

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held at Freethorpe Village Hall
on Monday, 23rd April 2007 at 7.45.p.m.**

Apology received from P.C.Mark Askew.

Present – Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Michael Blake, Paul Bacon, Janet Church, Brian Carr, Linda Turner, Councillor Brian Iles, three parishioners and the clerk.

No matters were raised in the first 10 minutes reserved for public participation.

Brian Iles gave his report in which he spoke of Norwich City Council's bid for Unitary Status, new Neighbourhood Scheme by Norfolk Constabulary which promises more police presence in the villages. He gave details of exceptional sites to be considered for Affordable Housing – Lower Green [beyond "Highfield", School Road and Chapelfield [from Electricity sub-station to Blacksmith's Shop Corner.

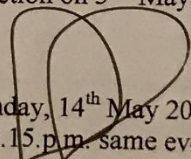
1. **Minutes** had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. **Matters arising** – There had been 7 nominations only, so present Councillors are returned unopposed. Copies of new Code of Conduct were distributed, and it is hoped that this will be adopted at next meeting. Clerk was asked to contact representatives of Freethorpe School, First Responders, Walpole Almshouse Charity, who together with P.C.Mark Askew, Councillor Brian Iles, the Chairman, Nick Spencer and Janet Church [Village Hall Committee] will give reports at the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th May 2007 at 8.15.p.m.
3. **Planning** – **B.D.C.** decisions with regard to recent applications were noted.
4. **Finance** – noted that insurance premium will be due to be paid at next Meeting, and details were checked with regard to cover.
5. **A.O.B.** – Chairman read report sent by P.C.Mark Askew in which he stated that only 2 crimes had been reported in Freethorpe during the last month.

Peter Leggett of B.D.C. had reported piles of soil deposited along Green Area next to 5, Youngs Crescent, making it impossible to cut the grass satisfactorily. Chairman had checked, and clerk was asked to write to Mr. K. Mayall to ask if he would level soil so that area could be re-seeded. Chairman to sign this letter.

Letter from Freethorpe and Dis. Play Group organizers who are desperate for help in being allowed to move back to Freethorpe School. Councillors are sympathetic, but no funds are available during this financial year. Various booklets etc. handed to councillors for perusal including Smoke-free Norfolk etc.

Brian Carr reported on building in progress at Sutton Crescent, and there was conversation re Waste disposal, and it was ascertained that Strumpshaw depot is still open. Mr. Michael Blake moved a vote of thanks to Brian Iles for all his help during his term of office, and both he and Michael Blake were wished well for election on 3rd May 2007.

Next meeting – Annual P.C. meeting – Monday, 14th May 2007 at 7.45.p.m. and Annual Parish meeting – at 8.15.p.m. same evening.


Nick Spencer 14 May 07.

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting
held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 14th May 2007 -7.45.p.m.

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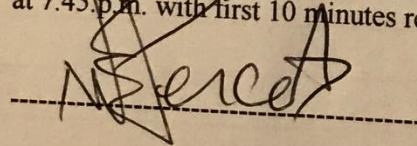
Present – Nick Spencer, David Lake, Paul Bacon, Linda Turner, Janet Church, Michael Blake, Brian Carr, Councillor Brian Iles, 3 parishioners and the clerk.

Nomination of officers for coming year – Proposed Janet Church, Sec. Brian Carr- Nick Spencer as Chairman, all in favour.

Vice-chairman – proposed Nick Spencer, Sec. Paul Bacon - David Lake -all in favour. Clerk –prop. Nick Spencer, Sec. Brian Carr - Edith Moll. All in favour.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a correct record.
2. Matters arising – no reply from Ken Mayall re soil at Youngs Crescent. Chairman will monitor situation and report to next meeting.
Highways have dealt with pot-holes at Wickhampton [reported after last meeting.
3. Finance – cheques signed for Allianz Cornhill £744.95 and NAPTC £152.06 [Annual subscription]
4. Planning – no further applications, but noted B.D.C. decisions on recent Applications, especially Manor House hole in wall [objection from P.C. but given full listed buildings approval], and demolition of Church farm cottages [P.C. objected and B.D.C. refused permission as being out of keeping with surroundings]
5. A.O.B. Form signed with regard to acceptance of new Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors, and necessary forms distributed to councillors. Clean Neighbourhoods questionnaire completed.
Re update from N.C.C. on Norwich City Council's Unitary status bid-Letter to be sent upholding earlier views against such a move.

