

5. Correspondence:

- 5.1 Broadland District Council has sent details of the review of polling districts and polling places; to ensure that all voters have access to reasonable facilities for voting and that polling places are accessible to all voters. (Kit Cator declared a personal interest in the visitors centre and Maggie Manton declared a personal interest as a trustee of Ranworth Village Hall.) After some discussion it was agreed to ask BDC to review the suitability of Ranworth Village Hall to see if it should be reinstated as the polling centre for Ranworth.
- 5.2 The Broads Authority has invited councillors to attend the Planning Parish Forum on 28th September.
- 5.3 BDC has sent copies of the Site Allocations Development Plan Document. Woodbastwick, Ranworth and Panxworth are identified as part of the countryside and there will be no settlement limit, so no new houses will be built in the villages, apart from any proposed affordable housing, which could be considered on exception land. This was noted.
- 5.4 A request was received for a donation towards the cost of displaying an embroidered map which has been worked in memory of the late Brenda McFadyen. (Kit Cator declared a personal interest as his wife is a member of the sewing group.) The embroidery depicts the Broadside Benefice villages and is on display in the visitors centre at Ranworth. The cost of the framing and boxing was £400. After some discussion it was agreed, by a majority, to donate £50, subject to the financial situation being clarified but it was agreed that all future requests for retrospective donations would be considered on their own merits and that this did not set a precedent.
- 5.5 The AGM of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils will be held on 1st October.
- 5.6 The next meeting of the Broads Forum will be held at Acle Recreation Centre on 6th October at 2.00 p.m. Residents are welcome to attend.
- 5.7 The Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2011 has been signed by Mazars, the external auditors, without comment.
- 5.8 The Broads Authority has sent details of its consultation on the schedule of changes to the Development management Policies.
- 5.9 The Police sent details of six recorded crimes since the last meeting. The clerk was asked to find out if anybody has been stopped for speeding through Panxworth in the recent speed checks.

James Carswell (District and County Councillor) entered the room during this item. He was invited to give his report. He talked about the forthcoming Tour of Britain, which was coming to

Norfolk, work being done to protect work with post-16 young people and rural bus services. He explained that NCC was investigating the best way to use the funds obtained for better broadband in the county. At BDC, Phil Kirby is the new chief executive and the new leader is Andrew Proctor. The Joint Core Strategy has been challenged and taken to judicial review, and the Government is to review the plans for the Northern Distributor Route.

In answer to questions, James acknowledged the decommissioning of the emergency sirens was a cost-saving measure and he also said that NCC was fully aware of residents' concerns about vehicle speeds through Panxworth. He suggested that the Parish Council should consider setting up a petition and contacting Keith Simpson MP. He was asked to find out the results from the last speed count.

6. Financial Matters:

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Balance b/f at 14th July 2011	2,208.56
Receipts:	
NALC training grant	32.50
Cheques for Payment:	
P James – clerk's fee, less PAYE	192.50
Clerk's expenses	66.88
HMRC – PAYE September	24.00
HMRC – PAYE October	24.00
Jemco – bridleway signs	105.44
Catton Print – Council leaflet	15.00
Mazars – external audit fee	60.00
Acle PC – share of exps	14.83
SLCC – clerk's training fee	78.00
Nfk ALC – training	150.00
Woodbastwick Village Hall - hire of room x2	30.00
Balance c/f at 14th September 2011	1,480.41
Savings Account	<u>5,616.83</u>
Total Monies	<u>£7,097.24</u>

The above invoices were approved for payment.

7. Path from Panxworth to Sotshole in Ranworth:

As requested, the clerk sent Norfolk County Council the Application to modify the definitive map by adding a footpath/bridleway from Sotshole in Ranworth to Panxworth Church, via Cotenham Barn, and from this path to South Walsham Road, Panxworth, together with 21 evidence forms, an aerial photograph, a copy of an old map, pages from the Parish Council's minutes and pages of a book of walks for the area. Norfolk County Council has acknowledged the application.

The clerk also sent the required notification to the three landowners, Charles Cator, Simon & Aase Simpson and David Pooley.

