

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
ARCHIVE MINUTE BOOKS
2005-2006

Minutes of special meeting called to look at Planning Applications
(held at Freethorpe Methodist Church Hall on 8th April 2005 at 7.00.p.m.)

Apology received from Mrs. Janet Church.

Present: Nick Spencer (presiding), David Lake, Linda Turner, Paul Bacon,
Andrew Garner, Tree Warden (Joy Brock), 3 Parishioners and the clerk.

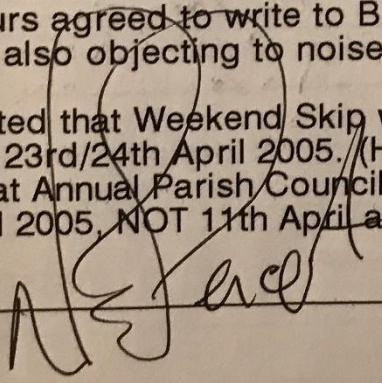
Following Planning Applications were looked at -

1. Outbuildings Conversion to dwelling at Manor Farm, Freethorpe -
Mr. & Mrs. M.K.Smith. Supported.

2. Demolition of "The Chestnuts", Low Road, Wickhampton and building of
replacement dwelling. Neighbours objecting. Parish Council informed
B.D.C. that too few details had been supplied re -mature trees on site,
materials to be used for new dwelling, and concern to be expressed re
demolition of existing building affecting character of area, also neighbours'
concerns about noise levels etc. if demolition takes place.
Neighbours agreed to write to B.D.C. suggesting re-siting of replacement
dwelling, also objecting to noise etc. of demolition work.

Clerk stated that Weekend Skip will be placed at Village Hall Car Park on
weekend 23rd/24th April 2005. (Household refuse only)

Noted that Annual Parish Council/Parish Meeting will be held on Monday,
18th April 2005, NOT 11th April as stated in Yarmouth Mercury notes.

 (signed) 18/4/05 (date).

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall
On Monday, 18th April 2005 at 8.00.p.m.

Present – Nick Spencer [presiding], 7 Parish Councillors [including Andrew Garner who had been unavoidably delayed], Brian Iles [County and District Councillor] Tree warden Joy Brock, Community Police officer Mark Askew, Freethorpe School Headmistress [Rachel Quick], Freethorpe School Secretary [Alex], Stephen Smith, Marcus Smith and David Grint [Freethorpe Football Club], Freda Pipes [Walpole Almshouse Charity] Christine Homes [First Responders] , 2 parishioners and the clerk.

1. Minutes of previous Parish Meeting were read and signed as a true record.
2. No matters arising.
3. REPORTS were presented by
Christine Homes [First Responders]
P.C. Mark Askew.
Freethorpe School Secretary [Alex] reading Miss Quick's report.
Chairman of Freethorpe Parish Council [Nick Spencer]
Janet Church [Freethorpe Village Hall & Playing Field Committee Chair person]
Stephen Smith –presentation for Freethorpe Football Club.
Freda Pipes [Walpole Almshouse Charity]
Brian Iles [Norfolk County Council and Broadland District Council]
Questions by parishioners re affordable housing projects, especially re sites for building, but no information was disclosed. [Where available copies of some reports are in Minute Book]
4. Appointment of representative to Playing Field & Village Hall Committee
Prop. N. Spencer, Sec. Janet Church that Linda Turner be re-appointed.
All in favour.
5. Andrew Garner wished to have placed on record his appreciation of all the support he had received following accident in October 2004.

N. Spencer
18/4/05
2005

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council
Held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 18th April 2005 at 7.30.p.m.

Present – Nick Spencer, David Lake, Janet Church, Michael Blake, Linda Turner, Paul Bacon, Tree warden Joy Brock, 5 parishioners and the clerk.

Clerk invited nominations for Chair person for coming year.

Proposed by David Lake, Sec. by Michael Blake that Nick Spencer be re-elected. All in favour, and Nick presided over meeting from this point.

Appointment of Vice-chairman – Prop. N.Spencer, Sec. Paul Bacon that David Lake be re-elected – all in favour.

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer – prop. Janet Church, sec. N.Spencer that Edith Moll be re-elected. [salary agreed at January meeting -£700.00 plus expenses [postage etc.] All in favour.

Internal auditor – Prop. J.Church, Sec. L. Turner that Gillian Brown be asked to continue –salary of £20.00 per annum.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising: Nick Spencer had been informed by Highways Dept. that P.C. are not allowed to erect sign at Halvergate Road on land owned by N.C.C., but could do on privately owned land [by consent of owner].
Decided to shelve matter for the present.
Floodlights at Playing Field – David Lake said that with light nights there is no problem at the moment.
Skip will be placed at Village Hall Car Park weekend of 23/24 April [for household refuse only]
Letter had been received from B.D.C. re P.C. comments on Planning Application for demolition and re-building at The Chestnuts, Wickhampton. It was noted that earlier application had been for repairs & extensions only.
3. Finance matters to be dealt with at the May meeting.
4. Planning – no further applications, but noted that B.D.C. had refused permission for conservatory at 49, Chapelfield, for Mr. & Mrs. Tinsey.
5. A.O.B. Noted that new bus service from 1st May 2005 service 29, Acle, Brundall, Wroxham. Letter received re lack of support for other Service to Gt. Yarmouth. [notices, timetable, to be placed on notice board]
6. Next meeting –Village Hall –Monday, 16th May 2005 at 7.30.p.m.
With first 10 minutes for public participation.