Next meeting – Monday, 18th June 2007 at Freethorpe Village Hall at 7.45.p.m. with first 10 minutes reserved for public participation.

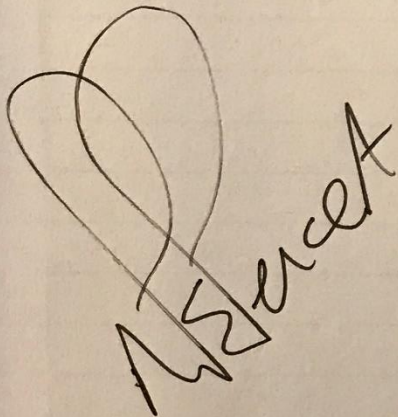


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Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
Held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 14th May 2007 at
8.15.p.m.

Apology received from P.C. Mark Askew who was unable to attend meeting.
Mr. Nick Spencer presided and following were present – all seven Parish Councillors, County and District Councillor Brian Iles, 4 parishioners, Christine Homes [Freethorpe First Responders], Freda Pipes [Walpole Almshouse Charity], Stephen Smith [Freethorpe Football Club], Rachel Quick and Alex [Freethorpe Community School] and the clerk.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read and signed as a true record.
2. There were no matters arising.
3. Reports were given by Christine Homes, Freda Pipes, Councillor Brian Iles, Stephen Smith, Rachel Quick and Alex, Janet Church [Freethorpe Village Hall and Playing Field Committee, Nick Spencer [Parish Council]
4. Any other business – the chairman thanked everyone for attending.

 14th May 07

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Apologies received from Brian Carr and Michael Blake.

Present - Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Paul Bacon, Linda Turner, Councillor Brian Iles, P.C.Mark Askew, two parishioners and the clerk.

First 10 minutes reserved for public participation - Ruth Bacon raised question regarding empty house-76, The Common, Freethorpe, thought to be owned by Wherry Housing. Brian Iles to make enquiries regarding long period of vacancy.

Councillor Iles gave update of Norwich City Council's bid for Unitary status.

Noted that petition with 25 signatures of Freethorpe residents was sent off on 15.6.07.

P.C.Mark Askew stated that there had been no reports of crimes committed in Freethorpe since the last meeting. However, he warned about rogue traders and strongly recommended that parishioners should only use well established firms for any work required. Janet Church reported a worrying incident which occurred recently when a local woman was distracted by a man with regard to garden hedge adjoining building work at Sutton Crescent, while another man entered her house. She tried to telephone the Police, but after waiting for 20 minutes she hung up.

P.C.Askew said that in such instances, it is appropriate to call 999 rather than the number given for non-emergency calls.

Nick Spencer had attended recent Norfolk Constabulary Meeting at Acle when he had mentioned that 2/3 volunteers from the parish are willing to help with speed monitoring as recently requested by the Police.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a correct record.
2. Matters arising - no further communication from Ken Mayall with regard to soil at Youngs Crescent - chairman to make one further attempt.
3. FINANCE - clerk reported that first instalment of precept [£3,000.00] had been transferred to P.C. account, also payment of £468.10 for glass for recycling] Cheques signed for churchyards at Freethorpe Methodist Church, All Saints' Parish Church, Freethorpe, and St. Andrew's Church, Wickhampton. [£250.00 each], and for the clerk's salary and expenses £717.49.

4. PLANNING - Councillors supported applications by Mr. & Mrs Lynch for conservatory at Sunnyside, Low Rd., Wickhampton and by Mr. & Mrs. Rhoden for 2 storey extension at 1 School Road, Freethorpe.

5. A.O.B. - B.D.C. had sent new house numbers for Sutton Crescent houses and for 102A Austin House, The Common, Freethorpe.

Clerk had received letter from Norfolk Rural Community Council with regard to help being offered with Parish Plans. Janet Peachey to be invited for a future meeting.

No volunteers to attend Broadland Area Meeting on 10th July 2007, or Annual Meeting of N.A.T.P.C. Booklets re Mental Health for older people to be placed at the Post Office. Preferences given for Broadland Annual Meeting of District and Parish Councillors in October.

NEXT MEETING - Monday, 16th July 2007 at Freethorpe Village Hall 7.45.p.m. with the first 10 minutes reserved for public participation.

