

WICKLEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Wicklewood Village Hall on Monday 6th February 2017

Present: **Alan Goodings** **(AG)**
 Andrew Goodings **(AGo)**
 Richard Goodings **(RG)**
 Jack Hipperson **(JH)**
 John Seville **(JS)** **Vice Chair**
 Sarah Wayne **(SW)**

In attendance: **Anne Panella** **(AP)** **Parish Clerk**

Action

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

298 Vice Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

299 Apologies were received from K Bush, M Dewsbury, M Edney and M Gamble.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

300 JS declared a minor interest in Planning Application 2016/2842 as former owner of the land.

PUBLIC FORUM

301 Planning Application 2017/0001 Anaerobic Digester at land off Morley Lane: Morley Parish Council attended the meeting together with numerous members of the public who are opposed to this proposal (see Minute 310)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2017

302 **Resolved:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January. Proposed by SW, seconded by AG. All in agreement.

MATTERS ARISING

303 Bates Flooring: have now visited the Village Hall and adjusted the flooring between the Hall and Committee Room. The expansion was greater than would be expected so a Techno Digital Gauge has been loaned short term to enable measurements to be taken temperature and humidity and address issues that may be resulting in the flooring expanding.

304 Trod Footpath: a high-level figure to provide this footpath along the High Street is approx. £11,000; if an asphalt finish is required this will be an additional £12,000. To request from Highways more detailed figures and place on Agenda for March. Also agreed that the residents along the High Street to be consulted on this proposal as it will be outside their homes. **AP**

305 Drainage works on High Street: following correspondence with G Freeman MP and Highways it has been confirmed that the work to the overflowing drain on the High Street will be completed within the current financial year. However, it was noted that to date the Highways Programme of Works on their website does not include this work and it is not clear if the necessary permits to carry out the work, close the road etc, have been applied for. If not, then the timescales provided would appear to be unrealistic.

CORRESPONDENCE

306	Drainage works on High Street	G Freeman MP and Highways
	Anglian Water: transfer of non-residential customers to Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd	Letter
	SNC: increase charges to Dog Bin emptying service (<i>response awaited from SNC following large number of complaints on the level of increase</i>)	bwade@s-norfolk.gov.uk

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

307	Anne Panella	Clerk's Salary (January)	£258.27
	Anne Panella	Clerk's Expenses	£141.04
	Karen Bush	Caretaker & Booking Clerk Salary (January)	£251.72
	HMRC	PAYE (Month 10, 2016/17)	£33.60
	npower	Electricity in Village Hall	£97.65
	Anglian Water	Waters Charges 31 st October 2016 to 17 th Jan 2017	£160.01
		TOTAL	£942.29

Resolved: that the accounts, as presented above, be approved for payment. Proposed by SW, seconded by AG. All in agreement.

MONTHLY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Current	Deposit	Total
Balance B/Fwd 31/12/ 2016	£ 2,750.65	£11,128.62	£14,879.27
Total Receipts to 29/01/17	£ 2,921.88	£ 0.00	£ 2,921.88
	£ 5,672.53	£11,128.62	£16,801.15
Total Outgoings to 29/01/17	£ 945.71	£ 0.00	£ 945.71
	£ 4,726.82	£11,128.62	£15,855.44
Inter-Account Transfers January 2017	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance 29/01/2017	£ 4,726.82	£11,128.62	£15,855.44

HIGHWAYS

309 Nothing to report.

PLANNING

310 2017/0001: Land off Morley Lane, Morley St. Botolphs. Proposed anaerobic digestion renewable energy unit, landscaping and vehicular access and associated works. A range of objections were raised including:

- The local road network is totally inadequate to cope with the size, frequency and speed (already an issue for many rural communities) from the likely high number of HGVs and agricultural vehicles that will be travelling to/from the site

- Conditions could be placed on traffic movements but how will these be enforced; it is to be expected that drivers will seek only the shortest, not the most appropriate, route
- The analysis of traffic movements appears to be spread evenly over a 12-month period but harvesting of crops is seasonal. Local knowledge is that the farmer often works throughout the night during harvest thereby greatly increasing traffic movements at certain times of the year
- This proposal will remove land from food production
- The appearance of the building in the open countryside will be detrimental to the visual rural environment
- There are no pedestrian footpaths in some of these villages thereby placing pedestrians of all ages at significant risk
- The impact on residential areas will be significant in terms of pollution: noise, smell, light and traffic
- The proposed site is very close to Grade I and II listing buildings and the suggestion of placing an industrial development so close to historic buildings is unacceptable and lacks any consideration for local heritage. Concerns have been raised by Historic England in this respect
- The Parish Council is not aware of any consultation exercise conducted on behalf of the Applicant although we understand that reference has been made that such a consultation may have taken place
- Many residents living close to the proposed site have received no notification from SNC about these plans – should they have been informed?

Resolved: to object to this proposal for an anaerobic Digester

311 2016/2842: Land north of 69 High Street. Variation of Condition 1 on 2014/2337 (Reserved Matters) for erection of 14 dwellings seeking approval of access, appearance, scale, landscaping and layout – House Type change on Plot 13. No views or comments.

312 To note the following decisions by SNC on Planning Applications:
2016/2811. 43 High Street, demolition of single storey bathroom and kitchen and replace with two storey extension. Approval with Conditions

PLAYING FIELD

313 Two inspections have been conducted, on 12th and 29th January. No issues to report but costs for painting the igloo remain outstanding. **RG**

314 Hedge around the field: agreed to have the hedge cut prior to the grass cutting season to allow access of the cutting equipment.

315 Tree Trimming on Playing Field by UKPowerNetWorks: a request has been received and was agreed, in principle, subject to clarification on issues around competency of contractors (qualified tree surgeon), maintenance of shape of trees to ensure strong future growth and receipt of a letter from UKPN that the trees are safe following the cutting.

WICKLEWOOD VILLAGE HALL

316 Deep Clean will be carried out, by an external company, on 12th February. All users have been informed.

317 As a result of this the Cleaner/Caretaker Contract requires amendment with the removal of 16 hours annually allowed for a Deep Clean. **All**

318 Thanks were extended to Les Whitehead for the repairs carried out around the Village Hall; Mr Whitehead will also be carrying out some decorating during the half week term (week

commencing 13th February). Again, all users have been informed and will be moving their equipment into the Bowls Club during this period.

- 319 The plumber has yet to attend to resolve problems in Mens and Disabled toilets. **KB**
- 320 Two new bookings: children parties on 17th February and 24th June; Town Green Quilters on 18th March plus a birthday with bar on 25th March.
- 321 Agreed new Turtle mats are required for the front entrance. Costs to be obtained. **AP**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 322 No issues were raised.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS: all to commence at 7.45 pm

- 323 Monday 6th March 2017: Agenda items to Clerk by 25th February
Monday 4th April 2017, includes Annual Parish Meeting: Agenda item to Clerk by 25th March.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm