

A Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday 8th February 2016 at Little Plumstead Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr J. Wiley (Chairman)
Mr A. Cawdron
Mr. R. Claxton
Mr. G. Edwards
Mr R. Heath
Mr D. Johnson
Mrs M. Jones
Mr D. Payne
Mrs M. Sayer-Beck

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. The Chairman allowed public participation.

010216 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –Apologies were received from Councillor Carty, Sayer-Beck and Vincent

020216 MINUTES OF THE MEETING - held on Monday 11th January 2016 were approved

030216 MATTERS ARISING – Councillor Johnson has been working hard to negotiate a reasonable price for cutting the hedge on the playing field. With the current ground conditions it is not possible to achieve this before the end of February and it is hoped this can be done in the autumn by a tractor at a cost of less than £1000. The Chairman confirmed that the Lease for Sandhole Lane clearly states that it can only be used as an open play area. There can be no fences, sheds, chickens etc allowed on this land and neither can it be assigned or under let. It was also felt that it would be impossible to re-negotiate the Lease, which had been difficult to obtain in the first instance. The Councillors debated Mr Lanyon's request for him to keep bee hives on this land and all agreed that this would not be possible as it raised issues under Health and Safety on an area that must remain available to all parishioners as a public space.

040216 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no Declarations of Interest.

050216 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS: (including Public Participation) Mr Read reported that the footpath on Salhouse Road towards the Brick Kilns junction was overgrown. The Clerk would write to the contact the Council has for this land to ask them to cut the hedge. The Rangers would be asked to sweep the paths on their next visit. It was confirmed that Councillor Edwards had already contacted Highways with regard to the damaged bin on Salhouse Road and this would be removed as it is considered obsolete as Salhouse Road is now part of the road gritting programme. Mr Read also brought up the issue of grass cutting at Thorpe End which had been fully debated at the January meeting and fully documented. It was confirmed that following further information this issue was re visited by Councillors and it was unanimously considered 'reasonable' to continue cutting this grass in light of the new information and the fact that the general public has right of access to the whole area. The Council are fully within their rights, as stated in the Standing Orders, to allow proxy voting and criticising the Clerk on this issue was not acceptable.

The Chairman wondered if Mrs Hamilton would like the Notice Board on her land moved to a site near to the bus stop in Great Plumstead. Councillor Johnson agreed to make enquires to see if this would be desirable. Happisburgh Athletic Football Club had sent representatives to the meeting to request the availability of the playing field at Great Plumstead for their Saturday matches starting in the autumn. Councillor Johnson agreed to liaise with the Club and to discuss further the requirements. It is possible they could arrange with either the Bowls Club or the Scouts to change in their buildings. It was suggested that they contact the Blofield Youth Team, who use the field on Sundays to share lining costs. The cost per session would be £15. The Chairman confirmed that the club would be very welcome in the Parish and hopefully details can be sorted before the autumn season begins. Councillor Heath asked for confirmation from Councillor Mackie that any shortfall on the costs of the NDR would not be taken from Cil monies. Councillor Mackie confirmed that Norfolk County Council were underwriting the borrowing requirements. The Clerk confirmed that a meeting with the purchaser, Cripps of Beccles, of the Hospital site had been requested to consider the community requirements. Councillors Wiley, Heath and Jones are hoping to attend a meeting with the developer in the next couple of weeks to consider the options and especially the walled garden. Contingencies' must be put in place to ensure that the problems left by the Cofton liquidation are not repeated. The Clerk would check with Broadland on the detail around what Cil money can be spent on.

060216 CORRESPONDENCE AND ADMINISTRATION – A request had been received from the Friends of Little Plumstead Primary School to hold a May Day Fayre on the Great Plumstead playing field on 2nd May. This was agreed with the usual conditions and they would liaise with Councillor Johnson. No request for an election had been received for the Thorpe End Ward Councillor vacancy and the Council is now able to co-opt. The clerk advised of posters received outlining free NHS Health checks for those aged 40-74. Details can be found at: mynhshealthcheck.com. The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Norfolk Constabulary stating that the crime figures would no longer be provided to the parish. However these are freely available on the police website via www.norfolk.police.uk. A burglary on the Glade was reported.