Accepted 16th June 07 -

Minutes of Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held at Freethorpe
Village Hall on Monday, 16th July 2007 at 7.45.p.m.

Present - Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Paul Bacon, Michael Blake, Brian Carr, Brian Iles [County and District Councillor], 3 parishioners and the clerk.

Apology from P.C.Mark Askew [no crimes reported since last meeting]

First ten minutes reserved for public participation - Peggy Watson asked that two pot-holes at Lower Green be reported to Highways, and also mentioned bad state of Village Clock and Pump area. B.D.C. had mentioned that dog bin on Chapelfield is difficult to service due to nettles. Chairman said that he will deal with these problems.

Kevin Linley had contacted the clerk re difficulties caused by tenant of Pond Barn whose property is adjoining and so overgrown that right of way cannot be used. Brian Iles advised that best way forward would be for the Chairman to contact the complainant and advise.

David Lake reported overgrown hedge causing hazard at Halvergate Road - clerk to write to Rowland Evans requesting that hedge be cut back.

Brian Iles gave a short report in which he explained the difference between capital and revenue expenditure.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a correct record.

2. Matters arising - it was noted that rent is being paid for 76, The Common, Freethorpe where garden is overgrown and neighbours are concerned. Brian Iles will look into this matter.

Clerk had contacted Janet Peachey of Norfolk Rural Community Council who is willing to talk to P.C. re Village Plan - date suggested 13th August 2007 - agreed that this is in order.

3. Planning - noted that approval has been given by B.D.C. for extension at 1, School Road, Freethorpe and by Broads Authority for Slightly altered plan for conservatory at 'Sunnyside', Wickhampton. Councillors examined details sent by B.D.C. re affordable housing project at Sutton Crescent.

Application by Dr. & Mrs. Edlesten for conversion and extension of agricultural buildings to 3 dwellings at Church Farmhouse [slight changes to original] - supported.

4. Finance - cheque signed for Mrs. G.M.Brown [internal audit] £20.00. Accounts for 31.3.07 were approved [copies to all

N Spencer
15 Aug 07

councillors], and Governance statement for External Audit was completed and signed by Chairman on behalf of Parish Council, and by Responsible Finance officer.

5. A.O.B. - Brian Carr raised question re well-established hedge at Palmer's Lane where new houses are being built. Clerk to enquire about position as new houses appear to be facing Palmer's Lane.

Letter of resignation had been received from Samantha Revill [Tree Warden] - clerk to thank her for her work and also to advertise vacancy in Yarmouth Mercury report.

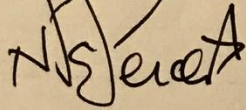
Wickhampton Speed limit - N.C.C. letter stated that due to low speeds registered in survey, no 30 m.p.h. limit is deemed necessary.

Noted that NO SMOKING signs have been placed in Village Hall as now required by law. Brian Carr queried use of The Green as the recommended route to Pettitts as Halvergate Road and Mill Road, Halvergate would be a more direct way and would avoid coming through our village.

Appears that since recent incident between parishioner and bus driver, no bus service has been operating round by Wickhampton. Felt that this is unfair to other parishioners, and clerk to check position with N.C.C.

Next Meeting at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 13th August 2007 at 7.30.p.m. with first 10 minutes reserved for public participation.
Janet Peachey to address meeting re Parish Plan.

Signed



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13th Aug 07

Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 13th August 2007 at 7.30.p.m.

Present - Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, Paul Bacon, Brian Carr, 4 Parishioners and the clerk. In attendance - P.C.Mark Askew.

Apology received from Brian Iles and Stephen Smith.

First 10 minutes reserved for public participation - Janet Church asked that a sign be on display so that when banks are full items will be taken back home or to Strumpshaw. [Nick Spencer will get sign]

P.C.Mark Askew gave his report - seven crimes in the Parish since last meeting [vandalism, theft of farm equipment re irrigation, fencing, and one domestic]

The Chairman had received letters from Mark Webster re damage to irrigation equipment. Noted that the Police are now involved. Anyone with relevant information persuaded to contact the Police.

Janet Peachey, Field Officer with Norfolk Rural Community Council, gave a presentation re PARISH PLANS. Leaflets were distributed, and it was noted that Janet Peachey would be willing to come to an Open Day to explain to parishioners what is involved, and she was thanked by the Chairman for her help in this matter.