N Spencer
16/17 May 2005

Minutes of Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 16th May 2005 at 7.30.p.m.

Apologies received from Paul Bacon, Brian Iles and P.C. Mark Askew.

Present – Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Andrew Garner, Michael Blake, 3 parishioners and the clerk.

There were no matters raised during the first ten minutes set aside for public participation.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a correct record.
2. Matters arising – dealt with under other headings.
3. Planning – Chairman read letter from Eastern Area Planning Officer re need to change positioning of house to replace “The Chestnuts”, Wickhampton. Noted that earlier application for extensions had been approved by B.D.C. Letter and plan re Tree Preservation Orders on trees at Wickhampton were perused by councillors. Chairman to speak to Mr. Harris [Planning Officer at B.D.C.]
Clerk had received details of Drainage Scheme to be implemented from September 2005 along Chapelfield [stage 1] and then The Common. [Contractors Matt Macdonald]. Janet Church had also had talks with N.C.C. with regard to use of land adjoining Chapelfield. She was very concerned about suggested siting of a lagoon at this point. Andrew Garner queried whether the one soakaway shown on the plan at junction of Old Chapel Road with The Common and Chapelfield would prove to be sufficient to drain the whole length from Top Common to the Blacksmith’s Shop Corner. [Edith to contact Brian Iles]
Letter had been received from B.D.C. re naming of new development off Old Chapel Road [no indication yet as to suggested name by developers for consideration by the Parish Council]
4. Finance Payments were authorized as follows – Allianz Cornhill Insurance – £691.34, Freethorpe 1st Responders £500.00, NCAPTC £140.84, Mrs. E.A. Moll £715.72, Freethorpe Methodist Church Council £200.00, Freethorpe Churchyard Fund £200.00, Wickhampton Churchyard Fund £200.00
Clerk reported that B.D.C. had transferred sum of £284.42 to P.C. account in respect of glass for recycling.
5. Any other business – Chairman had spoken to B.D.C. re possibility of the Parish Council as nominal owners applying for planning permission re alterations at the Village Hall as required by the Football Club for their new scheme. B.D.C. said that this would be in order, and P.C. voted unanimously to make the application [with fee reimbursed by the Football Club]
David Lake said that road names at Wickhampton need renewing – Low Road [disappeared] and Church Road [faded badly]
Clerk was asked to press N.C.C. Highways Dept [contact George Taylor] re verge cutting. Week beginning 23rd May has been designated as “Walk to school week”, and overgrown banks will again this year make a hazard especially for children from Wickhampton. Clerk to ask for priority trimming for Wickhampton, Palmer’s Lane, Callow Pit Corner, and to speak again to Brian Iles re change of priority for traffic at Callow Pit Corner, Southwood.
Various booklets were distributed, and noted that Police Mobile Van will visit Freethorpe Village Hall car park on Wednesdays, 25th May and 22nd June.
There will be an opportunity for clerks and Parish Councillors to visit the Norfolk Records Office to see Parish records etc. [the Chairman has details of dates etc.]
6. Next meeting – Monday, 13th June 2005 – 7.30p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall with first 10 minutes reserved for public participation.

Spencer
13 June 2005

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall
on Monday, 13th June 2005 at 7.30p.m.

Apologies received from Janet Church and P.C. Mark Askew.

Present – Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Paul Bacon, Andrew Garner, Linda Turner, Brian Iles [County and District Councillor], Tree Warden [Joy Brock], two parishioners and the clerk.

First ten minutes reserved for public participation – no matters were raised by members of the public, but Brian Iles gave his report on following three subjects :-

a. Proposed drainage scheme for Chapelfield and The Common – Parish Council had expressed concern re only one outlet at Chapelfield for the whole length of The Common and Chapelfield. Mr. Iles said that he will question this especially bearing in mind the volume of water along this stretch of road during periods of heavy rainfall.

b. Wherry Housing planning proposals to demolish 2 Area houses on Sutton Crescent [Nos. 2 & 4], and erect 7 terrace houses [2 and 3 bedroomed] He noted that the Parish Council has not requested need for such development, and that it appeared to be against B.D.C. planning policies. Such a development would alter the character of the village, and houses would not necessarily be allocated to local people.

c. Re application by Freethorpe Football Club to B.D.C. – a sum of £20,000.00 has been earmarked, provided the Football Club can provide written proof of money being promised from other sources within a given time scale. [Andrew Garner will deal with this matter]

1. MINUTES had been circulated, and were signed as a true account.

2. MATTERS ARISING – clerk read reply to letter re Walk to School week, but since this is a national event the N.C.C. suggested that it is a matter for Freethorpe School to set a date which is acceptable. School governors among the Councillors were asked to take note of this.