070216 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (circulated prior to meeting)

Bank Balance Nat West	£ 6,052.18(29 th January 2016)
Bank Balance Scottish Widows	£87,448.27 (31.12.15)

Payments

£1,677.00 – Innershed - £1620.00 50% website £57 – Domain Name
£15.00 – Gt Plumstead Village Hall – Hall Hire
£120.25 – Little Plumstead Village Hall – Hall Hire, NDR meeting, Christmas meeting supplies
£1,244.04– J. Jones – Salary £1,250.00 Exp £63.40 (minus NI £69.36)

TOTAL £3,056.29

Receipts

Nil

Current Account Balance after above payments made and **outstanding cheques cleared** will be approximately **£79.89 (the Garden Guardian cheque of £2916.00 had not cleared on the last statement)**

080216 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20160091 - Garth En Wold,36 Woodland Drive,Thorpe End,NR13 5BH

The application form gives the address as Great Little Plumstead which does not exist. It should be corrected to Thorpe End Garden Village. The design and access statement contains some errors. Firstly, Woodland Drive is not an adopted public highway as stated, it is a private road maintained by the residents of the area. In clause 3.1.4 it states that the number of motor vehicles likely to use the property remains unchanged. This is not a sensible statement given the three vehicle car port and a separate large garage suitable for a large van which is proposed or the potential occupancy which is also stated as unchanged. Vehicle use is very likely to increase. (the statement of excellence in Architecture I also disagree with, I have rarely seen an uglier proposal and the loss of the chimney (albeit structurally deficient) is a loss to the general designs of the conservation area properties and I would have liked to see a chimney maintained).

201600291 Grove Cottages,Low Road,Great Plumstead,NR13 5EB

No objection, although there are a couple of errors in the application. On the proposal drawings the REAR elevation is described as the FRONT Elevation (meaning there are 2 front Elevations) and on the application form, the village becomes Great Little Plumstead.

The Chairman had been asked to speak at the Broadland Planning meeting by Mr Oxborough regarding the planning application for the Post Office at Thorpe End. Councillor Wiley was not able to do this but had explained to Mr Oxborough that the Parish Council had sent in very detailed objections to the proposed development. The Chairman and other councillors would e mail Councillor Vincent their concerns regarding this application as it was understood it had been recommended for approval by the Planning Office despite not complying with several of the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors were concerned that after all the work that had been put into the neighbourhood Plan it now appeared that it was not being taken into consideration when determining Planning Applications.

090216 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Firstly, I was saddened to read that Jane will be leaving as Parish Clerk, she has given outstanding support to the Parish and myself, I can only say thank you, Jane, and best wishes for the future. Over the last month I have attended numerous meetings, Chaired the Audit Committee which reported an unqualified set of accounts for the county council.

I have also been deeply engaged in the county council budget process and designing a set of alternative

proposals as Vice Chairman of the Conservative Group. I have been invited to become a senior trustee of the new Thorpe St Andrew High School Academy, which I am currently giving consideration to. I have also become a trustee of a Norwich based grant giving charity which has supported a new dementia room at the hospital and provided significant grants to Nelson's Journey.

~ **Budget** - The County Council Policy and Resources Committee meets on Monday 8th Feb to agree budget proposals to submit to Full Council. I will be attending that meeting, working as part of a small conservative team we have negotiated a list of cut reversals to the alliance administration budget. These include the full re-opening of the proposed closed recycling centres and full time opening hours, reverse cuts to the library service, museums and historical environment team, additional money for adult social care, remove the cuts to fire staff and the closure of stations, remove the grass cutting reduction proposal, removed £900k worth of cuts from highways maintenance and added a new £1.2m revenue fund to support highways maintained schemes. The government had factored in a 2% council tax increase to be ring-fenced for adult social care to its local government settlement, and the county council will use some of that £5.1m to remove the proposed cuts to day transport. In total the council will still be making savings of over £42m, in addition to the £245m it made in the last five years. There is a proposal for council tax to rise by 3.9%, or £46 per year per band D property or 88p per week. More details will follow after the meeting and can be found on the county council website. Full council meets later in February.