The Chairman gave an update prepared by Stephen Smith re situation with regard to new building work at Village Hall providing new changing facilities, disabled toilets, committee room etc. Funding has been applied for, and costs would be VAT exempt.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a correct record.

2. Matters arising - Palmer's Lane established hedge - clerk had been told by B.D.C.Planning Dept. that P.C. must await decision between developer and tenant/occupiers, but Chairman will try to get preservation order.

Brian Iles has ascertained that 76 The Common, Freethorpe is not owned by Wherry but by another Housing Association, and he is making further enquiries re state of property.

Fidelity insurance - Chairman has spoken to Cornhill Insurance - existing policy gives standard cover of £2000.00. Up to further £10,000.00 could be covered by extra payment of £40.00 per annum. Parish Council voted unanimously to keep cover as at present - felt to be sufficient.

Risk Assessment - Nick Spencer and David Lake [appointed councillors for risk assessment] are making arrangements to make a further survey shortly.

3. Planning - councillors supported application by Mr. & Mrs. M. Smith for side and rear extensions at 22, Chapelfield, Freethorpe.

Affordable housing - councillors voted to support suggestion from Norfolk Rural Community Council for houses at Lower Green, Freethorpe. Suggested meeting on a Wednesday in September/October 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.to study plans etc.

4. Finance - cheque received for VAT REFUND £21.00

Noted that M.White had collected 0.780 tonne paper from bank during July 2007.

5. A.O.B. Norfolk County Council has informed the clerk that the bus service from Freethorpe to Gt. Yarmouth will continue for further 5 years.

Brian Carr reported that parishioners are concerned about danger from covers over petrol pumps at Kirkham Moss Garage, The Green, Freehope. Strong winds tend to lift these covers, and vehicles could get public in danger. Clerk to enquire whether these have been checked for safety.

Next meeting - Monday, 10th September 2007 at 7.45 p.m.

At Freehope Village Hall. (Plus 10 minutes reserved for public participation)



28/08/07

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Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 10th September 2007 at 7.45.p.m.

Present - Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Paul Bacon, Janet Church, Michael Blake, Linda Turner, Brian Carr, Councillor Brian Iles, 2 parishioners and the clerk.
Apology received from P.C. Mark Askew.

No questions raised by parishioners during the first 10 minutes, so Brian Iles gave his report with regard to 76 The Common, Freethorpe. Rent has been paid but no council tax, and the Housing Association concerned has started clean-up and legal process will continue. P.C. Mark Askew had informed the clerk that no crimes had been reported during the past month apart from one domestic matter.

Janet Church asked about legal position re quad bikes on roads and in fields.

1. Minutes had been circulated and were signed as a correct record of last meeting.
2. Matters arising - clerk read reply from Aitchison Bros. re canopy which it was stated is designed to move in the wind.

Norfolk Rural Community Council is staging event re Affordable Housing - Village Hall on 3rd October 2007 from 3 to 7 p.m. They will provide flyers to distribute, and clerk will advertise event in Yarmouth Mercury.

3. Planning - Re application by Peter Fisher for house at Old Chapel Road, Freethorpe. Supported as on previous occasion, but query re business activities mentioned in agent's letter. New Community Hall plans had been submitted by Parish Council, so thought appropriate to make no comments about application. Broads Authority change of window materials for conservatory at 'Sunnyside' Low Road, Wickhampton - P.C. wished to make no comment. Noted that B.D.C. are aware of situation at Palmer's Lane with regard to mature hedge, also enforcement order issued re sheds at 2 Preston Close, Freethorpe.

4. Finance - clerk had received cheque from Norfolk C.C. [£85.88] for contents of paper bank for period Feb/July 2007. Clerk reported that items had been posted to District Auditor.

5. A.O.B. - Brian Carr mentioned insurance cover for Village Hall [he felt to be inadequate], but noted that this is a matter for decision by V.H. & P.F. committee.

No volunteers for post of Tree Warden, but various leaflets distributed.

Janet Church asked about building at Lower Green, and Nick Spencer explained that there had been no change of use but just safety measures implemented.

Village Clock has stopped, and Chairman to surf net to find likely repairers. Clock and Pump area has been weeded, and noted that Mr. David Twiddy is often seen litter picking in the village - clerk to write letter of thanks to him.

No-one wished to attend Town and Parish Councillors' Annual Meeting in Norwich.

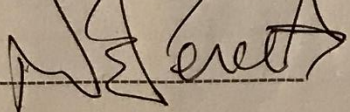
Mention to be made in Y.M. notes that there is no Parish reporter.