3. PLANNING – councillors and members of the public examined plans for demolition of two houses at Sutton Crescent, and erection of 7 terrace houses. P.C. objected strongly on grounds that such a development would alter the character of the village, that it would constitute over-development, that councillors believe this proposal to be contrary to B.D.C. planning policies HOU9 and HOU10, that proposal alters existing building line. There is also concern about fact that proposed service road would lead to further development. Noted that neighbours at 1 and 3, Sutton Crescent had contacted B.D.C. Planning department.

4. FINANCE – clerk reported that a payment of £79.95 had been received from N.C.C. re paper for recycling.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – N.C.C. had informed the clerk of temporary Road closure affecting the C875 Reedham Road from the Freethorpe Road C434 to the C431 Porters Road because of drainage work from 25th July to 8th August 2005. Chairman completed form re change from coins to cards at Payphone, The Green, Freethorpe. It was noted that road name sign at Sutton Crescent is in need of repairs. Some pot-holes at Lower Green [Parish Church area].

Date of next meeting – Monday, 18th July 2005 at 7.30.p.m. –Village Hall.

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Minutes of Planning Meeting held at Freethorpe Methodist Church Hall
On Friday, 8th July 2005 at 6.30.p.m.

Apology received from Michael Blake and Joy Brock [Tree Warden]

Present Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Paul Bacon, 4 parishioners, Mr. & Mrs. Small [applicants], and the clerk.

During first ten minutes for public participation, Mr. & Mrs. Small - the applicants for planning permission to demolish "The Chestnuts". Low Road, Wickhampton and build new dwelling on site - spoke about their talks with Nigel Harriss and Tree Officer at B.D.C. who had agreed with the new plans which had been submitted.

Several neighbours spoke about their concerns re conservation of trees, colour and type of materials to be used etc.

It was noted that the Tree Warden had been in touch with B.D.C., and had been assured that they are happy with new plans in relation to trees.

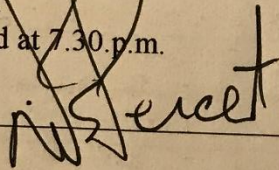
Parish Council agreed to support application, but to note that there are still concerns among themselves and neighbours/parishioners 1. over colour and material type to be used in the construction [especially roof type and colour] 2. Parish Council would like confirmation from B.D.C. Tree Officer of the acceptance of the building's location specifically relating to the existing trees. 3. the existing outbuilding foundations and their proximity to existing trees are of concern due to potential damage to trees when demolition work is carried out.

Clerk reported complaint received from Mrs. Maureen Frost of Preston Close, Freethorpe, re overgrown hedge owned by Mark Webster which is blocking light from gardens at Preston Close. David Lake had obtained relevant literature from B.D.C., these to be passed on to Mrs. Frost.

N.R.Powell Developers had suggested Homestead ^{Way} ~~Close~~ and Prospect Close as names for new development off Old Chapel Road - councillors to discuss matter at meeting on 18th July 2005.

Meeting closed at 7.30.p.m.

Signed



DATE

18th July 05.

Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council
Held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 18th July 2005 at 7.30.p.m.

Present – Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Andrew Garner, Michael Blake, Paul Bacon, Tree Warden [Joy Brock], Brian Iles [County and District Councillor], P.C.Mark Askew, 4 parishioners and the clerk.

First ten minutes for public participation – there were no matters raised.

Report by Brian Iles – Speeding in parish -Mr. Iles had spoken to N.C.C. who had conducted survey and results shows no need for special measures, but Norfolk Constabulary will be informed of concerns. Drainage scheme –contractors have not yet decided on plan for water disposal [clerk had been asked about ownership of Pond at Manor Farmyard]. Planning application for 7 terraced houses at Sutton Crescent - Highways Dept. are not happy with regard to extra traffic on Palmer's Lane and The Green. Football Club -grants committee would like to see Halvergate & Freethorpe cooperating – sharing facilities, pooling resources etc. –some councillors pointed out that due to old rivalries between the two, this would seem to be most unlikely.

P.C.Mark Askew reported on crime in the Broadland Sector – only 2 reported in Freethorpe, but he asked for vigilance and reporting to Police any suspicious movements.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a correct record.
2. Matters arising – Clerk had passed on literature to Maureen Frost re overgrown hedge at Preston Close.
Suggested names for new development off Old Chapel Road – prop. D.Lake, Sec. J.Church – Walpole Close and Fisher's Way. All in favour – Developers to be advised of these suggestions.
3. Planning – no further applications.
4. Finance – Councillors studied copies of accounts for y/e 31.3.05. These were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.
5. A.O.B. Declaration of interests – annual forms were signed.
3rd August 2005 – meeting at Costessey [re-cycling] –Michael Blake and the Chairman hope to attend.

Letter from Archdeacon of Norfolk re European grant for sharing heritage of Mediaeval Churches [Janet Church looking into this]

Clerk asked to report missing 30 m.p.h. signs on Halvergate Road, wrong information on sign-post at Blacksmith's Shop Corner, and to send letters to Anna Raistrick and Occupier of "Vinings" re overgrown hedges.

