

Geldeston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 9th September 2009 At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: E Peters, B Ashcroft, R Edmunds and A Norman

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Mr M Peters, Mr S Rolt, Mr T Game, Mr P Cracknell, Mr J Oxley, Ms M Rose, Mr N Smith (BESL), Mr C Petmonk (BESL), Mr J Halls (BESL).

Minutes taken by L Seary

1. Apologies for absence: T Morton, M Fenwick, J Tuttle

2. Declarations of Interest: Re BESL presentation: AN and BA owners of land effected, RE employed by effected land owner.

3. Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 8th July 2009 Proposed
by; AN, Seconded by: BA. All agreed.

4. Crime Report:

Juveniles have caused some damage to the playground which has been repaired by JT.

5. BESL presentation by Neil Smith on the flood alleviation proposals

The proposed plans (compartment 25a) were presented to the Council along with a map. The Council and public present expressed their concerns with the plans, asked questions and requested further information. The Council will respond to the consultation stage of the plans with written comments due in on 21st Sept.

ACTION

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6. Action Plan Progress

Target 1: The Environment; wildlife & footpaths

6.1 Footpaths RE informed the Council that the footpaths have been cut along Heath Road and Farthing Green. Layden Lane is getting overgrown. The hedging put in by the triangle at the end of Heath Road has been taken out by the land owner. The black poplar tree in Heath Road is looking unhealthy.

Target 2: Improving Parish Amenities

6.2 Memorial Hall

The VH committee has been able to buy the projection equipment to run the cinema showings, rather than need to hire it. Young Victoria will be showing on the 16th Sept.

The VH committee is currently applying for grants for the new kitchen.

7. Correspondence

1. SNC ref 2009/0857 letter re The Old Coach House stating planning application has been withdrawn.
2. Norfolk Training Scheme – various training courses available
3. SNAP meeting poster – next meeting 16th September
4. SNC confirming the agreed gypsy and travellers sites in Earsham and Wymondham.
4. Mazars – audit return reminder. Due back 19th September
5. SNC confirmation of £116.22 paid into bank account from the Neighbourhood Fund as a grant for the composting group.
6. Broads Authority – notification of TPO at Dunburgh House.

7. New Issues

None

9. Parish 10

9.1 Mr Rolt asked the Council if they know when the building materials are likely to be removed from the Old School House in Station Road. EP to investigate.

EP

10. Finance

The clerk sought approval for new items of expenditure and provided the council with information on the current status of the bank accounts.

Proposed EP, seconded AN. Agreed.

11. Planning

The Old Coach House: extension. No concerns raised.

Hall Farm cottage. No concerns raised but would like to request native hedging and trees are used.

12. Any other business -

Tony Game advised the Council:

Travellers have got on to land in Ellingham illegally. The owner is trying to remove them. A fixed traveller's site has been agreed for Earsham where there will be 6 – 8 families. The site will be run by an RSL (probably Broadlands). Police are expecting an increase in thefts of things such as domestic oil over the winter months. The next SNAP meeting is on 16th Sept at Thurton Primary School.

LS has been contacted by 2 gentlemen opposing the wind turbine development at Ringsfield and Barsham who have asked to present their concerns to the Council. Council agreed to invite them to attend the next meeting but would also be interested in hearing the other side of the argument.

13. Meetings:

Next meeting: 14th October 2009 @ 7.30 pm. The meeting ended at 9.20 pm