared to stay until the end of the financial year if necessary. Enquiries would be made in the village of people who might be prepared to become Councillors.

Norman Lamb MP had recently held a surgery at the Reading Room and, having visited it before the improvements, had praised the work done. The number of bookings being obtained for various functions at the Reading Room was promising.

British Telecom had still not repaired the telephone box despite promises to do so. KL had recently reminded them.

10) Date of Next Meeting Confirmed as Thursday 17 November 2016 at 1930

The meeting closed at 2012