

# Hemsby Parish Council



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## Minutes of Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Present: Chairman Keith Kyriacou, Vice Chairman Mike Peake

Clerk: Elaine Galer

Parish Councillors: Noel Galer, Scott Bensly, Tony Bowgen, Terry Barnes, Maria Ellis, Leslie Mogford, Ian Brennan

Public: Jill King, Kenny Chaney, Dan Hurd, Mr and Mrs Lanham

Meeting Declared open at 7.00 pm

### THE MEETING WAS RECORDED

1 a. The County Councillor's report was read out, detailing amendments and new charges at the local disposal station for DIY waste w.e.f. 1 April 2018.

The Police crime figures for the month were read out.

1 b. Questions were taken from the public.

A general discussion was held re the state of the beach and how the clean-up was progressing. Kenny Chaney asked what, if anything, the owners of the dunes, Watlings, had done to help re their properties. Concern was raised whether the beach would be ready for the upcoming holiday season. Clerk Elaine Galer and Chairman Keith Kyriacou agreed to contact Graham Plant (leader Great Yarmouth Borough Councillor GYBC) to find out if GYBC had received any response following the previous meeting and for assurance that the beach would be ready for Easter.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute (£221.34) for the fuel used by the Hemsby Inshore Rescue Service whilst cleaning the beach. Chairman Keith Kyriacou had previously telephoned Councillor Maria Ellis and Vice Chairman Mike Peake to agree to this verbally.

Councillor Noel Galer stated that he had heard that the beach would be cleared by Easter.

Mr and Mrs Lanham introduced themselves as they are interested in item 12 on the agenda – Access to the Broads. Councillor Maria Ellis proposed that item 12 be moved up the agenda, Seconded Terry Barnes, All in favour. It was explained (Councillor Noel Galer) that this was at a very early stage, but the Parish Council were looking at the possibility of creating a board walk to the Trinity Broad that was on the edge of the village. Councillor Galer also explained that he had recently attended the

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Broads Parish Forum meeting with the Broads Authority in Norwich. Mr and Mrs Lanham left, after giving their email addresses and were assured that they would be kept informed of any further developments. Councillor Maria Ellis explained that there is more than one route to the Broad and demonstrated on the map. Councillor Tony Bowgen expressed concern that the area in question was very wet and difficult to walk. Councillor Noel Galer explained that a board walk would mitigate this.

2. *Apologies*: Councillor Pam Richmond (holiday), Councillor Caz Eden (illness), County Councillor Ron Hanton, Borough Councillor Shirley Weymouth and PC Gary May (prior commitments)

The apologies were accepted by the Council.

3. *Declarations of Interest* – none expressed.

4. It was proposed that the Minutes of meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 are a true and accurate record. Proposed Councillor Tony Bowgen, Seconded Councillor Terry Barnes. All in Favour.

5. It was proposed that the Minutes of meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 are a true and accurate record. Proposed Councillor Leslie Mogford, Seconded Councillor Ian Brennan. All in Favour.

The minutes of meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> March were distributed and are to be carried through to the next meeting for approval, but they are to be published in draft format on the website.

6. *Neighbourhood Plan*. It was agreed that this was a strategic asset to the village and that a working party be set up to complete this. Councillor Maria Ellis stated that so far, the boundaries had been lodged with GYBC. Input was needed from the public for this. Councillor Leslie Mogford suggested that initial contact to the groups in the village be made via the Clerk. He would produce a draft letter and contact details and then hold a meeting. Councillor Leslie Mogford suggested that he would then set up a Working Group and would be happy to chair such. Proposed Councillor Scott Bensly, Seconded Councillor Tony Bowgen. All in favour.

7. *Chairman's Report*. Chairman Keith Kyriacou explained that there had been several reports re the building work next to the chip shop and the problems with parking this was causing. The Clerk had reported the problem to NCC Highways. In the meantime, a board had been erected on the grass verge as a temporary measure. The owner of the chip shop has asked the Borough Council for a dropped kerb to be provided.

The public consultation re the beach as promised by GYBC would be held in St Marys Room, Village Hall 2.30 – 7.30 pm, 12<sup>th</sup> April to be chaired by Bernard Harris, Coastal Engineer Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC). Disappointment was expressed that the original plan was for 2 days of consultation. However, the Village Hall was booked up on the 11<sup>th</sup> April.

8. *Vice Chairman's Report*

a. The Burial Ground Car Park Policy was discussed. Councillor Maria Ellis expressed concern that the Parish Council were not liable for damage/theft to personal property or vehicles whilst on the car park and suggested that this be included in the policy. The Clerk would produce an amendment which would be sent to councillors on completion and then adopted and posted on the Parish Notice Boards. The opening times of the car park would be

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changed (open 7.30 am to 7 pm) and new boards would be produced to show this. Proposed Councillor Ian Brennan, Seconded Councillor Scott Bensly. All in favour.

