

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAPPISBURGH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE WENN EVANS CENTRE ON 14TH MAY 2012 AT 7.30PM**

Present:

**Cllr Glenn Berry (Chairman), Cllr David Mole, Cllr George Siely, Cllr Kirsty Ritchie, Cllr Cubitt Siely, Cllr Kim Holt, Cllr Thomas Love, Cllr Clive Stockton, Cllr Bill Greeno,
County Cllr Paul Morse,
Jo Beardshaw (Clerk)
19 members of the public**

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Berry was proposed and voted in as Chairman. Cllr Mole was proposed and voted in as Vice-Chairman

2. Apologies for Absence were received from District Cllr Walker

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared an interest in item 19: code of conduct complaint, and item 16, Dog Show, and item 13 (3) and (2) as the applicants were known to him.

Cllr Love declared an interest in item 13 (2): planning application; 'Next to the School' on the basis that he is the applicant. The Chairman noted that all Parish Councillors knew the applicant in this Planning Application and as such declared an interest.

The Chairman informed Cllr Love that he could remain in the room during the open session, but should not be present during the discussion of item 13 (2)

4. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Happisburgh Parish Council held on 12th March 2012, having been circulated, were taken as read, and subject to no amendments were **agreed** and **approved**. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

5. Pathfinder

1. **Update.** The Chairman informed the Council that the replacement rocks from CCAG were stuck at Cart Gap currently. The ramp was in the process of being re-profiled and the ramp would point more towards the sea. The demolition was well underway.
2. **Metal steps.** The metal steps had been redesigned. Brian Farrow would be looking at the structure of the steps again in an attempt to ensure longevity.
3. **Car park.** The toilet block was nearly finished, with a few minor glitches to fix. The Pay and Display machine was in place. The insurance was in place. Three tenders had been received for the cleaning contract at the car park: Kier, Sarah Pugh and Jason Langford. After discussion and review of tenders the Council agreed to give the contract to Jason Langford.
The Council agreed that there should be a 'no coaches' sign at the end of Beach Road. County Cllr Morse agreed to discuss this with the Highways team.
4. **Playspace.** Although there was not a member of the Playspace committee present, the Chairman reported that the committee were in discussion with a solicitor regarding the new playground, and would expect to report at the next meeting

6. Report from County Councillor

1. County Cllr Morse reported that he had informed NCC that the Parish Council had agreed to spend up to £2.5K on improved parking at the school. NCC had agreed to match that sum. He had further meetings planned to discuss the matter.
2. There was an admissions issue with the school where some pupils from within the village were not given a place. The Council discussed the problem and Cllr Morse agreed to report back to the Council at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to find out the catchment area for Happisburgh Primary School.

7. Police

Over the 2-month period, the Police had received 4 calls all regarding theft

8. Public session

A member of the public thanked the Council and the Chairman in particular for his work on the metal steps. He also requested a sign towards the beach from within the car park.

A request was made by a member of the public to move the steps further up the coast. The Council noted that this would be a matter for landowners to consider.

It was reported that whilst the metal steps are inaccessible, the walk from Walcott to Beach Road is dangerous as walkers could be cut off by the tide. The Chairman agreed to speak to NNDC about the matter. Cllr Stockton reported that he had spoken to Rob Goodliffe (NNDC) about signs in Walcott to this effect.

A member of the public initiated a general discussion regarding Planning Application (2) 'Next to the School'. Cllr Stockton explained the general theory behind the replacement houses for owners of the Beach Road houses, which were being demolished. He explained that Policy EN12 permits the owner of a house threatened by erosion to seek planning consent for a new development on land not allocated for housing. This gives new use value to the development site that can be used to augment the purchase price and give the owner of the development site an incentive to enter into a development agreement.

There was general agreement that the village should attempt to replace the houses that have been lost. Members of the public discussed the other options within the village identified through the Local Development Framework. Various members of the public noted that they would prefer for replacement houses to be built near the bus shelter. Councillors reported that this site was currently owned by many different owners and so, although it had been identified under the LDF, it was not possible to build replacement houses on it at this time

A member of the public asked if the view of the school was known at this time. A school governor, who had come directly from the school that evening, supplied the Chairman with a copy of a letter which had been emailed to him from the School. In general terms, the letter did not support the application for planning next to the School.

A member of the public noted that she planned to allow surfers and disabled people to park for free on her land (near to the Beach Road Car Park)

It was reported that the light from the pay and display machine was very bright, and that the padlock was being tampered with. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the cleaner take the padlock home when not in use and to check the light.

