

Minutes of the Meeting of Kenninghall Parish Council **held on 2nd February 2016 at Kenninghall Primary School**

Present:

Mr Stephen Gordon (Chairman)
Mr Marcus Halmshaw
Mr Douglas Last

Ms Samantha Nolleth
Mr Brian Taylor
Mr Edward Wood

Ms Catherine Ross (Parish Clerk)

In attendance – Mr Pete Kay of the Village Hall Committee (“VHC”), Breckland District Councillor Mrs Marion Chapman-Allen, Mr Jim Waters coordinator of the NDP Steering Committee, Mr Peter Osborne Chairman of the Playing Field Committee and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M John, Mr N Styles, Mr K Edwards.

2. Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of the Meeting of 5th January 2016 having been previously circulated were approved and a copy signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

(a) Neighbourhood Development Plan (“NDP”)

Mr Jim Waters of the NDP Steering Committee confirmed that a draft of the Questionnaire will shortly be circulated to all members of the NDP Steering Committee for comment. In February members of the Committee will discuss the draft with Kenninghall Primary School and the Doctors' Surgery; and a copy of the final draft will be sent to all Parish Councillors ahead of the March KPC meeting.

(b) Roads

- (i)** The drain outside the Village Shop has been fixed; but the issue of the large puddle of water has yet to be resolved.
- (ii)** Fersfield Road – the Chairman confirmed that this is on Norfolk County Council Highways' (“NCCH”) agenda for repair once the leak on South Lopham Road has been repaired. After the Fersfield Road repairs the new drain on Crown Meadow will be connected.
- (iii)** Water on the Quidenham Road – details of this have been sent to NCCH.
- (iv)** Heath Road – the original drains installed by NCCH and those installed by a local resident (Mr B Goodrum) have overflowed, as a combined result of the drains being incorrectly installed and the weight of the lorries passing along the road. The Chairman has put Lewis Garrington of NCCH in contact with Mr Goodrum to discuss.

- (v) Heath Road – a member of the public advised the KPC of a potentially dangerous damaged manhole cover. The Chairman will report this to NCCH or Anglian Water.
- (vi) Mr Last reported that a substantial amount of water runs off the solar panels during heavy rain, running down the road into Kenninghall. The Chairman asked that this be monitored.

(c) Village Hall Site

Mr Pete Kay reported on behalf of the VHC that the new building contractor has recently been on site, fencing off the Village Hall area from the housing development. The site has been cleared of debris and the remaining bricks on site are for the Village Hall. The area behind Crown Courtyard has been cleared of brambles and spare soil spread over it. The hedges should be cut soon. It is unlikely building work will begin for a few weeks.

In response to a question raised by a member of the public, Mr Kay explained that there is a contract with the Developer whereby in exchange for the housing development land the Developer will build the Village Hall. This is supported by a personal guarantee. Once work has begun the Village Hall should be completed within 6 months.

4. Planning Matters

An application by Mr & Mrs C Mountney – Marshams Barn, Marshams Farm, Park Common, Kenninghall – a new entrance porch – no objection was raised by the KPC.

5. Financial Matters

There were no financial matters to discuss.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence from Harling Parish Council (“HPC”) re the anticipated increase in movement of HGV vehicles through Harling and surrounding villages, as a result of the Snetterton bio digester, had been circulated to all Councillors. Following a discussion which included input from Councillor Chapman-Allen and members of the public it was agreed that the flow of traffic to/from the Kenninghall bio digester should be monitored. It was noted the frequency of movement will be seasonal. A response will be sent to HPC along these lines.

7. Any Other Business

- (a) **Breckland Local Plan Consultation** – detailed information about the proposed areas for development in Kenninghall has been circulated to all Councillors. The KPC has until 22nd February 2016 to respond with its recommendations or objections. Three sites in Kenninghall have been accepted by Breckland Council as potential development sites. The Chairman identified these sites for the benefit of the Meeting, and Mr Taylor reported on his attendance at a meeting organised by Breckland to discuss the development plan. Councillor Chapman-Allen emphasised the importance that the KPC make representations as to its preferred sites and size of development. Breckland will also be looking to see if Kenninghall wants to retain its current settlement boundaries.

