

NEWBOROUGH and BOROUGH FEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th February 2014 in The Village Hall,
Guntons Road.**

PRESENT: Mr. N Harris (Chairman), Mr. J Rowell, Mr G Jones, Mr A Jacobs, Mr. D J Robinson, Mr. D Briston, Mr. W Cave, Mr. G Britton, Mr. R Ward, Mr. K Angrave, Mr D Harrington
PCSO Webber

8 members of the public

166/13-14 To receive and approve apologies for absence

None received

167/13-14 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

Personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda – none declared

168/13-14 To approve minutes of the meeting of 6th January 2014

Minutes of the Council meeting held of 6th January 2014 were confirmed and signed

169/13-14 Matters arising from minutes

1. Mr Middleton from Forest for Peterborough met concerning land at Bull Bridge. He says it is ideal for tree planting. Bob Gresty, Peterborough City Council Land agent writes "I don't think the Council would want to release what is an area of potential development land for trees, but I'll press for a definitive answer". Cllr Harrington advised this site is not marked in the LDF plan for development. Clerk to investigate
2. Locally advertised events – the clerk has produced a 'help sheet' to those advertising for charitable events. This has been circulated and placed in the notice boards.
3. 'Sea sickness' of the bus Milking Nook - no response received from Peterborough City Council.
4. Brown Bin service- the following response from Peterborough CC was received 'You are correct in saying that we distributed information earlier in the year that the brown bin collections recommenced in February. Unfortunately the City Council changed this late in November and information of this change was sent out, although it is recognised that many people did not receive this information. The service will recommence week commencing 4th March, making your first collection the 14th March'.

170/13-14 Public Participation

Cricket Club discussion- Justin Carter, President of the Cricket Club addressed the parish Council regarding the progress of the cricket pavilion and the remaining work which needs to be completed. They have applied for grants, however there is still a shortfall and he asked Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council to consider giving them a grant of £2000 to complete the roof.

Address by Chairman- Cllr Harris formally thanked Mr Hovell for his 16 years service as Clerk to the Parish Council and presented a gift as token of their appreciation.

A resident of Harris Close advised he had been contact with the lawyers representing the developers of Harris close and they advised the Parish Council were holding up progress as they had raised objections to a road closure. The Parish Council advised they had not raised any objections so long as the new road was opened before the existing is closed.

171/13-14 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report: 19 Calls for service – 0 Crimes
There is Rogue trader operating around Newborough offering to fill pot holes,

however they are demanding substantial payment for the service.

2. Community Association – Councillor Briston

The refurbishment has been completed, with the help of a £2000 donation from Cllr Harrington's CLF fund.

- a. Water leak in one container- the Chairman of the Village Hall committee asked to defer this to the next meeting while more investigation takes place.
- b. Village Hall Alarm- the Chairman of the Village Hall committee advised that Peterborough CC will not pay for the fire alarm system to be linked to the fire brigade as the fire assessment carried out indicated there had not been enough call outs to justify this kind of system. The Village hall is safe to use, as it has an alarm system and water sprinklers.

3. Northern Footpath Forum – report given by Councillor Robinson

Footbridges for the Northborough/Peakirk footpath have been completed and the connecting footpath should follow.

172/13-14 Reports from City Councillor, Mr. D Harrington

Cllr Harrington said there would be substantial budget cuts throughout Peterborough City Council, including the Parish Council Support Grant.

Amey (formally Enterprise Peterborough) are willing to speak to Parish Council regarding the services they could offer.

Peterborough CC advised that if 39% of the City's population pay for the brown bin service they will break even.

The Solar Park/wind farms will be going to Cabinet following a report from the Scrutiny Commission for Rural communities.

173/13-14 Finance

1. To note income

Mr Dewey, Mrs Inns	Allotment rent	£13.87
J H Landin	Inter Mr Lilley	£300.00
War graves commission	War grave maintenance	£20.00

2. Agree Payments

Mrs. E V Tajer	Postage, travel, telephone	001441	£37.40
Mr N Harris	Expenses	001442	£44.00

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – checked and signed

3. Doctors Surgery – Lease, engagement of Solicitors and payment of their costs with Newborough and Borough Fen Community Association – Kelly Peck, from Greenwoods Solicitors (who acted for Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council 6 years ago) writes "Please can you confirm whether I am instructed on behalf of the Parish Council on this matter. If I am instructed, please could you confirm that the terms as set out below are correct. Are there any other updates or changes to be made to the existing terms?"

To enable you to consider the position I can confirm that my estimated fees will be £850 plus VAT for the renewal lease and £750 for the licence to underlet from Peterborough City Council on the basis that the matter is straight forward and does not become unduly protracted or complex. I will of course provide you with a formal fee estimate once I have more information but I thought it may be helpful for you to have the initial estimate to enable the parish council to consider matters.

The current lease expired in August and so I urge you to proceed swiftly to ensure that the tenants do not acquire protection of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 as the current lease excluded security of tenure".

