

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NARBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE CHURCH CENTRE BEGINNING AT
7.30pm**

Present:

Mr J Collins	Chairman
Mr A Brinsdon	Vice Chairman
Mr M King	Councillor
Mr P Wilkinson	Councillor and Breckland Councillor

Also In attendance:

Mr P Smyth	Norfolk County Councillor
6 Members of the public	
Mr D Burchell	Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from Councillor Davey - family emergency.
2. Minutes of Meeting Held on 13 January 2016. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 13 January 2016 were unanimously approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the Meeting.
3. Declarations of Other Registrable Interests. The following Declarations of Other Registrable Interests were made under the Breckland Code of Conduct:
 - a. Councillor Wilkinson – Item 11a to 11e.
 - b. Councillor Collins – Items 11c and 11e.
4. Public Participation. It was unanimously resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow the members of the public and the County and District Councillors to address the Meeting.

Standing Orders suspended at 7.35pm

Standing Orders Reinstated at 8.30pm

5. Chairman's Announcements. There were no Chairman's announcements.
6. Council Web Site. It was noted that:
 - a. The new web site was now up and running.

- b. Information on the site was in the process of being updated.
 - c. The new web site address is
narboroughcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk.
7. Dog Waste Bin. It was noted that:
- a. The Community Centre Management Committee had agreed to pay for the installation of the proposed dog waste bin at the Eastfields entrance to the Playing Fields.
 - b. The Clerk was in the process of obtaining the necessary permissions from Breckland and Norfolk Highways.
8. Road Surfaces – Eastfields. It was noted that Norfolk Highways have confirmed the road surfaces in Eastfields, Denny's Walk, Old Vicarage Park, Meadow Road and Marham Road are all due for resurfacing over spring/summer 2016.
9. Notice Board. Councillor Collins advised the meeting that Revd Canon Stuart Nairn had thanked the Council for the offer to install a joint Parish Council/Parochial Church Council at the entrance to All Saints Church but had sadly had to decline as the proposed board would not conform to the style of other church notice boards in the Nar Valley Group.
10. Breckland Local Plan:
- a. It was noted that no areas within the parish, other than those already subject to either planning or outline planning applications, had been identified as suitable for future development in the Breckland Local Plan.
 - b. It was therefore agreed that the Council should support the Breckland Local Plan as applicable to Narborough while pointing out that the store/Post Office is at present closed.
11. Planning Applications:
- a. 3PL/2015/0623/F – Denny's Walk Development – Permission granted.
 - b. 3PL/2014/1282/CU – Appeal – awaiting decision.
 - c. 3PL/2015/1180/O – Outline Application for erection of 40 new dwellings at Chalk lane – awaiting decision.

- d. 3PL/2015/1192/O – Outline Application for retail buildings at Chalk Lane.
- e. 3PL/2015/0926/D – and 3PL/2015/0928/D – amended site layout for 55 and 18 dwellings on Chalk Lane:
 - i. Following a long discussion during the open session it was unanimously resolved to object to the applications on the grounds stated in the Council's letter of 8 September 2015 and in additions to make the following points:
 - 1. Persimmon Homes had not fulfilled the statements made in their 'Design and Access Statement' on:
 - a. Page 4 – that they had taken into consideration the views of the community.
 - b. Page 5 and page 9 – the layout (of the development) should reflect the identity of the local surroundings.
 - c. Page 13 – the scheme should adhere to both national and local planning policies.
 - d. In addition the Council would express their view that by running rough shod over the results of the public consultations between the original owners representative, the Parish Council and the residents of Narborough, Persimmon Homes had destroyed any faith that the Residents of Westfields may have had in the planning system.

12. Correspondence:

- a. RAF Marham – invitation to Lightning II update on Thursday 25 February – Chairman to represent the Parish Council.

13. Reports:

- a. Community Centre. It was noted that subject to approval of the planning application for a retail site to the north of the Community Centre the Management Committee was in negotiation with the owners of the site to allow right of access using the Community Centre driveway. The Management Committee was planning to

hold a Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration in April which might include the planting of an Oak tree.

14. Finance. The following invoices were unanimously approved for payment:

- a. D J Burchell – Clerk's salary for January - £277.15.
- b. HMRC – PAYE for January - £69.20.

15. Village Matters:

- a. No 1 Westfields. It was noted that considerable work had been carried out by the new owners to clear away the majority of trees and shrubbery surrounding the property which has resulted in damage to the grass verges. The owner had assured the Chairman that he would be making the damage good.
- b. Narborough School. It was noted that the raised kerb stone in the entrance to the school had been fixed and members of the Narborough Bone Mill Restoration Team had cleared School Alley of leaves. It is understood that with the event of the school becoming an Academy the Diocese would become responsible for the upkeep of the alley way.
- c. Road Drainage. There remains concern regarding the poor drainage at the Denny's Walk/Marham Road junction; the Denny's Walk/Booth Close junction and the eastern side of Marham Road opposite the telephone box layby. The Clerk would continue to press Highways for a solution.
- d. Heritage Centre. It was noted that the future of the Heritage Centre remains uncertain and that the Trustees are investigating various options to save the collections from being split up.
- e. 68 Westfields. It was noted that the trees overhanging 68 Westfields from Mitchell's Way had still not been felled. The Clerk would take hastening action with Cotman Housing.
- f. 115 Westfields. It was noted that a tree at 115 Westfields is overhanging and obstructing the public footway. The Clerk would contact the owner and request that the tree be trimmed back.

16. Next Meeting. It was noted that the next Meeting is on Monday 7 March 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 8.55pm