~ **NDR and Meeting with Highways Team** - On Friday 5th, Jane, Alf Townly, Cllrs Johnson and Cawdron joined the full NDR highways and comms team at county hall to discuss a large number of urgent items. We had a very useful discussion and gained some key action points on improved communications, road signage, temp speed reductions and flashing speed signage on Broad Lane, removal of hedging at Reeves corner, a new timetable, dates of the public exhibition, movement on the path in Thorpe End and action to be taken on flooding, esp on Hare Road. The next meeting with the NDR highways team is Thursday 10th March. We also asked if the safer neighbourhood safety camera partnership can undertake some action in Thorpe End with the police.

~ **Plumstead Road Trod** - We also discussed the Plumstead Road trod and I have gained some estimated costs below. These figures will always be an early estimate as until we get into detailed design (with all the issues a site can throw up such as traffic management and buried services). But as a ball park guide to the sort of numbers you would be looking at – 650m in length with an average width of 1.5m would give 975m² of new Trod to build. Whether the option was a simple Trod or a full constructed footway we believe kerbing would be necessary along the length. Below is a low spec (TROD) option and a higher specification formal footway construction as option 2 for consideration.

Option 1 - Trod

650m of kerbing / 650m of timber edging / Site clearance /Additional drainage provision / 150mm unsuitable material excavated and disposed / 150mm Type 1 laid and compacted to form new trod surface.

Total cost - £90K

Option 2 – HRA Footway

650m of kerbing / 650m of PCC edging / Site clearance /Additional drainage provision / 150mm unsuitable material excavated and disposed / 100mm Type 1 laid and compacted to form subbase / 50mm depth of Hot Rolled asphalt surfacing

Total cost - £140K

I would see a consortium to fund this made up of all local councils in relation to the parish partnership. I will of course continue to lobby that this is added to the NDR surrounding works.

~**Dog Fouling** - On Saturday 6th, I attended a new Top Dog initiative in Dussindale to target paths of high instances of dog fouling, meeting residents giving out bags, tags and computing details. We were also asking about surveillance. The scheme is being run by Broadland District Council. They are keen to link with local schools to help design posters. I wonder if this was an initiative the Parish would want to explore with Broadland environmental team as well.

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100216 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The last full Council meeting was held on Tuesday 5 January 2016, all the papers and reports are available at the Broadland website. The Council meeting schedule for Thursday 28 January 2016 was cancelled due to lack of business. The next full Council meeting will held on Thursday 25 February 2016 starting at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Thorpe Lodge, Yarmouth Road.

It's been a quiet month with few significant elements to report that effect the Plumsteads.

Triangle Land West of Thorpe End Garden Village

Broadland has now completed the purchase this small piece of land. This will enable the delivery of another section of the proposed Link Road. It is likely that Broadland will try to recover some of the costs by looking to see a development come forward of the remainder of the land. Whilst outside of our Parish (only just) it is important that the Parish Council considers how this may impact on the Conservation Area and existing homes on Heath Road.

Next Planning Committee – Wednesday 10 February 2016

- There is one item on the agenda for Plumsteads – 20151799 – Post Office, 65 Plumstead Road with a recommendation for approval.
- At the last Planning Committee Meeting, on 13 January 2016, there were no items determined for Plumsteads.