Mention was made of DEFRA information re Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act.

Janet Church reported on position re Licensing at the Village Hall.

Letter from NAPTC re Affordable Housing – Chairman will follow this up.

Janet also mentioned danger of children trespassing on area at Irrigation Reservoir, Lower Green, Freethorpe.

Next Meeting at Freethorpe Village Hall – Monday, 15th August 2005 at 7.30p.m. with first 10 minutes for public participation.

Nick Spencer
15th Aug 05

Minutes of Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council
Held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 15th August 2005 at 7.30p.m.

Apology received from P.C. Mark Askew.

PRESENT – Nick Spencer [presiding], Janet Church, Michael Blake, Linda Turner, Paul Bacon, Andrew Garner, Brian Iles [District and County Councillor], Tree Warden Joy Brock, 3 Parishioners and the clerk.

First 10 minutes for public participation – Stephen Smith gave a report regarding Freethorpe Football Club who now have 8 Youth and 2 Adult teams, and have been awarded Adult Charter Club of the Season for Norfolk and Eastern Region.

Various grants have been obtained for equipment, junior kit, safety goal posts etc. B.D.C. grant of £20,000.00 still leaves shortfall, are looking at different avenues and further applications will be made to various bodies including B.D.C. re money available from sale of Sports Village. Hoped to provide M.U.G.A. [multi use games arena] to include facilities for tennis, netball, basket ball, hockey as well as football. Parish councillors were invited to meeting on 22nd August 2005 at Village Hall. Chairman thanked Stephen for his report.

Brian Iles said that the Grants Planning Committee at B.D.C. are hoping for cooperation between Freethorpe and Halvergate Football Club officials, and Stephen agreed to arrange a meeting in September between the two groups and Brian Iles said that he will attend if at all possible.

Mr. Iles had been informed that the pond at Manor Farm [owned by Matthew Smith] will be used for disposal of water when drainage scheme is put into operation along Chapelfield and The Common. Clearing of blocks drains on The Green will mean that water will then flow from the pond and down The Green.

Mr. Iles reported that Wherry Housing will be investing locally money from sale of housing stock, and that he has a list of names of new Highways team at Aylsham if needed.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a correct record.
2. Matters arising - N.R. Powell Developers are not willing to accept road names suggested by Parish Council- Clerk to inform Sarah Clements at B.D.C. that Mr. Iles is dealing with this matter, as P.C. are not happy with names suggested by the developers.
Ms. Raistrick has trimmed the hedge as requested. No reply from "Vinings". Janet Church reported that Licensing at Village Hall remains as before.
3. Planning – no further applications, but clerk reported that Sutton Crescent Application has been withdrawn, and that "The Chestnuts" amended plans have been given full approval.
4. Finance - Statement completed re Audit and signed by Chairman and Clerk. Cheque [£20.00] signed for Gillian Brown [internal auditor]
5. A.O.B. – Noted that work is commencing on drainage scheme at Lower Green. Emergency Planning letter [retained by Chairman for perusal] Application to B.D.C. re extension at Village Hall was signed by the Chairman on behalf of Parish Council.
Clerk to report large hole at junction of Chapelfield and Old Chapel Rd.

and pothole near 30, The Green, Freethorpe.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, 19th September 2005 at 7.30p.m. Village Hall.

N. Spencer
19 Sep 2005

Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held at
Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 19th September 2005 at 7.30p.m.

Apologies received from Brian Iles, Janet Church and Joy Brock.

Present: Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Linda Turner, Paul Bacon, Andrew Garner, P.C. Mark Askew, 10 parishioners and the clerk.

First 10 minutes for public participation – Mrs. Rachel Read asked about plans for extension of Village Hall as she feared loss of view from her home on School Road. Chairman said he would explain position to her after the meeting.

Mrs. Read also said that almost every night [often from midnight to 2 a.m.] cars are speeding round Village Hall car park and causing a disturbance, and she has already reported this to the police. P.C. Mark Askew said that he will look into this.

Tess Southernwood said that same cars are going on to Wickhampton, and there were reports of attempts to get into parked cars.

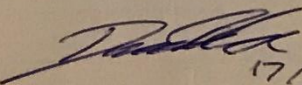
Wickhampton residents asked about 30 m.p.h. speed limit, and clerk to enquire again about this possibility, also Margaret Woodgate enquired about ownership of verge at Village Pond area, and clerk will contact Highways Dept. Concern expressed about speed of tractors along Low Road, Wickhampton.

Police report – P.C. Mark Askew reported that only 3 minor crimes had been committed in Freethorpe since July 2005 [burglary, missing key, credit card theft, taking car without owner's consent], but he urged vigilance especially by elderly people who are the most vulnerable. Mark was thanked by the Chairman.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true account.
2. Matters arising – Brian Iles had told the clerk that he had talked with B.D.C. Planning officer re naming of roads at new development off Old Chapel Rd., and position is that if developers and Parish Council fail to agree on names, the B.D.C. will decide. Mr. Iles had talked with Stephen Smith and hopes to attend meeting between representatives of Halvergate and Freethorpe Football Clubs. Following this B.D.C. are planning a site visit to assess possibility of some shared facilities.