Post Office closures - B.D.C. to be informed of need for Freethorpe Post Office.

Village Green application form to be completed by the Chairman.

Noted that footway sweeping will take place every 4 months. Bus timetables were distributed.

Next Meeting - Monday, 8th October 2007 at 7.45.p.m., Freethorpe Village Hall.



8th Oct 07.

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall
On Monday, 8th October 2007 at 7.45.p.m.

Present - Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Paul Bacon, Brian Carr, Councillor Brian Iles, 5 parishioners and the clerk.
 Apology received from Michael Blake.

In first 10 minutes reserved for public participation, Ruth Bacon asked question about situation with regard to overgrown state of garden at No. 76 The Common, Freethorpe. Brian Iles said that this matter is being dealt with and he will check on progress.

Brian Iles gave his report with regard to Unitary status being sought for Norwich City Council. Boundary Commissioners coming up to meet various leaders from N.C.C. who will be supporting the status quo.

1. Minutes had been circulated and were signed as a correct record.
2. Matters arising - Village Clock repairs - Nick Spencer had names of firms likely to take on such work, and he will make further enquiries with regard to estimates.

Open Day re Affordable Housing in Freethorpe - a successful event. Noted that flyers were not distributed in Wickhampton.

3. Planning - councillors supported application by Graham Allcock for two storey side extension at Broadlands, The Green, Freethorpe. Noted information from B.D.C. re recent applications, also with regard to hedge at Palmer's Lane.

4. Finance - clerk had received payment of second instalment of Precept [£3,000.00]
 Decided to send donation of £35.00 to Accident Rescue service at next meeting.

5. A.O.B. - Shelroy Trust asking for nominations for under privileged people to receive Christmas hampers - names to clerk at next meeting.
 Decided to report Steven Kennedy-Smith with regard to overgrown state of garden material overhanging footpath near Pond Barn. Noted that dogs are being allowed to foul footpath along School Road [Sign to be placed] Brian Carr mentioned Celebrations being planned to mark the 50th Anniversary of opening of Village Hall. Hoped to hold a United service at V.Hall on Sunday, 27th January 2008 to begin a day of activities for all members of the community. People are asked to let Brian have any photographs of that period in order to copy for a display at the Hall.

Next meeting - Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 12th November 2007 at 7.45.p.m.
 With the first 10 minutes reserved for public participation.

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Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held at Freethorpe Village Hall on
Monday, 12th November 2007 at 7.45.p.m.

Apology received from Nick Spencer.

Present - Janet Church, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, Paul Bacon, Brian Carr, David Lake [for part of the meeting], Councillor Brian Iles, 27 parishioners and the clerk.
P.C. Mark Askew called in with his report, but was unable to stay as he was on duty.

In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman at start of meeting, councillors elected Brian Carr to preside.

First 10 minutes for public participation given over to comments and objections re suggested site for Affordable Housing at Lower Green, Freethorpe. Brian Carr, Janet Church, and Paul Bacon explained P.C. position [agreed to survey, results of survey identifying need and meeting with N.R.C.C. representative when only one site was said to be available [Lower Green]]

Mrs. Cheryl Nicholls and others present were agreeable with site at Lower Green. Objections voiced by Ann Ireland, Nicky Edlesten, Keith Colman and others [4 letters of objection had been sent to B.D.C., NRCC etc. with copies to the clerk] Objectors had been informed that site at Lower Green has been withdrawn - this was confirmed by Brian Iles, but P.C. have not been informed [letter of complaint about this to be sent to NRCC. , B.D.C. copy to B. Iles]

Keith Colman spoke about 5 sites which are likely to be available for affordable housing in the parish.

In his report, Brian Iles expressed hope for a consensus of opinion in the parish with regard to Affordable Housing. He explained that scheme is for exceptional site [not normally available for planning], also that designs of dwellings will be changed.

Re 76 The Common, Free Thorpe - clerk can contact Lesley Harris re grass cutting etc. Unitary statues of Norwich City Council - various proposals being looked at - very worrying time for all concerned.

David Lake took over as chairman for rest of the meeting.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - no names to be submitted to Shelroy Trust for Christmas Hampers. Clerk reported that Village Clock has stopped - Chairman to be asked whether he has been able to obtain an estimate for necessary work. Cox of Gt. Yarmouth was again mentioned as a possibility.