A member of the public reported that there had been vandals on the bowling green. The Chairman agreed to discuss this with the PCSO

The meeting re-convened...

9. Financial Matters

Bank balances were noted.

The following cheques were **authorised**:

Chq no.487. Hire of Wenn Evans £66.00

Chq no.488. Clerk's March / April pay and expenses. £399.48

Chq no.489. Aon Insurance. Toilet Block and P&D machine. £251.02

Chq no.490. Glenn Berry. Repayment for car park telephone. £15.97

Chq no.491. NNDC. Emptying of dog bins for 12 months plus Coronation Close installation of dog bin. £860.22

Chq no.492. NNDC. Lease of dog bin – Whimpwell Street. £72

Chq no.493. NNDC. Lease of dog bin – Blacksmiths Lane. £72

Chq no.494. S137 Donation. CAB. £200

Chq no.495. S137 Donation. St Mary's Church. £100

Chq no.496. S137 Donation. Friends of Happisburgh Lighthouse. £100

Chq no.497. S137 Donation. Happisburgh Cricket Club. £400
Chq no.498. S137 Donation. North Walsham Area Transport. £100
Chq no.499. NALC. Subscription. £153.24
Chq no.500. NRCC. Subscription. £15
Chq no.502. Nagels. P&D machine tickets. £176.12
Chq no.503. CT Baker. Concrete for Wenn Evans Centre. £504

10. Pavilion and Playing field

Mr Trivett reported that the Trust had run a successful jumble sale. He thanked Cllrs Mole and Siely, with others, for their help with the concrete. He noted that insurance costs were very high and that he would discuss this with the Clerk.

Mr Trivett, and member of the Council, noted that there was a problem with dog fouling on the playing field. The Chairman / Clerk to speak to NNDC and the dog warden.

11. Annual return

The Annual Return was agreed and signed by the Chairman

12. Allotments

Cllr G Siely noted that, having received advice from NSALG, the Council would be writing to Mr Rayner to let him know that he had made his tenancy obsolete by not paying rent. Cllr Siely noted that there were 2 allotments requiring attention but that the rain had perhaps kept tenants away.

13. Wenn Evans

Cllr Mole noted that he had set up an electrical inspection, as agreed by the Council at the March meeting.

14. Planning applications

1. PF/12/0319 Rivendell, Whimpwell Street. Erection of 2-storey rear extension and conservatory. Support
2. PO/12/0423 Next to the School. Erection of nine replacement dwellings and reinstatement of former residential land to provide amenity land. The Chairman reported that, following a conversation with NNDC, the plans in their current form would be changing. The Council agreed to write a letter to NNDC stating that they believed the houses themselves were important to the village but that the Council could not reach a conclusion before seeing updated plans.
3. PF/12/0425 Boundary Stables, Grubb Street, conversion of storage building to one unit of holiday accommodation. Support

15. Planning decisions

PF/11/1439 - Removal of caravan and erection of detached single-storey annexe at Greentiles, Bush Drive, Bush Estate. Permission granted. Noted.

16. Queen's Diamond Jubilee

A member of the public (Frances Bailey) reported that she had organised a meeting but only herself and her daughter had attended. At another point in the meeting, the Council agreed that the Dog Show should be the 'Diamond Jubilee Dog Show' as a way of Happisburgh participating in the Jubilee celebrations

The School had requested a donation from the Parish Council for coins of £449. The Chairman agreed to find out how many children at the School lived in Happisburgh and to inform the Councillors by email and request their response to this request.

17. Dog Show

The Chairman noted that he would be running the 'Diamond Jubilee Dog Show' on 12th August, and that they intended to use the money raised to invest in a defibrillator for the village, and to put any excess money towards first aid training. This was agreed by the Council.

18. Correspondence and Circulars

1. NCC. Request for potential participation in a project to fund North East Norfolk Coastal Trails using the Coastal Communities Fund
2. NNDC. Coastal Issues Forum 15th May 10am Cromer
3. NNDC. 1st Instalment of Parish Precept. £3587.50
4. NPFA. Playingfield magazine
5. NALC. Norfolk Link magazine

19. **To note correspondence received since 7th May 2012.** None
20. **Code of conduct complaint.** This complaint was not upheld
21. **Any other business.** None
22. **Date of next meeting – Monday 16th July 2012**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed.....Date.....