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# **Parish Council**

Chair: Nick Spencer Vice-Chair: David Lake 46 Moorhen Way Kingfisher Park Burgh Castle Norfolk NR31 9FJ

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING - MONDAY 15th JULY 2019** 

The Meeting commenced at 7.48 p.m. – Vice Chairman Mr. D. Lake in the Chair

### PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Councillors: ), D. Lake (Vice Chair)
P. Bacon, M. Blake, J. Church, L. Turner.

Broadland District Councillor: G. Nurden. Tree Warden: J. Fleetwood Parish Clerk: Stephen Williamson. 1 member of the public

#### **PUBLIC SECTION**

Although unable to be present, NCC Councillor Brian Iles had informed the Clerk that there were inevitable teething problems with the new Council and structure. There was a strong team of officers in place. Council were expected to find a further £17 million of cuts in the coming year and it was pointed out that it was becoming close to seeking government assistance and support.

Tree Warden John Fleetwood reported that the newly instituted share services were having an impact – particularly on tree preservation matters as an officer was only present on two days a week at Broadland. The first AGM was imminent. Mr. Fleetwood informed of personal health problems, final tests were shortly taking place. He emphasised that Andrea Rowlands was more than capable during any absence.

For Broadland District Council Mr. Nurden reported: British gas and non-British gas customers could apply for grants to clear energy debts. A Mum2Mum Facebook page was now available, allowing the disposal/passing on of good condition baby items. Help was now available for hoarding problems in order to improve health and wellbeing. Vicar's relief funds of £350 were available to support people at risk of homelessness or vulnerable housing – this may help with deposits, temporary accommodation and more. OCD Action is th4e largest national charity providing support to anybody affected by Obsessive Compulsive Disorder – a pioneering group for Norwich and Norfolk was operative. Freegle is a concept to try and reduce landfill by offering unwanted items on line. Mr. Nurden ended by informing that many Broadland schemes were available aimed towards young people during school holidays and beyond.

1:	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
Mr. N. Spencer (holiday) and NCC Councillor B. Iles. Apologies duly accepted.		

2:	: DECLARATIONS	
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Some new declarations had been handed to the Clerk, some were still outstanding		

3: MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on June  $17^{th}$  had been prior circulated, no further amendments were deemed necessary. The Minutes were accepted as being a true & accurate record and duly signed.

4:	MATTERS ARISING		
There were none			

5:	PLANNING	
There were no new applications, and only one still outstanding enforcement (previously reported)		

# 6: VILLAGE MATTERS

The Clerk had been contacted by local resident Mr. Miller in relation to moving one of the noticeboards. Councillors had received copy of the idea and broadly agreed – this matter to be further discussed.

# 7: PARISH INSURANCE

After immense difficulty in contacting Business Services direct, Mr. Spencer had finally managed to speak to them, and raised concerns about the new policy offer (greatly reduced in cost). Mr. Spencer had been satisfied with answer and information received. In light of this Council agreed unanimously to renew the policy and authorisation for payment is below.

8:	FINANCIAL MATTERS & PAYMENTS			
	. Williamson – period to 18 July 2019 – Standing Order due 18 <sup>th</sup> July - Salary - £195.89			
Calica	Calica Computer Solutions – July payment – Standing Order due 15th July		£12.00	
Indigo Waste Services Ltd			£16.56	
Royal	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal		£40.00	
Busin	Business Services at CAS Ltd – 2019-20 Parish Insurance		£444.36	
		TOTAL OF ABOVE	£708.81	

BANK BALANCES AT STATEMENT(S) (CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 2 JULY 2019)

MAIN CURRENT ACCOUNT £9,852.09 BUSINESS RESERVE A/C £10,098.74

9: CLERK INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new information to impart.

# 10: AUGUST RECESS

Council approved (subject to anything urgent arising) not to have a meeting during the month of August, however powers existed for important matters to be dealt with and cheques to be signed as necessary

#### 11: COUNCILLORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA

Mrs Church reported that certain odd problems with electricity supply had been experienced in parts of the village, including the post office and adjoining neighbours. UK Power Network was aware.

#### The Meeting closed at 8.47 p.m.

Signed after agreed amendment and approval by	Dated:
Council as being a true and accurate record by the	
Chair of the meeting or authorised deputy	