Noted that no flyers had been delivered in Wickhampton for recent Affordable Housing event - clerk reported this to NRCC.

Query with regard to sign 'Dogs fouling' at School Road. Noted that Brian Carr is still needing photographs for 50th Anniversary Event at Freethorpe Village Hall in January 2008.

3. Planning - P.C. supported application by Mr. & Mrs. M. Smith for extension at 22 Chapelfield, Freethorpe. Also supported application by Mr. & Mrs. M.K. Smith for Manor Farm Barns conversions, but queried high ratio of holiday to residential units and also height of boundary wall.

4. Finance - B.D.C. payment for glass for recycling - £505.64. Thanks expressed to all who use re-cycling banks at Village Hall.

Cheques paid to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service [£35.00], Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal [£18.75], CPRE [£27.00 Ann. Sub.]

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5. Police Report - only reported crime concerned theft of items from 4 Sutton's Crescent where building work is under way.

Wherry Housing are concerned about bad state of Wickhampton Play Area - David Lake to inform the clerk about name to contact about this.

NATPC invitation for 5th December 2007 - David Lake is interested, clerk to ask whether Chairman is interested in attending.

Highways matters to be reported - Freethorpe sign at junction of Porters Road and Moulton/Acle road is badly damaged, also Road sign at Low Road, Wickhampton near to junction with Church Road.

Piece of metal [2 - 3 inches] protruding from road outside Old Vicarage, Freethorpe. Clerk to write to Mark Webster re Gas gun bird scarer operating at 5.30.a.m. on fields backing on to The Common.

Next meeting - Monday, 10th December 2007 at 7.45.p.m. at Freethorpe Village Hall with first 10 minutes reserved for public participation.

David Lake
10/12/07

Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held in the Alexander Lounge at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 10th December 2007 at 7.45.p.m.

Apologies received from P.C.Mark Askew . Councillor Brian Iles and Brian Carr.

Present - Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Paul Bacon, Michael Blake, 9 Parishioners and the clerk.

First 10 minutes reserved for public participation - Revd. Damon Rogers [Vicar of the Parish] informed the meeting about plans for changes to the building at All Saints' Parish Church - Open meeting to be held on 20th January 2008 at approx. 11.45.a.m. He explained that lots of bodies must be consulted as All Saints' Church is a listed building. He hopes to keep the Parish Council informed on progress.

Questions from resident at 'Highfield', Lower Green and from Jill Pipe re site for Affordable Housing - Chairman explained that Parish Councillors will be meeting with representatives of Broadland District Council and Norfolk Rural Community Council within the next few weeks to look at other sites as Lower Green has been withdrawn..

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N.C.C. Highways have dealt with metal spike in road near Old Vicarage, but nothing further on damaged Freethorpe sign on Moulton Road or Low Road sign at Wickhampton.
3. Planning - councillors would prefer proposed replacement windows at Church Farm House for Dr. and Mrs. N.J.Ireland to be more in keeping with the original design.
4. No financial transactions, but noted that precept must be set at next meeting.
5. A.O.B. - In future P.C.Mark Askew will not be attending P.C.meetings but Community Support Officer Jon Morgan-Jones will attend when possible. He had sent reports for last month when no crimes had been recorded in the parish.
Brian Iles had requested that P.C. send a letter to Keith Simpson M.P. with c.c. to Ian Gibson asking that when Norwich City Council's unitary status is considered, one option to be included should be that the status quo be maintained. P.C. agreed unanimously with this request.
Bus service - new timetables were distributed, and noted that two parishioners had been forced to wait for forty minutes in Acle when returning home from Gt. Yarmouth - a complaint had been lodged by passengers concerned.
Clerk to try to fix date with Norfolk Rural Community Council for meeting re site for Affordable Housing - either evening [other than 7th Jan. 2008] or a Wednesday 9.30.a.m. or around 4 p.m.

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Clerk to try to fix date with Norfolk Rural Community Council for meeting re site for Affordable Housing - either evening [other than 7th Jan 2008] or a Wednesday 9.30.a.m. or around 4 p.m.

Next meeting at Freethorpe Village Hall - Monday, 7th January 2008 at 7.45.p.m. with first 10 minutes reserved for public participation.

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Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held at Freethorpe Village Hall on
Monday, 7th January 2008 at 7.45.p.m.