It was noted that N.C.C. Highways Dept. have done a temporary repair on hole at junction of The Common and Old Chapel Rd., but already road is sinking. Clerk to report this and fact that pothole near 30, The Green, Freethorpe has not been repaired, and 30 m.p.h. signs are still missing from Halvergate Road.

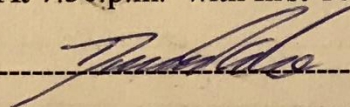
3. Planning - application by Miss N. Crawford for replacement dwelling at "Sunnyside", Wickhampton. P.C. objected on grounds that this is not in accordance with the Local plan which states that no building will be allowed in Wickhampton except where a dwelling is demolished and a replacement is erected. Plans in this instance show that "Sunnyside" will remain intact, and new dwelling would be built on the site of a small building also on plot. Local residents are convinced that this small building has never been used as a dwelling, so this was further grounds for objecting to development. [late information to clerk that building was actually an old wash-house – hence the chimney which would have been for smoke from copper]


17/10/05

The Chairman had received from David Grint a copy of B.D.C. information re planning application for Village Hall extension. [on Chairman's file]

4. FINANCE – there were no financial transactions.
5. A.O.B. Clerk gave date for Annual Parish/Town Council meeting at Thorpe Lodge, councillors to contact the clerk in next week if they wish to attend. Question was asked about grants to Parish Churches, and it was noted that Janet Church has the relevant literature.
Clerk was asked to report to Highways Dept. water seeping through carriageway near Thatched Cottages, Church Road, Wickhampton and which is causing bad smell.
Nominations for award for Voluntary Workers in the Community –
Two nominations were made 1. Margaret and Owen Woodgate.
and 2. Christine Homes and Robert Driscoll of Freethorpe First Responders.
Clerk to telephone Mike Crump with date of next meeting when it is hoped that he will give a presentation re affordable housing.

Next Meeting at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 17th October 2005
At 7.30.p.m. with first 10 minutes for public participation.

 SIGNED 17/10/05 DATE.

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 17th October 2005
At Freethorpe Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

Present – David Lake [presiding], Janet Church, Linda Turner, Paul Bacon, Brian Iles [County and District Councillor], eight parishioners and the clerk. APOLOGIES received from Nick Spencer, Andrew Garner and P.C. Mark Askew.

FIRST TEN MINUTES reserved for public participation – clerk had copy of letter sent to B.D.C. re Planning Application no. 20051078 [extension to Village Hall] by Mr. S. Rhoden and Ms T. Bowles, 1 School Road, Freethorpe. Mr. Rhoden and Mr. Read of 3, School Road, both objected to planned extension, and were even more concerned about drug problem, under-age drinking and smoking at the Village Hall Car Park, also speed of cars in the area [hazard for children and noise nuisance]. Mr. Read was grateful for visit from P.C. Mark Askew following previous P.C. meeting, but felt strongly that there are other measures which could be taken – e.g. barriers, C.C.T.V. cameras, speed bumps etc. – Janet Church will pass on these suggestions to Village Hall & Playing Field Committee, also fact that Messrs. Read and Rhoden are willing to unlock barriers early in mornings] Clerk to write to Norfolk Constabulary reporting problems causing concern.

Stephen Smith gave an update re Freethorpe Football Club – application to Barclays' Space for Sport had reached second stage so are hopeful of being considered for grant. Representative from Sport England is visiting shortly. One meeting has taken place between Halvergate and Freethorpe Football Clubs' representatives, and another is planned. P.C. grant of £2,000 would be appreciated at an early date.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S report was given by Mr. Iles, who said that the Wherry Housing project at Palmer's Lane has been refused due to unsuitable road conditions for extra traffic. He also spoke about traffic speeding in the village, and mentioned new type of flashing lights which can be operated at peak times.

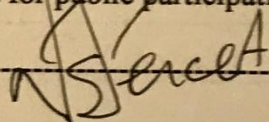
1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising – clerk had received reply from N.C.C. re highway problems – pot-holes had been dealt with, 30 m.p.h. signs on Halvergate Road are receiving attention, and Wickhampton drain problem on Church Road has been corrected [Mr. Grist wished to put on record thanks to N.C.C. for dealing with this problem following help from Mr. Adcock re Drain] Map had been received from N.C.C. re land next the Pond at Wickhampton, and information that strip of land measuring 2.5 metres from edge of highway belongs to N.C.C. David will contact. Noted that application re "Sunnyside", Wickhampton had been refused. Janet Church will talk to the Archdeacon of Norfolk re Churches opening. Mike Crump was unable to attend meeting, but to be notified of date of November meeting when he hopes to make presentation re affordable housing.
3. Planning – P.C. supported application by Mr. & Mrs. K. Colman for Garage with over space at Old Vicarage, Freethorpe. Mr. Grist said he had been surprised at lack of monitoring of work at "The Chestnute", Wickhampton – copies of E mails etc. placed on file.