Vice Chairman Mike Peake explained that several graves had sunk badly and were potentially dangerous. Mark Witheridge had been tasked to fill these in.

9. The Parish Surgery was the day of the storm and was very busy.

## *Councillors Reports*

Councillor Noel Galer expressed concern that the barn room notice board needs repairing/replacing as the blue flocking inside was spilling out and it was also letting in water. Chairman Keith Kyriacou would look at the board after Easter.

Councillor Terry Barnes stated that 18 vehicles were parked outside Richardson's. Chairman Keith Kyriacou stated that this had been reported and that they would be gone by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## 10. *Committee Reports*

- a. *Bloomin Hemsby* - Councillor Noel Galer explained that he had obtained maps from GYBC mapping department which help identify the areas to be covered. These would be useful to give to the Probation Office to show where work could be undertaken. Another meeting is required to get things moving.

## *Councillor Maria Ellis had to leave*

- b. *Village Hall* - Councillor Tony Bowgen explained that they had been on/off as an evacuation centre several times during the storm. Since the emergency on the beach, the PC had acquired 12 sets of emergency equipment and was looking for somewhere to store them. Councillor Tony Bowgen to look at options.
- c. *Playing Field* - Nothing to report
- d. *Save Hemsby Coastline* - Councillor Ian Brennan explained that the next big event, which was critical for the village, was the review scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held re the format of the meeting and concern was voiced whether there would be sufficient time to present different solutions available.

## 11. *Councillors' Reports*

- a. *Risk Assessments* - These had been received by Councillors. A one-off assessment had been done of the playing field in conjunction with the Clerk. The Clerk has requested a copy of the ROSPA's report from GYBC.

The fence around the substation on the Playing Field is in a poor state of repair. Chairman Keith Kyriacou stated that there was no money available at the present time for repairs.

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Cars are using the grass in the burial ground and damaging it. Also, around the Parish Office, the buses are damaging the verges. This item is to be included on the next agenda for further discussion.

- b. *Patient Participation Group* - Councillor Pam Richmond was absent so no report given.
- c. *Community Resilience Plan* - It was felt the Resilience plan worked very well when it was initiated recently, and everyone worked well together.
- d. *Dates and Times for 2018 meetings* - It was agreed that the start time would be brought forward to a 7pm. The dates would stay the same.
- e. *Projector for Parish Office* - Councillor Noel Galer read out a quote from Hughes but although this started at £2500 for a complete system, the actual projector being offered was £950. The rest of the quote included installation, warranty, screen etc. Chairman Keith Kyriacou felt that this might be too much, and we should look first at a cheaper projector or potentially move the meetings to the Village Hall where there was a projector. Councillor Leslie Mogford suggested that the projector would be an invaluable asset to the meetings. The Clerk stated that she was currently working on the year end, once this has been completed the available monies would be known.

12. *Access to Broad* Item moved to 1b above

13. *Correspondence received by Clerk*

- a. *Grants to Groups in the Parish* - 2 applications had been received. Hemsby Parochial Church Council and The Friendship Club. The Clerk explained that the PC could not give monies to the Church for building repairs but as the grant request was to update the PA system this was acceptable. Both requests had completed the forms correctly. It was agreed to divide the £500 grant money available equally between the 2 applicants. Proposed Vice Chairman Mike Peake, Seconded Councillor Leslie Mogford. All in favour

Chairman Keith Kyriacou read out a letter from the vicar offering help after the recent storm.

- b. 2 Planning Applications were recently received
  - 06/18/0168/F** Erection of a pair of chalet bungalows in lieu of single storey dwellings – objected as this has happened before and it appears that planning permission is obtained and then changed. Objected – advised to keep to original plans
  - 06/18/0170/F** Proposed single storey extension – no objections
- c. Notice of forthcoming Borough Council Election – poster to be displayed on Notice Boards

14. *Financial Statement for March 2018*

The new format was received well by councillors as it was much easier to understand. These were signed off.

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## *15. Further comments from Members of the Public*

Kenny Chaney hoped that he would be able to speak at the meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Ian Brennan explained that, as yet, the format of the meeting was not yet known. Chairman Keith Kyriacou explained that he would ask Graham Plant in the phone call tomorrow morning.

Councillor Tony Bowgen suggested that Councillors should use the Burial Ground car park be used when attending subsequent meetings.

Meeting Closed at 20.50