Present - Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Paul Bacon, Brian Carr, Councillor Brian Iles, 4 parishioners and the clerk.

During the first 10 minutes reserved for public participation, Ruth Bacon reported that a black Labrador dog has again been roaming around causing a hazard with traffic along The Common - this to be included in Yarmouth Mercury report.

Mrs. Margaret Woodgate reported on position regarding the Wickhampton Play Area which has become overgrown and is at present closed. Mr. Mehmetyanan of Wherry Housing Association is looking into possibility of grants but needs to see legal documents [Margaret to contact Roger Pipes about this] Possibility of one-off clean up, attempts being made to raise money.

Brian Iles gave his report, and spoke about position re Affordable Housing sites. Date suggested by Norfolk Rural Community Council for meeting with Parish Councillors was not acceptable. Clerk to press for early date to be fixed.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. There were no matters arising except date for meeting with N.R.C.C. [already dealt with]
3. Planning Noted that permission had been granted for Manor Farm barns and for extension at Broadlands, The Green, Freethorpe. Appeal pending for Windows in conservatory at Sunnyside, Low Rd. Wickhampton [Mr. & Mrs. Lynch]
Councillors supported application by Mr. & MRS. Salton for 2 storey side and 1st floor rear extension at Highfield, Lower Green, Freethorpe.
Mr. Nick Spencer declared an interest in next application, and left the hall.
Councillors supported application by Mr. & Mrs. N. Spencer for conservatory at Bumblebee Cottage, 104 The Common, Freethorpe.
4. Finance Audit form - the external auditor had returned form for Amendments to be initialled by the clerk and the chairman. [2 answers given as N/A which should have been YES]
Clerk had prepared financial statements for the Parish councillors to help in their budgeting for 2008/9. Noted that extra money in hand is due to amount being kept in reserve to pay for repairs to the Village Clock.
Brian Carr mentioned that some Parish Councils include all Village Hall expenditure in their precept. After some discussion, it was decided to keep Within the rate of inflation [2.6%] -Nick Spencer proposed and Paul Bacon Seconded proposal that precept be set at £6,200.00 - all in favour.
Budgeting details are on separate sheet [clerk's salary increased to £720.00, Cemeteries' grant to be raised to £260.00 each] Agreed that extra donation to Village Hall should be available if needed.
5. A.O.B. Clerk had received letter from B.D.C. re Parish skips - decided to apply for one for April 12/13 and another on September 13/14 2008.
Brian Carr had compiled statement regarding an action which he wanted the Parish Council to take, but this was rejected.

NEXT MEETING - Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 18th February 2008 at 7.45.p.m., with the first 10 minutes reserved for public participation.

Accepted
18th Feb 08.

Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held at Freethorpe Village Hall
On Monday, 18th February 2008 at 7.45 p.m.

Present - Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Paul Bacon, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, Brian Carr, County and District Councillor Brian Iles, Community Police Officer Jon Morgan Jones, 7 parishioners and the clerk.

Apology received from Wherry Housing representative who had arranged to talk about the situation at Wickhampton Play Area.

First 10 minutes reserved for public participation - no matters were raised by members of the public, but noted that stray dog reported at last meeting has not been seen recently.

Brian Iles gave his report re finance. Noted that N.C.C. increase will be of 3.75%, and B.D.C 2.95%. Discussions will take place this week with regard to large increase being requested by Police Authority due to increase in drug problem in Norfolk.

Mr. Iles said that the Norwich City Council's unitary bid is still under discussion and the Boundary Commission have been asked to report back to the Government with initial proposals. Noted that there may be a referendum re Broadland District Council.

Police report stated that only one crime had been reported in the parish since the last meeting - taking of fuel from vehicle on The Green.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - the chairman reported on meeting of councillors with representatives of B.D.C. re Affordable Housing - a list of new sites are being looked at, and it is hoped that a further meeting will take place within next 2/3 weeks.

It was noted at meeting that there had been a lack of information passed on to the Parish Council when Lower Green was withdrawn and further sites on offer from local farmer.

3. Finance - external auditor's report had been received, and was passed to Parish Councillors for their information. Notice is on display with regard to accounts being available for members of the public to see.

Clerk was given to permission to get cheque signed for auditor's account if this payment becomes due before next P.C. Meeting. Payments to Village Hall Committee, First Responders and Citizens' Advice Bureau to be made at next meeting.