Accepted
17 Nov 2005

4. Finance – cheque was signed for CPRE ann. Sub. - £25.00
5. A.O.B. N.C.C. had sent notice re closure of road from Blacksmith's Shop Corner to junction with Old Chapel Road, Freethorpe from 10th October to 6th January 2006 for the duration of work relating to Drainage Scheme. Concern had been expressed re Bus stop for Acle school pupils which is at junction of Chapelfield and The Green – this is a traffic hazard since the large number of children waiting at this point obscures view of drivers turning from Chapelfield to Reedham Road or The Green. Letter to be sent to Acle School to this effect, and asking that bus stop be sited further down the Green if at all possible.
Shelroy Trust at Brundall again offered Christmas hampers for needy people in the Parish – Councillors to inform the clerk by 24th October if they wish to suggest names.
B.D.C. to be informed that Nick Spencer and Janet Church are willing to attend a meeting to talk about names for new development at Old Chapel Road, Freethorpe.
Visitor from B.D.C. re Youth activities to be discussed at next meeting.

Next meeting – Monday, 14th November 2005 at 7.30.p.m.
At Freethorpe Village Hall. [Presentation by Mike Crump, and then
Time reserved for public participation]

SIGNED



DATE

14th Nov 2005.

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall
On Monday, 14th November 2005 at 7.30p.m.**

Present – Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, Andrew Garner, Paul Bacon, Brian Iles [District and County Councillor, Mike Cramp [of Norfolk Rural Community Council], representative from Broadland District Council, 4 Parishioners and the clerk.
Apology received from P.C. Mark Askew.

Meeting opened with a presentation by Mike Cramp re Affordable Housing.

Following points were made [some in answer to questions] 1. Need for affordable housing has come about through steep rises in house prices. 2. Schemes to provide Affordable housing [some for renting, some for shared ownership] are run by Housing Associations and not for profit. 3. These are offered first to local people.

4. Need is assessed by survey to every house, and report then given to Parish Council.

5. Suitable land can be outside present building line for Parish

B.D.C. representative confirmed that all housing on such sites would be for local needs.

Mr. Cramp was thanked by the Chairman. [Clerk to ask Mr. Cramp to arrange survey]

Brian Iles gave his report which included more information about affordable housing including explanation of reasons for shortfall of such accommodation in rural areas.

Mr. Iles had contacted Norfolk Constabulary re concern over drug dealing at Freethorpe Village Hall Car Park, and he reported on position re Halvergate and Freethorpe Football Clubs' application for grants and possible shared facilities. He also spoke about the need for economies in Council budgets, and delay in starting work on the Drainage Scheme for Chapelfield and The Common, Freethorpe.

In time for public participation, Ruth Bacon mentioned black Labrador dog running loose on fields near her house and along The Common – mention to be made in Y. Mercury. POLICE REPORT from P.C. Mark Askew was read by Nick Spencer. There had been a number of burglaries in the area, and householders were urged to be vigilant and to report matters of concern to the Police.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising – David Lake had ascertained that land near Village Pond at Wickhampton is owned by N.C.C Highways Dept. – still in contact re posts or similar. B.D.C. had written re compromise over street naming of new development roads off Old Chapel Road – developers had not replied to letter. B.D.C. suggesting something like Walpole Prospect.

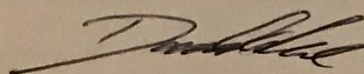
Question of 30 m.p.h. speed limit at Wickhampton to be put on list for 2006/7.

Noted that missing 30 m.p.h. signs at Halvergate Road have not yet been replaced.

3. Planning – approval had been granted for Freethorpe Village Hall extension, Garage with overhead space at The Old Vicarage, and Tree Preservation Order had been received for trees at The Old Rectory and "The Chestnuts", Wickhampton.

P.C. examined plans for extension at 73, The Green, Freethorpe for Mr. & Mrs. T. Meale [listed building] – supported application.

4. FINANCE - cheques were signed for Poppy Appeal [Royal British Legion] £18.75 and for Freethorpe Football Club - £2,000.00



5. Any other business – Janet Church asked question about copies of New Local Plan, and councillors' copy was handed to her, then to be passed on to others.

Concern was expressed about accident which had occurred on The Green, Freethorpe last Friday morning [11.11.05] when a young boy had been injured and taken to hospital. View was expressed that parked vehicles were a contributory factor. Chairman to check details of Planning permission for office extension at The Garage, The Green, Freethorpe.

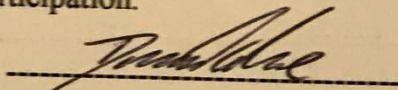
Mr. Iles spoke about flashing lights as being a good safety measure, and said that these are now available at reasonable cost to P.C. [being considered at Beighton]

Parish Council Elections will take place in 2007, not as planned, due to new arrangements.

Norfolk Matters and other leaflets etc. were distributed.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, 12th December 2005 at 7.30p.m.

At Freethorpe Village Hall with first 10 minutes reserved for public participation.



12/12/05.

**Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council
held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 12.12.05 -7.30p.m.**

Present – David Lake [presiding], Linda Turner, Paul Bacon, Michael Blake, Janet Church, Andrew Garner, Brian Iles [County & District Councillor], 6 parishioners and the clerk.

