

- 1 Apologies for absence John Olley
- 2 Public Comment - none
- 3 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of items for consideration - none
- 4 To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 18 February 2014 The minutes of the meeting held on 18 February were approved as circulated and signed.
5. Matters arising from the minutes held on 18 February 2014 (not elsewhere on agenda)
 - (a) Sandpits Corner – The latest information from the Enforcement Officer at Breckland Council suggested that the work appeared to be acceptable with conditions, although it did not mean that it was acceptable for residential development and it was for Breckland Council to decide matters on the grounds of expediency. The Enforcement Officer stated that he would keep the Parish Council updated when a decision was made and it was therefore decided to remove this item from the agenda.
 - (b) Field at back of Fen Road – The Parish Council had been in contact with the Environmental Protection team from Breckland Council with regard to noise issues in Fen Road, particularly over the weekend of 12 and 13 April. The Environmental Protection team advised that these were difficult to control under statutory nuisance legislation as they appeared to be one off type events of loud music. Although the Environmental Team asked that evidence be collated of repeated issues in respect of loud music or noise from vehicles via nuisance record sheets and these were handed to Councillors at the meeting. Depending upon the information collected on these sheets would depend if the Environmental Protection team shared the information with the police and antisocial behaviour team colleagues to determine if there was any further action that could be taken. **ACTION: RESIDENTS AFFECTED TO COMPLETE THE RECORD SHEETS AND RETURN TO BRECKLAND COUNCIL**
It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda pending completion and return to Breckland Council of the nuisance record sheets. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**
 - (c) Hubbards Lane - previous discussion at the 2013 Annual Parish Meeting suggested that residents wished to see Hubbards Lane returned to a public highway; during the year the Parish Council had discussed the matter with Richard Deller of Highways Department, who had suggested due to the cost of such a project it would be prohibitive for Breckland Council to undertake such a task. However, Mr Deller had suggested that if the residents were keen to raise half of the cost of reinstating the road to a public highway, if the opportunity of a grant arose, the Council would consider finding half of the money to meet the costing. This issue was discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22 April 2014, where there seemed mixed feelings – some residents wished it to be returned to a public highway others felt it should be left as a wildlife haven as it currently appeared to be. After discussion the Parish Council felt those that did wish to see the highway reinstated would be for the sole purpose of walking along it as opposed to vehicular access. Therefore the Chairman would speak to Jamie Flatman who owned the land next to it to discuss the possibility of putting a footpath alongside Hubbards Lane – if this was not to be, it was agreed this item would be removed from the agenda.
 - (d) Wheelie Bin Stickers – Councillor Edwards had obtained some further quotes and would now organise text to be printed on a slip of paper to be put through residents doors, asking them to return the slip if they did not wish to have a sticker. Councillor Olley would print the stickers and Councillor Edwards would distribute through residents' doors. **ACTION: COUNCILLORS EDWARDS/OLLEY**
- 6 Thinking WISP Expansion – Fast, Local Broadband It was agreed to make this information available via the website. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**
- 7 Highways – State of Roads, particularly near Church: The Chairman had contacted Highways about the disrepair of part of the road outside of the Church and going towards the bend in the road, as he felt it needed more than “patching”. A site inspection was carried out and an emergency repair done, although earmarked for a proper repair. [Secretary's Note: this repair appears to have been completed]
- 8 Anti Social Behaviour: - The Parish Council was aware of recent antisocial behaviour involving criminal damage from golf balls and clay pigeon shooting which environmental health informed us had been dealt with by the police on several occasions in respect of criminal damage issues.

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- 9 Police and Crime Update: It was noted that several sheds in Garboldisham had been broken into and the Parish Council reminded residents to ensure that their garden sheds were kept secure at all times.
- 10 Parish Council Insurance – It was noted that the annual insurance for the last 12 months had cost £396.10. The Parish Council considered three quotations for insurance which was due on 1 June 2014. These were as follows:

- o AON – 3 year: £376.57 – 1 year £396.39
- o Came and Company via Hiscox 3 years: £265.00 1 year £278.95
- o Zurich 3 years: 368.35 – 1 Year plus 10%

The Parish Clerk was asked to ensure that the War Memorial was covered under the Council's insurance and providing it was, it was agreed to accept the Hiscox quote.

ACTION: PARISH CLERK

11 SNAP meeting

- (a) Last meeting held on 6 March
- (b) To agree attendance for next SNAP meeting – at Attleborough Police Station on 6 May at 1100 hours. – Councillor Lambert agreed to attend the next meeting.
- (c) Items for agenda – anti social behaviour within the village and issue of possibility of persons climbing on to the village hall roof.

12 Finances

- (a) To receive an update on Parish Accounts – the Parish Clerk provided an update on the Parish accounts.
- (b) To agree and sign 2014 Audit – the 2014 audit was considered, agreed and signed.
- (c) To consider subscription to Norfolk Association of Local Councils - £60.50 – the subscription was agreed.
- (d) Newsletter Donation of £92.08 – The Parish Council had received a grant from Breckland Council of £92.08 and it was proposed that this money should be donated for provision of the newsletter. Following discussion, Councillor Dick Edwards proposed a donation of £50, and this was seconded by Councillor Lambert and agreed by all.

13 Planning

- a To note the following Planning Applications: - none received
- b To consider any applications that arrived following the issue of the agenda but prior to the meeting. – none received

14. Such other business as the Chairperson may direct

- a Septic Tank: Reports of spillage from a septic tank in Fen Road had been reported and the Chairman would send a letter to the householder in the first instance.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

- b Replacement of Bench outside the Church: The Parish Clerk suggested that the Council had adequate funds for the provision of a replacement bench by the church and war memorial and those in the village that had kindly offered to donate would also be contacted. Following discussion it was thought that the purchase of the bench should be delayed until the work proposed for that area (replacement church railings, drenching of the pond). Councillor Lambert proposed the purchase of a replacement bench and Councillor Bristow seconded, all agreed. The Parish Clerk was asked to write to Mr Lorimer to ask for a timeframe for the proposed work and also to research suitable benches, including those made of recycled materials.

ACTION: PARISH CLERK

- c Footpaths being used by horses: It was noted that footpaths were still being used by some horse riders and the Parish Clerk was asked to write to those offenders in the first instance.

ACTION: PARISH CLERK

- d Highway Rangers – The Parish Clerk was asked to write to the highway rangers to ask them to clear obstructions from the 30 mph speed limit signs along The Street.

ACTION: PARISH CLERK

- 15 Dates of meetings for 2014: 12 August, 14 October

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