

**MINUTES OF HAPPISBURGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
WENN EVANS CENTRE ON MONDAY 9th June, 2008 at 7.30 p.m.**

1. Attendance

Lee Walker, (Chair), Jane Archer, Glen Berry, David Mole, David Pugh, Thomas Love, Victor Gardner, Peter Gore, Cubit Seily, Carol Palfry, Nicky Wyatt (minute taker).

Apologies

Stuart Wyatt

Members of Public

3 members of the public in attendance.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (14.04.08)

Were agreed and signed.

3. DECLARING AN INTEREST

Proposed Village Development Areas – All
Allotments- David Pugh

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1. Sea Defence Update.

It was brought to the meetings attention that Mike Walker has started an action group alongside the CCAG. He has requested parish councillors join him in meeting with Phil Woolas the minister from DEFRA on 23rd June 2008 at 7.30pm in Somerton Village Hall, refreshments will be supplied. Lee Walker and Glen Berry agreed to attend.

Jane Archer reported that the rocks have not been placed at the foot of the cliffs near to the caravan park as they were awaiting a letter from Natural England giving the go ahead.

4.2. Clerk Contract

This has been signed and agreed.

4.3 Parish Split

Happisburgh has offered £2,500 tom Walcott. Walcott need to clarify if monies received from NNDC so far are a loan or grant. Thomas Love requested a meeting with Happisburgh and NNDC. Walcott has received £650 from the precept for a sound system for the village hall.

4.4 Proposed Village Development Areas. There is a consultation at the Wenn Evans centre on Wednesday 11th June from 3-7pm. Those unable to attend can send in their views via e-mail to NNDC

5. Public Question Time

The clerk from Walcott (Mr Campbell) requested a copy of Happisburgh accounts- these were passed to him.

6. New Items

6.1 Allotments- Issue

The chair read out correspondence sent to Mr allotment holder re complaints of bonfires on his allotment. Mr allotment holder replied stating he did not want to give up his tenancy. He promised to remove all stored materials and make the allotment tidy.

All agreed to permit Mr allotment holder to continue with his tenancy but the situation will be monitored monthly and any further breaches will result in tenancy being removed.

David Pugh agreed to rewrite the tenancy contracts to include information on bonfires etc.

Thomas Love reported on the rabbit problems on the allotments and stated that not much could be done other than shooting/ferreting.

The hedge around the allotments needs cutting back, this would be done after 1st August after the nesting season. Lee Walker agreed to ask highways if they could arrange the cutting work.

6.2 Change of Meeting Dates

All agreed to keep the meetings at 8 weekly intervals, to be held at the Wenn Evans Centre.

7. Correspondence

The following was circulated:
North Norfolk Siren consultation.
Unitary status proposals.
Virtual business support project.

8. Finance

Finance report was tabled. The parish council has been asked to provide a councillor to check the accounts on a 3 monthly basis. Dave Mole agreed to do this in the interim. This will start immediately.

9. Planning

Glenn Berry stated the Old Post office at Lower Happisburgh – change of use to residential has been granted. Permission has also been granted to Wayside stores, extension. The new unit at Church Barns was granted permission at committee level. The summerhouse at High House was granted along with the Stables.

- 10. Any Other Business.** It was requested that a joint meeting with NNDC and Happisburgh and Walcott be held. Lee will request this. Norfolk police needs six people for the proposed speed watch scheme run. It was suggested a notice be put up in the village post office asking for willing participants. Lee has attended a Key individual network meeting; this network involves local people meeting with the SNT to discuss targets they wish the police to address. The current targets are quad bike issues at Happisburgh, anti social behaviour in Stalham. The police will spend 6- 8 weeks on each target and report back to the network.

It was asked if farmers are allowed to cut new gateways into their fields from the highway. It was stated this was a legal practice.

Dave Pugh stated the dog waste bin should to be re sited to the top of the steps on the Lomax field. He was happy to carry out the work; Lee will speak to Mr Lomax and gain his consent.

It has been reported that a new fence has been erected onto the highway in Lighthouse Lane. Lee will speak to highways.

Thomas Love reported the coastal footways have to be maintained and rolled back as erosion occurs.

Peter Gore reported there have been a few burglaries in and around Doggerts Lane. Items taken have been food. He went onto report that there has still been problems with quad bike users in the same location.

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12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th August 08 at 7.30 p.m. Wenn Evans Centre, Happisburgh.
(Including AGM)