Apologies received from Nick Spencer and P.C.Mark Askew.

No matters were raised in the first ten minutes for public participation. Brian Iles gave his report in which he said that the N.C.C. budget is still being discussed. He is pleased that drainage scheme work is under way. It is still hoped that Freethorpe and Halvergate Football Clubs will co-operate in the matter of grants etc. Mr. Iles had contacted high officials in Norfolk Constabulary re problems with drugs etc. at Freethorpe Village Hall Car Park.

Mrs. Rachel Read then asked questions re barriers at Village Hall Car Park and other matters which were brought up at Village Hall & Playing Field Committee meeting – Brian Carr said he would inform Mrs. Read of date of next such meeting.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising – reply from N.C.C. re flashing lights following recent accident to child on The Green stated that on record of accidents no grant would be available from N.C.C for these. Cost likely to be £3,000 plus connection to mains. P.C. decided to enquire about “Think” road safety signs, also Michael Blake suggested and all agreed that we should make enquiries about any other options including lights to be activated by Schools Crossing Patrol.

Noted that 30 m.p.h. sign has not been replaced at Halvergate Road.

- 3 Planning – Parish councillors supported in principle plans for a replacement dwelling at “Sunnyside”, Wickhampton, but said that after great concern by villagers over use of materials for “Rona”, it did not seem appropriate to use these as a pattern for the new dwelling.

4. Finance – Audit had been completed [no problems], and Councillors examined report. Cheque signed for Audit Commission For £141.00 [audit charges]. Payment had been made by Broadland District Council for glass to be recycled [£447.72]. Janet Church suggested note in Yarmouth Mercury about use of paper bank at Village Hall.

5. A.O.B. – The Police Report was read by David Lake – no Crimes reported in past month.

Janet Church asked that “NO GOLF” sign be placed at the Playing Field.

Next meeting - Monday, 16th January 2006 at 7.30p.m.
[when precept for coming year will be decided]

Michael Blake
16th JAN
2006

Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council Held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 16th Jan. 2006.

Present – Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, Paul Bacon, P.C. Mark Askew, Police Community Support Officer Russell Oldham [Wally], Tree Warden Joy Brock, 4 parishioners and the clerk.

No matters were raised in the first 10 minutes set aside for public participation. POLICE REPORT was given by Mark Askew who reported that during the period since last meeting a total of 76 crimes had been committed in the Broadland Sector – these included only one of criminal damage in Freethorpe and two stack fires at Halvergate and Lingwood.

1. Minutes of previous meeting had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising – N.C.C. to be reminded about 30 m.p.h. sign on Halvergate Road & sign-post at Porter's Road junction both needing attention.
3. Planning – following applications were all supported by P.C.
 1. side & rear extensions at 8 Old Chapel Road [Mr. & Mrs. Lee]
 2. extensions & alterations at 4 Granary Close [Mr. M. Tyson]
 3. single storey extension to dwelling under construction at Plot 11, Homestead Park Development – Mr. & Mrs. D.T. Grint.
4. Finance – Budget for 2006/7 was discussed. Report by Stephen Smith Re Freethorpe Football Club was read by the Chairman.
Request by Linda Turner from Village Hall & Playing Field Committee for grant towards re-wiring of Village Hall.
Prop. Michael Blake, Sec. Nick Spencer that donation towards cemeteries for 2006/7 be £250.00 each. All in favour.
Clerk to ask Christine Homes for a report on Freethorpe 1st Responders in order to gauge need for or amount of grant for 2006/7
Prop. Nick Spencer, Sec. Michael Blake that precept be set at £5,000.00 [as previous year]. All in favour. Amounts of grants to be decided at next meeting.
5. Clerk read letter from B.D.C. re naming of road at new development off Old Chapel Road. B.D.C. propose that in view of refusal of developer to cooperate over naming, they will proceed with Walpole Prospect. Clerk to inform B.D.C. that P.C. will grudgingly accept this, although consider that because of developer's refusal to discuss matter he has, by default, given up the right to have a say in this naming. Noted that there were originally two road names in question.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, 13th February 2006 7.30p.m.
at Freethorpe Village Hall.

N. Spencer
13 Feb 06

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
FREETHORPE VILLAGE HALL at 7.30p.m. on 13.2.06

APOLOGY received from P.C. Mark Askew.

PRESENT – Nick Spencer [presiding], David Lake, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, Paul Bacon, Councillor Brian Iles, Tree Warden Joy Brock, 4 parishioners and the clerk.

FIRST TEN MINUTES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Brian Carr asked whether any more information to hand re Affordable Housing. Clerk reported that Mike Cramp is bringing survey forms to her and should be available for distribution by Parish Councillors after next P.C. meeting.

Brian Iles reported that Wherry Housing have another scheme planned for Sutton Crescent, he will pass on any further information re Road Drainage Scheme, mentioned consultation re Cantley School and N.C.C. budget problems for 2006/7.