It was proposed by Councillor Harris seconded by Councillor Jones and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would instruct Greenwoods to act on behalf of the Parish Council in the renewal on the lease.

4. Community association request for a donation – Chairman of the village hall writes “Can the Village Hall put an request in for our next meeting regarding the cost of the hall's "make-over" As you can see we have completely gutted the front garden and made it a more friendly Village Hall. There is a new fence and the whole garden including around the Doctors building has been cleaned up and trees cut back. This was a much needed operation/project for the Hall and inside has been painted throughout and new blinds fitted. With the cost of the new web site as well which is to be used by the community we would like request Newborough Parish Council to contribute to the cost's being paid out”. Cllr Harris requested a copy of the village hall bank accounts should be provided to the Parish Council. The Chairman of the Village Hall committee advised they had approximately £18,000 in the bank. The request was discussed and questions asked of the Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor Jacobs seconded by Councillor Cave and unanimously agreed that no donation would be made at this time as there was not a project to fund, as all the refurbishment had been completed.

5. Parish Council Liaison meeting to discuss the budget on Tuesday 11 February 2014 at 6.30 pm in the Bourges/Viersen at the Town Hall

This meeting will have a massive impact on Parish Council finances particularly the item

“Parish councils

In recent years we have made some reductions to the discretionary funding we provide to parish councils. We are proposing to remove the remaining discretionary funding, and also to remove the council tax support grant in full. The funding provided to those parish councils that provide burial grounds and recreation grounds will continue as before.

In line with the practice established in previous years, it is proposed that a full year's notice will be provided for this, and the measure will not be implemented until 2015/16.

In addition to this the CLF money is to be reduced to £1000 per ward”.

Peterborough City Council contribution to next year's budget was £3052. To maintain our budget, at which we just break even, would increase the Parish precept by nearly 30%. Agreed to put an article in Parish Magazine

174/13-14 Burial Authority

1. Cemetery extension – Mrs Sandra Allen, Property Officer, Diocese of Peterborough, says that completion should be before the end of March

The Clerk is awaiting a response from Peterborough Planning regarding conditions C2 and C3 of the planning consent

175/13-14 Planning Approvals and Refusals

13/01731/DISCHG Long Meadow Farm Glington Road Milking Nook - Discharge of conditions C5 (flood risk assessment) C8 (flood resilient) C9 (construction method statement) C10 (archaeological work) of previous planning application 11/01925 Proposed demolition of existing building, erection of permanent agricultural dwelling and reinstatement of access - approved

13/01440/FUL Land To The North Of RoseBank Milking Nook Road - Proposed single storey dwelling and garage - Application Refused

14/00013/TRE Rear Of 3, 4 And 5 Waterfall Gardens - Removal of 28 Sycamore trees TPO 2001_05_G01 – Application approved

14/00124/NDMTEL Communication Station Site 55210 Gunthorpe Road - One 1.8m dish antenna at 5m on 40m tower

176/13-14 Planning Applications

1. Planning applications

13/01423 Long Meadow Farm, Milking Nook- demolition and erection of agricultural building- recommend approval

14/00158 The Beeches, Bridgehill Road- change of use from grazing and to dressage area- recommend approval

Nigel Ozier Managing Director Brian Barber Associates - land at St Martins Road/Soke Road. He confirms that an application has been submitted to the City Council following a long pre-application process and would welcome an opportunity to speak Councillors on the application

177/13-14 Countryside

178/13-14 Roads and Footpaths

1. The streets lights have been reported by Cllr Ward
2. Cllr Harrington advised all seven bollards will be replaced by the latest version, using a donation from his CLF Fund.
3. Gunthorpe Road- flying tipping/ tyres
4. There is a lot of dog mess outside 56/57 Gunton's Road. Agree to put an article in the Parish Magazine

179/13-14 Playing Field

180/13-14 Village Matters

1. Skate Park- Cllr Harrington has spoken to Chris Spruce at Wheelscape and he has offered to produce a skatepark plan, if the address, postcode, area dimensions and a Google Earth imaging is provided. The Clerk will provide these to Wheelscape.
2. Community Environment Management- it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting
3. Brown Bin collections – information circulated

181/13-14 Allotments.

182/13-14 Correspondence

1. The Dementia Friends scheme set up by the Alzheimer's Society
2. Signposting and Awareness Course being held at the Peterborough Citizen's Advice Bureau.
3. £2m in extra Home Office funding for Cambridgeshire Constabulary to support Programme Metis, the Cambridgeshire programme aimed at using technology to increase the time officers spend out in their communities.
4. European Elections 22 May and local elections will be held the same day. New act of Parliament allows us until 31 July to hold the annual meeting so this will now be at the June meeting rather than May

183/13-14 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Cricket Club donation
Annual meeting date

184/13-14 Any other business

185/12-13 Date of next meeting

Next meeting: Monday 17 March 2014 starting at 7.15pm
The meeting closed at 9:13pm.

Signed.....

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