There followed discussion with Councillors, members of the public, and Councillor

Chapman-Allen as to the viability of the 3 sites accepted by Breckland, following which the KPC voted on each site:-

1. LP(051)005 – 16 houses – proposed by Ms Nolleth and seconded by Mr Wood, and agreed unanimously, that this was not a reasonable development site.
2. LP(051)004 – 4 houses – on condition that the derelict property on the site was reinstated Messrs Taylor, Wood and Last were in favour of this being a viable option; Ms Nolleth and Mr Halmshaw were against it.

The Chairman suggested that a decision re this site should in fact be held in abeyance until a decision had been made by the KPC re the third site.

3. LP(051)003 – 12 houses – following detailed discussion Mr Halmshaw proposed and Ms Nolleth seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that, if the KPC has to indicate a preference for any site, then of the 3 sites this was the most suitable for development – however, this is on the basis that the land is developed as affordable housing.

There followed further discussion about the number of new properties built in Kenninghall over the last 10 years. In light of this it was agreed that KPC's response to Breckland would be that Kenninghall feels that it has fulfilled its obligations in regard to developing new homes but if development is to take place LP(051)003 would be its preferred option with the proviso that the properties built are to be designated as affordable housing. Councillor Chapman-Allen suggested that, in regard to renewable energy, the KPC might want to include in its response an objection to any further solar farms within the Parish.

- (b) **Playing Field** – Mr Peter Osborne of the Playing Field Committee addressed the Meeting. He advised the KPC that there were now only 5 trustees of the Playing Field 200 Club and no treasurer; and that despite considerable effort new trustees hadn't come forward, nor 'collectors' for the 200 Club. **If residents fail to offer their support the Playing Field will disappear.** Without input from another source, funds to support the Playing Field will be solely from the '200 Club'. On-going expenditure (ie. insurance, grass cutting, inspection of play area, water) is running at a deficit and funds will soon run out.

It had been suggested that the KPC could contribute a sum each year; a further option is that the KPC becomes the sole Trustee of the Playing Field. A final option would be to bring the Playing Field charity to an end and the assets passed to a charity with similar aims, possibly outside Kenninghall, with the land being sold.

There followed a discussion to which Councillors, members of the public and Councillor Chapman-Allen contributed. No final decision was made, save that the Chairman will highlight the issue in the next Kenninghall News – ie. do residents want a Playing Field or not; if they do then they must get involved. Mr Taylor asked that the matter be put on next month's Agenda as a main issue.

- (c) **Queen's birthday beacon** – April 21st – all communities are being invited to participate by having a beacon or bonfire. It was suggested that the Kenninghall Wood Committee could organise an event with the KPC's support. Mr Kay, who is on the Committee, said that he would raise the matter.
- (d) **Removal of out of date posters** – Mr Styles had asked that this matter be considered by the KPC. The Chairman will put a general reminder in the next issue of the Kenninghall News

regarding this.

- (e) **Crown Milling** – Certificate of Lawful Use – Mr Jim Waters reported to the KPC that the High Court has given permission for a judicial review to take place. Issues include whether Breckland Council took proper enforcement action on permitted development.
- (f) **Dog waste bins** – Ms Nolleth suggested that KPC should purchase more dog waste bins, suggesting siting one near Nelson House, West Church Street. A member of the public suggested that another should be placed near the entrance to the allotments on the Quidenham Road. The Chairman advised that the siting of any new dog waste bin must be approved by Breckland Council. Mr Last proposed and Mr Taylor seconded that additional dog waste bins should be purchased.

The next meeting was agreed for **7.30 pm Tuesday 8th March 2016 in the Primary School Hall.**

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Stephen Gordon
Chairman