Planning Decisions - determined since last report

20151726	New Access (Kestrel)
Location	Hatherleigh House, Reeves Corner, Plumstead Road, Great Plumstead, NR13 5BY
Applicant	Kestrel Planning Officer: Mrs J Welton
Decision	Full Approval 13 January 2016

20152039	Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension and Front Porch
Location	Langlely, 6 Heath Road, Thorpe End, NR13 5BQ
Applicant	Mrs J Nudd Planning Officer: Mr P Baum
Decision	Full Approval 28 January 2016

20160029	Side and Front Single Storey Extension
Location	1 Grove Cottages, Low Road, Great Plumstead, NR13 5EB
Applicant	Mr Frazer Brooks Planning Officer: Mr P Baum
Decision	Full Approval 4 February 2016

For Information – Pending / Outstanding Planning Applications

20141851	Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 5 of Planning Permission 20090886 - Development of Sustainable Urban Expansion
Location	Land at Brook Farm & Laurel Farm, Green Lane, Thorpe St Andrew
Applicant	Lothbury Property Trust Company Limited Planning Officer: Mr B Burgess
Decision	8 December 2014 - Consultation until 31 December 2014 - OUTSTANDING

20151799	Conversion of Existing Dwelling to 2 No. Residential Flats, Modification of Existing Retail Unit and Erection of 2 No. Semi- Detached Houses
Location	65 Plumstead Road, Thorpe End, NR13 5AJ
Applicant	Mr Richard Lang Planning Officer: Mrs C Peel

Decision	9 November 2015 - Consultation until 2 December 2015 - "CALLED IN" Amended – Consultation until 30 December 2015 - "CALLED IN"
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20151962	First Floor Bedroom Extension and Single Storey Ground Floor Extension and Carport to Rear of Dwelling
Location	Great Plumstead Hall, Low Road, Great Plumstead, NR13 5ED
Applicant	Mr & Mrs J Davidson Planning Officer: Mrs C Peel
Decision	22 December 2015 - Consultation until 14 January 2016

0152040	Demolition of Existing Bungalow & Erection of New Dwelling (Revised Proposal)
Location	Smee Bungalow, Smee Lane, Great Plumstead, NR13 5AX
Applicant	Mr Carl Ketteringham Planning Officer: Mrs C Peel
Decision	29 December 2015 - Consultation until 21 January 2016

20160091	1. Demolition of existing single-storey side extension, rear conservatory and removal of chimney and chimney stack on North-east elevation. 2. Conversion of the existing loft space to provide additional accommodation with the addition of three dormer windows to the front elevation. 3. Erection of two-storey side extension and two-storey rear extension. 4. Erection of detached garage and detached carport. 5. Render the existing property.
Location	Garth En Wold, 36 Woodland Drive, Thorpe End, NR13 5BH
Applicant	Mr Dennis Bean Planning Officer: Mrs C Peel
Decision	20 January 2016 - Consultation until 12 February 2016

Shaun Vincent

5 February 2016 Broadland District Council

110216 NDR– Following a large number of concerns being expressed regarding the situation at the start of the NDR work, Councillor Mackie had called an emergency meeting of the NDR Team and Councillors Johnson, Cawdron Mr Alf Townly and the Clerk all attended. The Team did agree that there had been issues and apologised for the poor start in communications. They agreed that throughout the works they would not close two roads at the same time. as had been planned with the major closure of Middle Road for nearly 18 months and the closure of Plumstead Road. In future they would contact the Parish on Diversion routes and improvements will be made to the signage. Temporary speed limits are being considered for the Reeves corner junction, which is considered highly dangerous. The Team were also asked to look at the flooding issues in the Parish particularly on Hare Road, which will become a major route once Middle Road is closed. They will also be looking at the bus routes. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis and a public notice will be placed in the EDP every second Wednesday to keep the public informed of the works. The NDR team are looking at the footpath on the North side of Plumstead Road in the hope that they might be able to bring this work forward. The TROD is still under discussion and Chris Mayes is looking at funding issues for this work. It was confirmed that Broadland District Council had purchased the triangle piece of land behind Heath Road, which is likely to form part of the link road together with development.

