

MINUTES OF METHWOLD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ST. GEORGE'S HALL
THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2010

Present: – Mr. D Owen – Vice-Chairman, Mrs. B Horton, Mrs. M Wortley, Mr. C Neville, Mr. D Wortley

7 members of the public

2 PCSO's in attendance at the start of the meeting

OPEN FORUM

- It was noted that the heating in the Doctors surgery is now acceptable.
- Complaints were voiced about a bird scarer in Brookville. Residents were advised to contact the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.
- A large pot hole needs repairing at Cock Corner.
- The Vice-Chairman has the timber ready to repair the seat in Brookville and this will be undertaken when the weather improves.
- A query was raised regarding the introduction of part night lighting. Residents are concerned that lighting along the footpath between Trent VC and Ventura Close will be turned off. Norfolk County Council will be contacted about this.

No report was given by the PCSO's as there are no issues in the parish at present. The Parish Liaison Officer will let the Clerk know when police surgeries will be held in the village. Residents informed the PCSO's that vehicles are being parked on the hatched area near the Primary School and a gate along the Old Feltwell Road is being left open causing a hazard. It was also noted that it is dangerous for children to be dropped off along Stoke Road to board a bus.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Mr. R Hood, Mrs. J Oliver, Mrs. D Charlesworth-Smith, Mr. C Marsland, Mr. M Peake(Borough Councillor)

2. No Declarations of Interest made.

3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 14/01/10 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising:

- Rights of Way Officer David Mills has agreed to attend the May Parish Council meeting.
- 4.1 Highways have been asked to provide a bollard for Lower Green to protect the grass from erosion by vehicles.
- 4.2 BT has requested that the Parish Council grant a wayleave agreement to allow a telegraph post to be sited outside No. 51 Globe Street. The Parish Council would receive a one off payment of £155 for the wayleave. It was decided to inform BT that the Parish Council would like to see the wiring put underground rather than another pole being erected.
- 4.3 Quotes are being sought for an electrical inspection of St' George's Hall. One electrician has been to St. George's Hall and another is expected next week.
- 4.4 It was noted on the Recreation Ground Play Equipment Inspection that an inner cradle seat on the swings is damaged. It was agreed the cradle seat should be replaced.

5. Reports:

5.1 The Vice-Chairman had little to report as he had not known he was to act as Chairman. He did however report that a cricket match is being arranged between Methwold High School and Methwold residents. This event is to be held in May and is being supported by Methwold Action Group. Some discussion took place regarding the condition of The Recreation Ground and whether a cricket pitch could be prepared in time. The Parish Council will try to get the pitch rolled and hopefully the match will take place on the Rec. Methwold High School is trying to cater for the community and facilities at the school are available for use outside school hours. It is hoped the Cricket match will encourage local groups in Methwold to work together further.

5.2 Clerk's Report:

- The railings around the cross at Cross Hill have been straightened.
- King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council has resolved to object to the removal of service of phone boxes in the borough and therefore no adoptions of telephone boxes can proceed.
- The grass cutting contract for the forthcoming season will be an agenda item for the March meeting of the Parish Council.

- An announcement has been made that the Secretary of State has concluded that a Norwich Unitary should be based on the existing City Council boundaries.
- Some maintenance work has been undertaken on the boiler at St. George's Hall and a service will now be arranged.
- Highways have granted permission for a seat and planters to be positioned on the grass by the entrance to The Avenue, Brookville.
- Copies of the High School newsletter were distributed to Councillors.
- Suggestions have been made to improve the facilities offered at St. George's Hall. The Hall Committee will consider purchase of a replacement fridge, cooker, Burco Boiler for the kitchen and a baby changing unit to be located in the disabled toilet. It was commented that the warming cupboard in the kitchen could be removed as it is not used. The matter of who holds keys to cupboards in the kitchen was also raised again and this will be an agenda item for the March meeting of the Parish Council.

6. Accounts for January were presented and approved for payment.

7. Correspondence:

- 7.1 Wind Farm Proposal at Weeting – Enertrag to hold an exhibition at Weeting Village Hall on March 18th 3-8pm.
- 7.2 Norfolk Association of Village Halls Conference and AGM – Newton Flotman Village Hall March 20th 10.00am.
- 7.3 Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Proposed Submission document
- 7.4 Planning training March 5th

8. Planning:

8.1 Construction of residential annexe following removal of existing redundant agricultural building at 1 Brook Lane, Brookville 09/02144/F

Approval recommended

8.2 Conversion to residential dwelling at former Pumping Station, Woodhall Road, Hilgay 09/02205/F

Approval recommended

Decision notices

8.4 Proposed sports and enterprise centre at Methwold High School

Development permitted

8.5 Change of use to residential and business At Hythe Court, Hythe Road,
Methwold 09/01616/CU

Permission granted

9. Further reports/items for the next agenda

9.1 Pot holes are evident everywhere. Those noted include at the junction of Hythe Road and Ventura Close and at Cock Corner. There is also a sunken drain cover outside 24a High Street, Methwold.

9.2 There are a lot of mole hills at Cock Corner. The village handyman will be asked to rake the area over.