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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor A Hill (Chair)
Councillor T Hawke
Councillor I Baker
Councillor P Chapman
Councillor G Drew

District Councillor T Carter

Clerk: Bryan Leigh

Two parishioners.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor Kiddle Morris.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no DPLs.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Hawke proposed and Councillor Baker seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting on 14 November having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation.

4.1 County and District Councillor Reports.

The Clerk reported on behalf of the County Councillor that the Government had changed the increase that County and District Councils can raise their precept by. This has increased by 1% so it is likely that Norfolk County Council will increase the Council Tax by 2.99% plus 3% for Adult Social Services, making a total increase of 5.99%. This additional increase will bring in an extra £6 million and this will go towards paying a further 1% to employees now that the cap on Local Government pay has been raised to 2% and it is anticipated that the bus subsidy are not now under threat although a review will still be undertaken to ensure that the County Council is getting value for money. The maintenance of highways is also not likely to be affected.

District Councillor Carter reported that Breckland Council is likely to increase the Council Tax by the same as last year i.e. 1.99%. This means that as most properties in Breckland Council are in the A-C categories the average payable would be £74 per annum. There is to be trial of a time limit in car parks in Swaffham. This time limit will be 2 hours which will be free and no return within an hour. This change will bring the Breckland car parks into line with the time on parking of the surrounding areas and hopefully will allow local residents to park in the town as many of the car parks are full with commuters. Breckland Council is disappointed that after two years the nearly £1 million that it injected into local broadband nothing has been achieved. A meeting is to be held later this year to look at local not spots and improvements to poor areas. Breckland Council will inject more money to improve the service if it is felt that this is necessary. He reported that he had attended a session on General Data Protection Regulation and he advised that a Data Protection Officer must be appointed and that this could be the Clerk. Breckland Council now only has match funding grants.

4.2 Public Participation.

There were no matters raised by the members of the public.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Website.

The site is not working satisfactorily as the minutes are missing so Councillor Chapman will continue to have a link on the Heritage Site.

5.2 Defibrillator.

The application for funding has had to be resubmitted and there is a three month delay on decisions. It was agreed to apply to Breckland Council for match funding.

5.3 General Data Protection Regulation.

The Clerk had circulated a report and it was agreed to consider this again once the full implications of the Act are known once it has passed through parliament.

5.4 CPRE Meeting 27 November.

Councillor Chapman had attended and the main thrust of the meeting was that CPRE are stressing that the house that have been granted permission should be built prior to any further allocations.. The other concern is that there are many dwellings in Norfolk that are empty and not lived in for most of the year.

6. Highways.

6.1 Report.

The Clerk reported that he had circulated the proposal for the siting of the road name sign on Whissonsett Road at the junction with the B1146 and this was considered acceptable. The Horningtoft sign had not yet been repaired on B1146 near to Brisley. The drains on B1146 need clearing following the rain as do those on Church Road. Breckland Council is to be requested to sweep the B1146 as it is now covered in silt. No improvement has been made to Oxwick Road outside Sycamore Cottage and the Highways Engineer will be contacted again. A litter pick is to be requested along Brisley Road.

7. Planning.

7.1 Applications.

7.1.1 3PL/2017/1462/F-St Edmunds Church-erection of storage shed in Churchyard.

No objection was raised to the application.

7.2 Decisions.

There were no decisions to report.

8. Correspondence.

There following correspondence will be circulated.

8.1 Clerks and Councils Direct January 2018

9. Finance.

9.1 Budget.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that the budget sheets which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

9.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

Balances :-

Business Saver Account.

Balance at 30 09 17	2404.30
Interest	.42
Balance at 22 12 17	2404.72

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Community Account

Balance at 30 06 17	2083.75
Plus	
Norfolk Community Foundation-6000.00	
Breckland precept-875.00	
Breckland Rate Support Grant-17.00	
Norfolk ALC Transparency Code-410.94	<u>7302.94</u>
	9386.69
Less	
cheques authorised 12 09 17-	<u>399.53</u>
Balance at 03 10 17	8987.16

Amount available for Section 137 : 128 x £7.57 =£968.96

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

396	PCC of St Edmunds Horningtoft	Rent for Heat and light	100.00
397	Beetley Parish Council	25% of GDPR Course-8.75 25% of SLCC membership-36.75	45.50
398	Information Commissioner	Data Protection.	35.00

9.3 New Notice Boards.

Councillor Hill proposed and Councillor Chapman seconded the resolution that a new Notice board with 3 panels to take 6 A4 sheets each in RAL 6005 aluminium be purchased All were in favour. Breckland Council will applied to for match funding.

9.4 Precept.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Drew seconded the resolution that the precept be set at £1750 as last year. All were in favour.

11. Matters for the next meeting.

There were no matter's raised for the next meeting.

11. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 13 March to follow the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.00p.m. in St. Edmund's Church.

The meeting closed at 2026.