

# HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd December 2012 at Hoveton Village Hall

Present: Councillor M. Russell. (Chair of the meeting)  
Councillor Mrs C. Williams  
Councillor Mrs J. Newey.  
Councillor P. Howe.  
Councillor Mrs A. Howe.  
Councillor N. Searle Jones.  
Councillor M. Richmond.

Officer: Clive Gardner- Clerk

Visitors in Attendance: One member of the public.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no specific additional declarations of interest.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **AGREED** and **RESOLVED** to confirm and for Councillor M Russell to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

### 4. QUESTIONS OF THE CLERK BY MEMBERS

There were no questions of the Clerk.

### 5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

5.1 See addendum.

5.2 See addendum.

5.3 See addendum.

### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 It was **AGREED** and **RESOLVED** to make a grant to North Walsham CAB in the sum of £150.00.

6.2 The terms of a letter dated November 2012 regarding consultation by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk on the 2013/2014 Precept to take place 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012 11 a.m. was noted.

6.3 An appeal from Wroxham Signalbox Trust in a letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012 was noted.

6.4 In relation to correspondence received since 26th November 2012 it was **AGREED** and **RESOLVED** as follows:

6.4.1 That the Clerk is authorised to explore with AF-Affinity any cost savings that could be made in relation to the supply of electricity to HPC.

6.4.2 An email dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012 from NNDC offering free heaters for loan by Parish and Town Councils to vulnerable people was noted. Councillors P. Howe and Mrs A. Howe agreed to take the matter forward with NNDC.

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### 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 Payments were **AGREED** and **RESOLVED** as follows:

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| 7.1.1 | To pay the Clerk pay and expenses for the period November 2012 comprising pay for the month for November 2012 £ 537.00 and back pay from 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2012 to October 2012 167 hours at £3.08 per hour namely £514.36, mileage £56.88, postages £16.29, stationary £9.97. Payment of pay to be made less any tax and national insurance contributions. | <b>Total payment £1134.50</b> |
| 7.1.2 | To pay Thinking Rural the amount of their charges for PAYE and NIC in the sum of:  | <b>£835.70.</b>               |
| 7.1.3 | To pay the Litterpicker's pay for the period November 2012. Payment of pay to be made less any tax and national insurance contributions.   | <b>£149.00.</b>               |
| 7.1.4 | To pay Councillor Mr M Russell to reimburse the cost of website services paid to 1&1 Internet Services Limited.  | <b>£8.96.</b>                 |
| 7.1.5 | The following payments under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:   |                               |
|       | 7.1.5.1 British Legion <b>£65.00.</b>  |                               |
|       | 7.1.5.2 St John's Church <b>£370.00.</b>   |                               |
|       | 7.1.5.3 St Peter's Church <b>£275.00.</b>  |                               |

7.2 A repayment of VAT of **£190.63** was noted.

7.3 The receipt of **£125.00** from Wroxham Parish Council being a contribution towards the cost of the traffic survey was noted.

7.4 It was **AGREED** and **RESOLVED** by the Council that Gillian Sharpe be appointed as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2012/2013.

7.5 It was **AGREED** and **RESOLVED** by the Council that the following payments (requested and received subsequent to 26th November 2012) be made:

7.5.1 To NNDC for horticultural works **£2341.20** (inclusive of VAT)

### 8. 8.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

In respect of the following applications it was **AGREED** and **RESOLVED** by the Council as stated below:

8.1.1 **Planning Application (BDC) 20121424** Development of a 12MW Solar Farm Land off Coltishall Road Belaugh and

8.1.2 **Planning Application (NNDC) PF/12/1142** Development of a 12MW Solar Farm Land off Coltishall Road Belaugh.

Items 8.1.1 and 8.1.2 were discussed and decided upon together as both applications related to the same site. The Council objected to both applications upon the following grounds:

- This development site is an inappropriate use of good grade agricultural land. It is believed that the application site is classed as Grade 2 which classifies it as very good quality agricultural land which it is believed is limited in its availability.
- The Council object to the short consultation period allowed in relation to such a major application and the limited pre-application engagement with the public. This has made it impossible for the Council to properly consult with the local community.
- The Council object to the application being considered without the consideration of an Environmental Impact Assessment in relation to the application site.
- The Council formally request that District Councillors consider carrying out a site inspection in order to assess (inter alia) the visual impact upon the local environment.
- The Council were particularly concerned to know that NNDC Councillors would be involved in making a decision in relation to that part of the application site that falls within the NNDC area.

8.1.3 **Joint Core Strategy for Broadland. GNDP-** Rackheath and other Development.

Councillor M. Russell confirmed that a letter containing the Council's views had been sent.

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**8.1.4** The Proposed **Site Specific Policies (Planning for the Broads)** affecting Hoveton and Wroxham was noted but no further action was required.

### **8.2 PLANNING DECISIONS** :

**8.2.1 Planning Decision (Approved) (BA) BA/2012/0285/FUL** Proposed erection of porch, single storey extension and detached garage with formation of slipway The Reeds Marsh Road Hoveton. Noted.

**8.2.2 Planning Decision (Approved) (NNDC) AN/12/1116** Display of non-illuminated advertisement 7,8 and 9 Tilia Park Hoveton. Noted.

**8.2.3 Planning Decision (Approved) (NNDC) NMA1/11/0762** Non-material amendment Land at Stalham Road Hoveton. Amended plans.

### **9. GRANARY STAITHE**

It was **Agreed and Resolved** that the press and public should be excluded for this item.

**9.1** The meeting was updated on the present position.

**9.2** Further matters of process were resolved upon.

### **10 MISCELLANEOUS**

**10.1** The results of the Traffic Survey carried out in Hoveton in August 2012 were noted. Councillor Mrs C. Williams agreed to approach Horning Parish Council for their contribution towards the cost.

**10.2** Councillor N. Searle-Jones reported regarding a proposed meeting relating to Norwich Northern Distributor Road. He agreed to co-ordinate the meeting including HPC and Wroxham Parish Council members.

**10.3** The proposed dates for Council meetings for 2013 were agreed.

**10.4.** Councillor Mrs C. Williams undertook to contact David Sutton to extend an invitation to attend the Council regarding air quality monitoring in Hoveton.

**10.5** Councillor Mrs A Howe reported that she had met with Broadlands RC regarding an offer from them to assist with litter picking in the parish. She reported that arrangements regarding litter picking at Broadland High School were in hand and she was trying to make contact with the Bittern Line regarding litter picking at Hoveton and Wroxham Station.

**10.6** Councillor Mrs J. Newey was congratulated upon the award of North Norfolk Community Hero awarded by the Eastern Daily Press and Diamond Champion awarded by the WRVS.

**10.7** It was noted that Hoveton had been awarded runner up in the 2012 EDP Pride in Norfolk awards.

### **11 MEMBERS MATTERS**

**11.1** Councillor M. Russell agreed to insert in the Bridge Magazine details relating to item 10.6.

**11.2** There were no matters for consideration at future meetings other than those already referred to in these minutes.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

**The next meeting of Hoveton Parish Council  
Will be held in the Jubilee Room Hoveton Village Hall  
at 7.30pm Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

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

**Addendum**

**5 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

- 5.1 There was no report from Councillor N. Dixon who confirmed his apologies for not attending the meeting as he had another engagement.
- 5.2 The PCSO Laura Bennett gave her apologies for not attending the meeting and her report was noted by the meeting.
- 5.3 A member of the public attended and expressed his opposition to the planning application for the development of a 12MW Solar Farm Land off Coltishall Road Belaugh which is referred to at items **8.1.1.** and **8.1.2.** A number of points were raised including (inter alia) the visual impact of the development, and the doubtful contribution that the development would make to worldwide reduction in carbon emissions.

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