Simon Simpson has written to state that his offer of a permissive path has been withdrawn.

Charles Cator asked that it be minuted that the Parish Council had turned down the permissive path option, but the councillors agreed that the option had not been turned down. Rather that as the proposed path included a section on the main road and as the landowners would be able to close a permissive path whenever they wanted, it had been agreed to apply for the path to be added as a public footpath as a preferred option.

A letter has been received from Nicholas Hancox, solicitor representing the landowners stating that no way on the land has ever been dedicated as a public highway and that people on this land have either been there with the owners' permission or as trespassers. The Modification Order will be resisted by the owners of the land.

Sue Hitchcock had obtained a copy of an older map and details of the sale particulars of the Ranworth Hall Estate, which included a plan and photographs, which will be sent to NCC as additional information.

8. Fairhaven Trust Land in Ranworth:

The Fairhaven Trust has given permission for the public bridleway sign to be erected on the Trust verge.

Louise Rout, manager, reported that the hedging along the gateway has survived the summer and is sprouting. Some holly plants will be added. The track will be used to access the land in the near future for some urgent tree work on the Trust land. Bracken bashing will also be carried out shortly.

9. Highways Matters:

1. A parish nameplate for Ranworth can be ordered for £352.74, to be sited at the boundary on Norton Hill. This was agreed.
2. NCC states that tourist signage is usually used for "attractions" and they feel that Ranworth is well signed from the B1140. The councillors felt that the church and staithe were "attractions" and that signposting would be useful.
3. NCC has stated that South Walsham Road in Panxworth will be resurfaced in the Spring, and will be patched until then.
4. NCC reported that coloured tarmac is no longer used as a speed reduction method because of the maintenance costs. "Gateways" are also no longer used to reduce speeds at villages because of ongoing maintenance costs. In the short term, NCC will provide some THINK! safety signing to encourage drivers to reduce speeds at the pinch points through the village. The councillors agreed to continue to press for a speed reduction through Panxworth.

5. NCC agreed to cut back the vegetation on the path to the church in Ranworth and this was done over the summer.
6. NCC has programmed work will be done on Norton Hill to restore the width.
7. Additional signage has been requested for School Hill in Ranworth where a driver overshot the bend.
8. The road from Primrose Corner to Plumstead Road has been added to the gritting route as a grade 3, which means it will only be gritted during very icy or snowy weather.
9. It was agreed to ask NCC to consider moving the 30 m.p.h. speed limit further away from Ranworth Church on Woodbastwick Road so that drivers would approach the village at a slower speed.

10. Planning:

1. **Mr Phelan, Lion House, Panxworth** – erection of 2.4 m high close boarded fence on east boundary. One letter of objection was received. The councillors agreed to object to the plans as they believed the fence to be unneighbourly and unnecessarily high.

Planning results from Broadland District Council:

1. The application at Decoy Cottage, Ranworth has been withdrawn.

11. Environmental Matters:

1. Dr John Packman, Chief Executive of the Broads Authority, replied to the Council's letter about issues with the management of the staithe following the closure of the visitor centre. He listed the tasks and checks that were included in the license with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, but stated that these tasks will only be carried out as far as the time and staffing allows.

After further complaints about inefficient mooring and overstaying, Sue, Maggie and the clerk met with Charles Cator and Steve Gray, from the post office at the staithe. It was agreed to write a letter to suggest that a warden be employed, funded by charging a mooring fee. It was agreed to stress the importance of the area to local tourism.

2. The Authority reported that the new benches at the staithe had cost £2,253 each. The councillors agreed that this was poor use of public money and did not want to contribute to an additional bench.
3. The clerk contacted BDC to pass on reports of dog fouling in Farm Lane in Ranworth. BDC has inspected the site and found no evidence of fouling so will not consider the provision of a bin in this location at this stage. BDC also stated that, as the staithe is private land, BDC would not clear dog fouling from this site.

12. Public Forum:

- 12.1 There was some discussion about whether the Parish Council should attempt to acquire the ownership of the staithe.

13. Any Other Business:

- 13.1 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th November 2011 at Ranworth Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.05 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 9th November 2011