POLICE REPORT [sent by Mark Askew] was read by the Chairman – no reported crimes in Freethorpe since last meeting, but warning given about bogus callers and Church break-ins [to be reported to the Police]

1. Minutes had been circulated and were signed as true record.
2. Matters arising – Name has been decided for new development – B.D.C. thanked P.C. for agreeing to compromise with developers – Walpole Way and Prospect Way are the chosen names.

N.C.C. Highways Dept. have replaced 30 M.P.H. sign at Halvergate Road, and Sign Post at Porter's Road junction will be repaired shortly.

3. Finance – Clerk reported payment of £73.10 from N.C.C. for paper to be recycled. Report from Freethorpe First Responders was read by the clerk. Stephen Smith had informed that Sport England have made grant of £29,140.00 to Freethorpe Football Club. No figures available for re-wiring at Village Hall, so allocation of grants for 2006/7 could not be fixed.

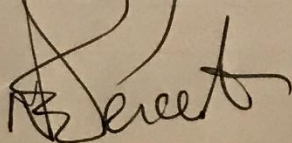
4. Planning – P.C. supported application by Mr. M. Fish for single storey rear extension at 11, Granary Close, Freethorpe. Clerk to telephone B.D.C. re verbal complaint from neighbour.

5. A.O.B. – complaint re overhanging branches on School Road to be dealt with by Playing Field Committee [Janet Church will inform].

Village Hall form completed – hall needed for 12 meetings, payment made in 2005 £660.00 [hire and grant] Clerk to complete consultation re Cantley School in accordance with wishes of Freethorpe School governors – i.e. status remains as before. Janet Church reported that 2 young people had been using Parish Church as a shelter – candles had been lit and electric fires used. Police to be made aware, and situation to be monitored. Clerk to report hole in road outside 36, The Green, Freethorpe. Tree warden asked that Mercury report to include request for someone to take on this work for the Parish. B.D.C. have appointed an Anti Social Behaviour Coordinator who has supplied Complaint Record Sheets which are available from the clerk. P.C. were informed about need to provide separate room at Village Hall for use of football referees [doors at Reedham Road end to be blocked up in order to make this possible]. Clerk gave dates of various meetings – no interest.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, 20th March 2006, 7.30p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall.

Signed



date.

20th MARCH 2006 -

Minutes of Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council
Held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 20th March 2006 at 7.30p.m.

Apologies received from Brian Iles and David Lake.

Present – Nick Spencer [presiding], Michael Blake, Janet Church, Paul Bacon, Linda Turner, Tree Warden Joy Brock, P.C. Mark Askew, 6 parishioners and the clerk.

First ten minutes reserved for public participation – Brian Carr asked question about Housing surveys and clerk reported that these had been received ready for distribution.

Police report was given by Mark Askew who had no crimes to report since last meeting. He was questioned about drug dealers etc., but there had been no further incidents reported to the Police.

Stephen Smith gave an update on Freethorpe Football Club activities. Multi Use Games Arena is now fully funded after receipt of grants from Sport England and Barclays Sport. Is a chance of further grant up to £20,000.00 from Barclays Development Fund. Freethorpe Community School is contributing to funding. He thanked Parish Council for their support, and asked whether it would be possible to have further £500.00 [already earmarked], and this request was granted and Stephen was thanked and congratulated by the Chairman on behalf of Parish Council.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a correct record.

2. Matters arising – Janet Church reported that overhanging branches of trees on School Road have been trimmed back. B.D.C. informed Clerk that developers wish to have name Prospect Close rather than Prospect Way [P.C. agreed with this], noted that sign-post at junction with Porter's Road has not yet been repaired.

3. Planning – councillors supported application by Mr. & Mrs. Small for replacement chimney, garage and conservatory at The Chestnuts, Wickhampton, but concern was expressed about damage to trees [this to be noted on reply to B.D.C.]

Clerk had heard from Mr. Iles that new application is being made by Wherry Housing with regard to Sutton Crescent – he suggested that it might be a good idea to get representatives from B.D.C. and Wherry Housing to attend P.C. meeting when matter is discussed – all agreed with this suggestion.

4. Finance – cheques signed for Freethorpe Village Hall [£750.00], Accident Rescue Service [£35.00], Norwich Citizens' Advice Bureau [£35.00] and Freethorpe Football Club [£500.00] One estimate for re-wiring Village Hall had been given to the clerk, but it is hoped that possibly two more estimates will be obtained by next meeting in order that P.C. can decide on amount of grant to make available for this and other bodies needing help.

5. A.O.B. – parishioner reported that drainage work at Church Road, Wickhampton has not been completed [4 gulleys had been promised] and cone still outside Thatched Farm, Wickhampton. This to be reported along with concerns over uneven surfaces on Chapelfield since drainage work has been carried out – an area measuring 20 ft. x 6 ft. outside 39, Chapelfield has subsided, this being aggravated by heavy plant movements. Highways Dept. to be asked about their future plans with regard to road surface.

Leaflets distributed, dates of meetings etc. Noted that local elections will take place on 31st May 2007.

Next meeting at Freethorpe Village Hall on Wednesday, 19th April 2006 - 7.30p.m.

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