

Minutes of the Meeting of Kenninghall Parish Council **held on 8th September 2015 at Kenninghall Primary School**

Present:

Mr S Gordon (Chairman)
Miss S Nolleth
Mr D Last

Mr N Styles
Mr M Halmshaw
Mrs M John

In attendance – Mr M Sharland of the Village Hall Committee, and 6 members of the public.

The Chairman introduced the new Parish Clerk to the Meeting, Catherine Ross.

1. Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Mr E Wood, Mr B Taylor, Mr S Mitchell, Mr K Edwards and Mr D Brown.

2. Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of the Meeting of 7th July 2015 having been previously circulated were approved and a copy is to be provided to the Chairman for signature.

3. Matters Arising

(a) Neighbourhood Development Plan (“NDP”)

The latest draft of the NDP Questionnaire has been emailed to all Councillors for their comments. The aim is to circulate a final version to all residents via the Kenninghall News in October or November 2015.

(b) Roads

The Chairman recently met with a representative of Norfolk County Council Highways (“NCCH”). The potential of flooding in Crown Meadow was reviewed, photographs taken and a new storm drain between the entrances of Crown Meadow and School Close discussed. Blocked drains along Fersfield Road were also referred to.

(c) Power Cable

Start of work in Kenninghall had been delayed and confusion caused by incorrect signage. The Chairman had complained to Power On Connections about this, and about the state of the area in front of The White Horse used to dump soil. Temporary distress has been caused to some residents, but the work appears to be progressing reasonably well, though there remain areas of

disturbance.

Mrs John expressed her concern that an historical street has been subject to this work, and raised the issue of reinstatement. Some houses had been subject to vibration, and dirt/dust, which remains a problem. Works lorries are using unsuitable routes and causing damage to Heath Road - members of the public have reported this directly to the contractors. There is concern that a precedent has been set and questions were raised whether Kenninghall should have cooperated. The Chairman explained that he had met with NCCH and the contractors prior to work commencing. He was told KPC had no legal right to object, and no automatic right to compensation.

A clearly defined plan of reinstatement will be sent to Power On Connections by KPC (to be copied to Stephen Askew, Kenninghall's County Councillor, and NCCH), including a time scale for monitoring the effect of the works.

(d) Parking in School Close

Miss Nolleth raised the issue of parking in School Close. The Chairman had discussed the situation during the recent site visit with the NCCH representative who stated it was unlikely parking restrictions would be introduced.

Miss Nolleth asked that the high hedge on the west side of School Close, which restricts the view of cars using the area, should be cut back; the Chairman undertook to contact the owners.

The general opinion of the Meeting was that NCCH was unlikely to increase signs to slow traffic as there was no history of serious accidents in Kenninghall itself. KPC will write to NCCH about this, making the point that the issue has been previously raised by KPC.

(c) Village Hall Site

Mr Sharland addressed the Meeting. The developer, Matt Newbury, had met with the Village Hall Trustees regarding lack of progress. The Trustees gave Mr Newbury until the end of August to meet certain issues but he failed to do so. The Trustees have spoken to Oliver Chapman (of T W Gaze), Colin Wright (of Spires) and Christian Mountney, and Mr Newbury has been set another timetable and objectives. If he fails to meet these within the next 2 weeks the Trustees have agreed that legal advice should be taken – the KPC Chairman will attend any meeting with solicitors.

4. Planning Matters

- (a) In respect of the application by Mr & Mrs Sharland – for change of use of an agricultural barn including external works to a single dwelling – this

application falls under Permitted Development in which circumstances permission is automatically granted and the Parish Council receives details of such for information only.

- (b) In respect of the application by Mr Criddle – development of a proposed agricultural building on land adjacent to Fersfield Road – this has previously come before the Council, which had approved it.
- (c) In respect of the application by Mr Mark Taylor – for replacement windows and re-render of the front and sides of Claret Cottage – there was no objection.
- (d) In respect of the application by Mr Daniel Morgan – for the erection of a 2 bay oak-framed cart lodge/garage in the front garden of Little Meadow – objections were put forward by a number of members of the public and the Council raised additional concerns. The Council voted to object to the application.

5. Financial Matters

- (a) Breckland Council Invoice - for Notice posted in respect of uncontested elections on 7th May 2015 – agreed to pay.
- (b) Final payment to Colin Wright as outgoing Parish Clerk – agreed to pay
- (c) Spires – postage costs – agreed to pay.
- (d) Kenninghall Wood Account – the Parish Clerk will liaise with Barclays Bank and report back at the next Meeting. Mr Styles will speak to Norman Groves to see whether the account should be maintained.

6. Correspondence

Letter from Breckland Council 10th August 2015 – re all Councillors completing a new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Registerable Interests Form - the Chairman will distribute these.

7. Any Other Business

- (a) The Chairman thanked Colin Wright for 29 years of service as Parish Clerk. The Council agreed that in recognition a gift would be purchased for Mr Wright.
- (b) Mary Bowles Charity – Mr Sharland said that rent due for land at Besthorpe is outstanding - as the Charity is suspended KPC will write to the executors.
- (c) The next meeting was agreed for **Tuesday 6th October 2015.**