120216 WEBSITE- Councillor Heath confirmed that work is on- going and it is hoped that Innershed will produce a basic format for discussion before the next meeting. 50% of the cost has been paid and the Chairman thanked Councillor Heath for his continued work on this project.

130216 PARISH NEWS ITEMS - prepared by Councillor Cawdron –

The Meeting on a wet, dark, cold & galey evening. Cllr J. Wiley in the chair.
Summary scratchings by Cllr Cawdron. Notes only, not minutes.

Q's from the Floor. Complaint about footpath conditions and cuttings residue Little Plumstead. Destroyed grit bin to be removed by Rangers when next in area. (Obsolete as road is now on gritting route).

Matters arising. Hedge cutting to Great Plumstead playing field now deferred. To Autumn. The Oak tree safety works at Great Plumstead had been ordered.

Little Plumstead village sign repair targeted for the better spring conditions. Sandhole Lane; details of lease required the area to be kept as an open area with no fencing or sublet or assignment. Bees would require barriers and allotments are an assignment/sublet, so change would not appear possible.

Chairman's Items. The Parish Web site upgrade was now in progress.

Happisburgh Athletic football team had requested possibility of Saturday games as their pitch was repeatedly unplayable. Discussion would and could continue. Parish Council supportive. Glades New Build and open areas. Ambition is that finance should be available for maintenance.

School Fair: Great Plumstead Village Hall. Monday 2nd May, May Day.

Police Report: as part of cost cutting, the report will no longer be provided to the Parishes as a further contribution to the the undetected offences. To find, go to www.norfolkpolice.uk. It is noted that in December 2015 there was a rise in violence and sexual offences (Little Plumstead and Dussingdale)

Financial items. The normal items of cost, wages and invoices were approved and cleared.

Website advance payment had been made. Money transfer to current account required to meet projected invoices.

County Council. Cllr. Ian Mackie. The Policy and Resources Committee had met with many of the proposed cuts now rescinded. This would however mean that the 2% increase to Council Tax for adult social care would be applied and that the allowable additional 1.9% increase was also likely. Final debate on the 10th March at 18.30 County Hall.

The Councillor has followed up on potential Trod improvements with approx.. budgets ranging between £90 to £140 thousand. He was also considering a possible appointment to the Academy of Thorpe St Andrew High School.

District Council. Cllr. Vincent (apols) written report for the period noting next BDC Meetings and an update on the planning applications. The Planning Officer had apparently concurred with the application for Thorpe End Post Office despite concerns expressed by Residents and Parish. The 'conservation area status' of the Village did not seem to be being upheld & Neighbourhood Plan issues were a particular point of worry. Council to re ask the question.

The 'principle' of the property upgrade was not felt to be an issue.

Parish Council. Parish News: it was noted that Community Events cannot be cost exempt as production costs continue to rise and there were worries that it is becoming difficult to maintain the Magazine, despite all the voluntary work on distribution. Parish Council were fully supportive of the Magazine for the Community. Parish were also considering an extension of the footpath to include the TEGV Village Hall as part of NDR works.

NDR Liaison Group. Residents can sign up for news and progress reports via a new NCC website norwich.transport@norfolk.gov.uk.

Residents are now requested to use this site rather than referring back to the clerk of the council. The liaison group has met NCC and managed to raise concerns about multiple coincident road closures, safety issues at Reeves corner and flooding particularly at Hare Road. Please note the major **closure of Plumstead Road from 22nd February to 10th March 2016. Bus diversions to 51 and 53 services will be required.** Another major point was to avoid road closures with no apparent action taking place. Note advance notices of road activity to the EDP every second Wednesday of the month.

150216 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Next Meeting Parish Council. Will be held at 7.00pm Monday 14th March 2016 at Great Plumstead Village Hall Please endeavour to attend your Parish Council meetings and get involved. Your participation will assist and shape the future of our Parish and the wider community.