4. Planning - Application by Dr. and Mrs. Edelsten for garage and garden room extension at Church Farmhouse, The Green, Freethorpe - SUPPORTED

B.D.C. have received complaint re change of use for Reservoir to Fishing Lake..

Noted that trees at Walpole Way have a preservation order placed on them.

Addresses for Manor Barns etc. had been received, also planning decisions [filed]

5. A.O.B. Brian Carr asked that bad state of Palmer's Lane be reported to N.C.C. - thought that subsidence near road junction with The Green may be due to water flowing off The Green in times of heavy rainfall.

Notice boards - Chairman will inspect, and clerk to make enquiries from Pauline James re best suppliers.

New external auditor has been appointed.

No news on Village Clock - chairman looking for suitable replacement.

Next meeting - Monday, 17th March 2008 7.45 p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall.

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17 March 08*

Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held at Freethorpe Village Hall
On Monday, 17th March 2008 at 7.45 p.m.

Present - Nick Spencer [presiding], Janet Church, Paul Bacon, Michael Blake, Linda Turner, Brian Carr, 7 Parishioners, 2 representatives from Wherry Housing and the clerk.

Apologies received from Brian Iles and David Lake.

During the first 10 minutes reserved for public participation, the Wherry Housing representatives spoke about the Wickhampton Play Area when they offered help in providing what is needed to meet local requirements. Margaret Woodgate said that area had been used not only as a children's playground, but for parties, picnics etc. and not only by Wickhampton people but those from surrounding villages.

Paul Bacon asked what usage is visualized, and the Chairman said it is necessary to gauge public opinion. Margaret has already talked to some people about project, and Wherry Housing would find out public opinion on the matter. The Chairman said that councillors would help with delivering questionnaires if needed. Margaret reported that money raising projects are being considered.

Mr. Roly Turner reported to the meeting that the reservoir at Lower Green is still being used as such, although ten people have the right to fish there. But there is no change of use as suggested in recent correspondence from Broadland D.C.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising - E mail copy received from Hazel Ellard of B.D.C. re Affordable Housing sites in the parish. School Road ruled out, most appropriate site is Chapelfield, but owner is unwilling to sell, Old Chapel Road deemed to be unsuitable and 2nd option is Lower Green. P.C. would need to know details of reasons for Lower Green being withdrawn earlier. Clerk to ask Hazel Ellard for dates for a further meeting with Parish Councillors to find a way forward. Palmer's Lane - N.C.C. in reply to letter have sent an inspector to look at road and we await developments.

Village Clock - the chairman has arranged for Cox & Son to send someone out on Saturday morning [22nd March] to inspect what is needed. Janet Church kindly offered to meet him there on behalf of the Parish Council.

Pump handle has been removed and is in garage at Oak Tree Cottage awaiting repair.

3. Finance - cheques signed for Audit Commission £141.00, Freethorpe Village Hall £2,300.00, First Responders £50.00, Norwich Citizens' Advice Bureau £35.00 And Norfolk Rural Community Council £25.00 membership fee.

4. Planning - no further applications. Noted that permission granted to Mr. & Mrs. N. Spencer for conservatory and to Dr. and Mrs. Ireland for replacement windows.

5. A.O.B. The Chairman reported that he had received phone call from Mark Webster re dogs fouling on footpaths through fields included in the Countryside Stewardship walks. Unless this situation improves, he will consider coming out of the scheme. Clerk to enquire about dog bins near beginning of footpaths, also matter to be included in Yarmouth Mercury report of meeting.

Letter re Branch Road, Halvergate weight limit of 7.5 tonnes - councillors were puzzled as this seems to have been in operation for several years. Clerk to reply to this effect, but wonder if more signs earlier on route would help compliance.

Chairman to fill in form re Housing for young people.

Membership of Norfolk Rural Community Council was discussed, prop. Janet Church, seconded Brian Carr that the Parish Council becomes a member. £25.00

All in favour, and cheque signed for membership fee for April 1st 2008 - March 2009. Janet Church and Brian Carr reported that they are going to Westminster to enquire about government's attitude towards Village Halls.

Bus Service is unsatisfactory, and clerk to write to Royal European re not keeping to timetable etc.

Next meeting - 14th April 2008 - Village Hall at 7.45.p.m. [Annual Parish Council meeting] after 10 minutes for public participation. To be followed at 8.15.p.m. by Annual Parish Meeting which will include reports from various organisations]

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date

14th April 08.